

## **About Singapore Cancer Society**

Singapore Cancer Society (SCS) envisions a Singapore where we overcome cancer and live well. Established in 1964, SCS supports people through every stage of the cancer journey, from well to end of life.

SCS minimises cancer and maximises lives by providing trusted information and care navigation, cancer screening and education, rehabilitation programmes, financial and welfare services, psychosocial and survivorship support, and hospice care. Working together with healthcare, corporate, and community partners, SCS rallies the community to better support those affected by cancer.

Consistently recognised for its commitment to high standards in governance and transparency, SCS has attained the coveted Charity Governance Award (2023) and multiple Charity Transparency Awards over the years.

## **Our Role in Singapore's Cancer Journey**

Cancer does not begin or end in the hospital. SCS supports individuals before diagnosis, during treatment, and after discharge, walking alongside them as needs evolve over time.

We focus on:

- Upstream prevention and early detection
- Integrated supportive care beyond acute treatment
- Community mobilisation and advocacy

This enables continuity, access, and dignity—especially for those who may otherwise fall through the cracks.

Our work is guided by SCS Strategic Plan 2030, which positions the Society as a trusted national partner delivering person-centred, holistic, and community-anchored cancer support.

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## **Our Strategic Focus Areas**

### **A. HOPE – Providing Navigation Across the Cancer Journey**

SCS journeys upstream and alongside individuals to reduce cancer risk, enable timely detection, and support people through the critical transition from screening to post-diagnostic care.

HOPE reflects our commitment to ensuring that every person—whether well, newly diagnosed, or navigating next steps—has access to trusted information, guidance, and support.

We:

- Promote awareness of common cancers affecting Singaporeans, including colorectal, breast, cervical, gastric, lung, and prostate cancers
- Deliver community-based education, outreach, and end-to-end cancer navigation—supporting individuals from prevention and screening through diagnosis and connection to appropriate care and support
- Pilot innovative screening and engagement approaches to reduce access, acceptability, and follow-up barriers, particularly among under-screened and at-risk groups
- Work alongside national initiatives such as Healthier SG to integrate prevention, screening, and navigation within primary care and population health systems

Impact highlights (since 2020):

- Over 490,000 individuals supported through cancer screening initiatives
- Over 450,000 people reached through community outreach, talks, and education programmes
- Nearly 5,000 individuals supported through cancer navigation services since its establishment in 2023

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## **B. CARE – Integrated Support from Well to End-of-Life**

SCS provides specialised, community-based cancer supportive care that goes beyond general rehabilitation. We deliver an integrated continuum of support encompassing rehabilitation and functional recovery, psychosocial and mental health care, survivorship and caregiver support, and post-treatment care coordination—addressing the complex and evolving needs of individuals and families across the cancer journey.

Working in partnership with public healthcare institutions, SCS is progressively developing ourselves as a centre of excellence in community cancer supportive care. In practice, this means SCS will serve as a capability anchor—strengthening standards, training, quality assurance, and integrated care models that extend support beyond the hospital into the community.

Our services include:

- Cancer rehabilitation and exercise therapy
- Psychosocial counselling and peer support
- Financial and welfare assistance
- Return-to-work and survivorship programmes
- Home hospice care

In partnership with leading cancer centres and healthcare clusters, SCS has established a growing network of hospital- and community-based cancer rehabilitation centres, strengthening access, continuity, and integration of care across regions.

Impact highlights (since 2020):

- Nearly 4,300 patients supported through community-based cancer rehabilitation services since the establishment of our first centre in 2016
- Over 10,000 psychosocial counselling sessions delivered to patients and caregivers
- More than 2,600 individuals engaged through five cancer support groups
- An average of 540 patients supported annually through home hospice care

Cumulative Impact – Financial & Welfare Assistance

- 12,884 beneficiaries supported under the Cancer Care Fund since its inception in 2015

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- 6,627 beneficiaries supported under the Cancer Treatment Fund since its inception in 2005
- 8,067 beneficiaries supported under the Welfare Aid Fund since its inception in 1964
- Over SGD 50 million disbursed in financial and welfare assistance to cancer patients and families

### **C. COMMUNITY – Mobilising Collective Action Against Cancer**

Cancer is a shared challenge—and overcoming it requires sustained, collective action. SCS mobilises individuals, volunteers, corporates, and partners to build a strong, inclusive movement that supports those affected by cancer and advances prevention, care, and advocacy across society.

We rally the community through:

- National awareness and fundraising platforms that unite the public around the cancer cause
- Volunteer-led outreach and peer support, strengthening community ownership and compassion
- Youth engagement and advocacy, empowering the next generation to lead cancer prevention and awareness efforts
- Cross-sector partnerships with health, social, and community organisations to extend reach, align efforts, and address shared challenges

#### Empowering the Next Generation: Gen C Youth Engagement

SCS has made a deliberate investment in nurturing youth leadership through Gen C, our youth advocacy platform focused on cancer prevention and community action. Rather than one-off participation, Gen C is designed as a long-term youth pipeline—engaging young people as partners, co-creators, and advocates.

Through structured engagement, values alignment, and co-creation, Gen C youths are equipped to:

- Lead peer-to-peer cancer awareness and prevention initiatives
- Contribute to community outreach and national campaigns

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- Shape new approaches to advocacy that resonate with younger audiences

This approach builds sustained capacity for future cancer prevention efforts while embedding youth voices at the heart of SCS's work.

### Cumulative Impact Through National Platforms

#### Singapore Cancer Society – Tamarind Health Relay For Life (RFL)

- Relay For Life celebrates the lives of those who have faced cancer, remembers loved ones lost, and unites communities to fight back against cancer
- Part of a global movement, Singapore became the 25th country to organise Relay For Life in 2017. The event features a 15-hour overnight relay, symbolising the continuous journey of the cancer community
- The 9th edition in 2025 raised over SGD 1.4 million and brought together close to 4,500 participants
- Since its inception in Singapore, Relay For Life has raised more than SGD 13 million in support of cancer programmes and services

#### Singtel – Singapore Cancer Society Race Against Cancer (RAC)

- Launched in 2009, Race Against Cancer is one of Singapore's longest-running annual charity races
- The 17th edition in 2025, held at East Coast Park, attracted over 7,000 participants, reflecting strong public and corporate support
- The partnership with Singtel kickstarted the Help the Children and Youth Programme (HCYP), which supports children and youths impacted by cancer through home tuition, school allowance grants, book prizes, youth camps, and family engagement activities. To date, over 750 children and youths have benefited from HCYP's tuition programme
- Since its inception, Race Against Cancer has raised more than SGD 18 million for SCS's programmes and services

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