



## MEDIA RELEASE

### **The 14<sup>th</sup> Singtel-Singapore Cancer Society Race Against Cancer 2022 Returns in a Physical Format for the First Time After Two Years**

- Over 3000 participants came together at Angsana Green to create awareness and raise funds for the Fight Against Cancer
- First physical race since onset of pandemic raised almost \$1million for cancer patients and their families thus far
- The event was graced by Mr Chan Chun Sing, Minister for Education

Singapore, 18 September 2022 - More than 3000 participants took part in the Singtel-Singapore Cancer Society Race Against Cancer (RAC) 2022, raising almost S\$1million for cancer patients and their families to date. Over the past 14 years, RAC has raised more than \$11.7 million in support of SCS' programmes and services that benefit and improve the life of the cancer community.

Guest of Honour Mr Chan Chun Sing, Minister for Education, flagged off the start of the event. He also met some of the SCS' beneficiaries.

"We are elated that RAC 2022 is back in its physical form so that we can gather as a community united by passion for the cancer cause once again. We thank the community at large for the support. This amount raised will empower SCS in providing hope and strength for the cancer community. We are expanding our programmes to serve more and serve better. We have a lineup of big and exciting initiatives coming up. These include our big move into the National Cancer Centre of Singapore, which will house our flagship rehabilitation facilities," said Singapore Cancer Society Chief Executive Officer Mr Albert Ching.

"To our valued partner, Singtel, the thousands of runners and hundreds of volunteers, thank you for the tremendous support shown this year. It is especially heartwarming since it is the first physical RAC since Covid-19 struck. We believe that no one needs to fight cancer alone. Annually, SCS needs \$20 million to fund its programmes and services, which are crucial to both patients and their families in the cancer journey. Every single dollar will go towards the good cause of supporting and empowering the cancer community, and we hope people will donate generously to RAC."

Since the inception of RAC, Singtel has contributed \$3.25 million to the SCS Help the Children and Youth Programme (HCYP). This fund has supported SCS to set up several initiatives that cater to the educational, financial, and social needs of the young who are impacted by cancer in the family.

A donation of \$200,000 in 2009 kickstarted the SCS HCYP to help children and youths whose lives have been affected by cancer. Since 2014, Singtel has increased its contribution to \$250,000



annually in support of the programme. The funds are used for home tuition services, school allowance grants, annual book prizes, youth camps and family engagement activities.

In addition, Singtel provides in-kind sponsorship for the race pack and prizes for RAC and promotes participation by publicising the event at Singtel shops and through media platforms such as Singtel TV.

“Singtel has been the title sponsor for the Race Against Cancer since it was launched in 2009, as part of our commitment to empowering communities including cancer patients and their families. Due to the pandemic, the last two years’ races have been held virtually. With the pandemic in the rear window, I was exhilarated to experience the excitement of this year’s race in person, and I hope to see more people feeling the same way and stepping up to support this worthwhile cause,” said Singtel Group Chief People and Sustainability Officer Ms Aileen Tan.

As Singapore is working towards a post-pandemic future, RAC 2022 has led the return to normalcy by holding the race physically, signifying that the fight against cancer is always ongoing. In this year’s RAC, participants joined the physical run to complete 5km, 10km, or 15km. This also starts off the virtual run, bringing together participants from all over Singapore to take part in "A Race To Save Lives".

#### Spearheading the Fight against Cancer

RAC is one of the longest standing and largest charity runs in Singapore since it first started in 2009. Funds raised through RAC 2022 will go towards SCS programmes and services that will help individuals and families directly impacted by cancer. These include the SCS Cancer Care Fund, SCS Cancer Rehabilitation Centre, the SCS HCYP, SCS Cancer Treatment Fund, SCS Welfare Aid and SCS Hospice Care.

SCS also provides cancer screening services at no charge and promotes cancer awareness and prevention through its public education and community outreach programmes island wide. Last year, SCS reached out to more than 100,000 individuals through our cancer screening, as well as public educational and community outreach programmes.

RAC fundraising will run until 25 September; donations can be made through <https://raceagainstcancer.org.sg/> .

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### **About Singtel–Singapore Cancer Society Race Against Cancer**

Singtel is the title sponsor of Race Against Cancer, an annual fundraising event organised by Singapore Cancer Society. Proceeds from this event go towards supporting SCS's cancer treatment subsidies, welfare assistance, cancer rehabilitation, hospice care, cancer screenings, research and public education initiatives.

### **About Singapore Cancer Society ([www.singaporecancersociety.org.sg](http://www.singaporecancersociety.org.sg))**

Established in 1964, the Singapore Cancer Society (SCS) is a self-funded social service agency which provides care services to cancer patients in need in areas such as cancer control and



prevention, patient support services, and palliative care. SCS key services include cancer screening programmes, public education, financial and welfare services, psychosocial support, rehabilitation programmes and hospice care.

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