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Kampung Spirit Out In Full Force at Resorts World Sentosa's aRWSome Volunteer Day



Caption: Ms Low Yen Ling, Mayor of South West District (centre in red); Mr Tan Hee Teck, Chief Executive Officer of RWS (left of Mayor); and Dr Tan Wu Meng, Advisor to Jurong GRC Grassroots Organisations (Clementi) (centre right in white) flagging off the aRWSome Volunteer Day at Block 366A, Clementi Avenue 2. PHOTO CREDITS: RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA

SINGAPORE, 21 April 2017 – More than 240 senior management and employees from Resorts World Sentosa (RWS) rolled up their sleeves today to help spruce up over 30 one and two-bedroom rental units in the Clementi division. Known as **aRWSome Volunteer Day**, today's strong show of volunteerism strength and spirit marks RWS's largest community outreach in history. As a strong advocate of volunteerism, RWS introduced a new one-day Volunteer Leave scheme where employees can apply, over and above Annual Leave, to take part in community events organised or endorsed by **RWS Cares** – the integrated resort's corporate social responsibility platform.

With the support and assistance of South West Community Development Council (SWCDC), RWS volunteers spent several days earlier in March visiting and befriending the residents to understand their needs and living conditions. A large majority of the residents are elderly, physically disabled or unable to work due to medical conditions, and many are on financial and social assistance from the government and voluntary welfare organisations. Making the best use of its expertise, RWS brought onboard the Facilities Management and Engineering department to form a roving team of experts to support the technical repair works required by the residents.



Caption: Ms Low Yen Ling, Mayor of South West District (in red); Mr Tan Hee Teck, Chief Executive Officer of RWS (in yellow); and Dr Tan Wu Meng, Advisor to Jurong GRC Grassroots Organisations (Clementi) (in white) giving the wall of Mr Phoon Mu Kong's Clementi flat a fresh coat of paint during the aRWSome Volunteer Day. PHOTO CREDITS: RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA

Ms Low Yen Ling, Mayor of South West District, said, "All of us deserve a safe and comfortable place to call home, but home repair works may not be a priority for many lower income households. With the home repair and improvement works by the RWS team, many residents received a facelift for their homes and a boost in their living conditions. By tapping onto their professional expertise to make a positive difference in the lives of others, this meaningful project shows that other than time, money and efforts, you can also impact someone's life by doing something you are good at. Many helping hands made the project possible, from grassroots organisations to our corporate partner RWS, and this forthcoming spirit of joining hands to give is highly encouraging and will go a long way to achieving our vision of a caring and inclusive community."

Mr Tan Hee Teck, CEO of RWS said: "Community outreach and engagement are integral to the corporate culture of RWS from the beginning. Besides charity donations, we also see the importance of volunteering our time and experience to improve the social mobility in Singapore. As such, RWS has always been a strong advocate of volunteerism. I am heartened by the overwhelming response of our aRWSome volunteers today and proud that they have demonstrated the strong kampung spirit in the RWS family. The programme would not have been successful without the support of South West CDC in reaching out to the needy residents, many of whom shared that it was impossible for them to carry out such extensive home refurbishment and repairs on their own."



Caption: Mdm Rubiah (centre seated) with aRWSome volunteers from Resorts World Sentosa at her Clementi home.

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Resident Mdm Rubiah, 63 years old, said: “I used to work as a roadside sweeper with my husband but have stopped doing so for five years now because of my ailing stomach condition and my leg fracture which was treated with metal plates. My husband continues to work as a sweeper and my son is doing dispatch work, and we struggle with irregular income. For all these years, we sleep on thin, dirty and worn-out mattresses on the floor. I am really grateful that the RWS volunteers have bought us a bed frame and new mattresses, and improve my family’s living conditions. This home holds a special place for my husband, son and myself and the efforts by RWS mean lot to us.”



Caption: Mr Phoon Mu Kong (centre) with aRWSome volunteers from Resorts World Sentosa at his Clementi home.

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Resident Mr Phoon Mu Kong, 85 years old and sole caregiver of his 58-year-old son, Mr Phoon Kum Choy, remarked: "Throughout these years, I have been the only one caring for my son as he suffers from intellectual disability and chronic lung disease. Sometimes due to certain triggers, he will exhibit violent behaviour and although this is difficult for me, he is ultimately my son and there will be a time when I leave this world before him. As my son refuses to stay in a nursing home, I struggle to take proper care of this home and its living conditions due to my age. A few months back, I injured my hands due to daily hand-washing of clothes. My idea of home is a safe haven for the two of us, and I am grateful to RWS for stepping in to refurbish my home and most importantly, buy us a washing machine."

RWS's *aRWSome Volunteer Day* is organised in partnership with the South West CDC as part of the CDC's Adopt-A-Rental Block @ South West programme.

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ABOUT RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA

Resorts World Sentosa (RWS), Asia's premium lifestyle destination resort, is located on Singapore's resort island of Sentosa. Spanning 49 hectares, RWS is home to four world-class attractions including Universal Studios Singapore, S.E.A. Aquarium, Dolphin Island and Adventure Cove Waterpark. Other attractions include the Asian flagship of a world-renowned destination spa, a casino, six unique hotels and the Resorts World Convention Centre. With the most number of Michelin stars in one destination, RWS offers award-winning dining experiences at renowned celebrity chef restaurants, establishing itself as a key player in Singapore's vibrant and diverse dining scene. The integrated resort also offers world-class entertainment, from original resident productions to concerts and public shows such as the Crane Dance and the Lake of Dreams. RWS has been named "Best Integrated Resort" since 2011 for six consecutive years at the TTG Travel Awards which recognises the best of Asia-Pacific's travel industry.

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ABOUT ADOPT-A-RENTAL BLOCK @ SOUTH WEST

Launched in 2007, AARB comes under the Adopt @ South West where needy families and vulnerable elderly residents living in rental and three (3)-room flats are adopted by corporate and community partners to ensure that no one falls through the cracks. Over the past financial year, AARB has engaged and benefitted more than 4,000 needy households in all 22 rental blocks in the district through 144 activities for residents by 52 corporate and community partners. The Adopt @ South West programmes are part of the \$2.5 million WeCare @ South West Initiative, which aims to strengthen the social safety net for the needy and vulnerable by getting the more able to help the less able, creating an environment of greater community ownership and collective responsibility, as well as a more caring society.

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