



Left-Right: Dr Tan Sze Wee, Mr Gregory Vijayendran, Mrs Nellie Tang, Dr Wong Chiang Yin, Dr Vivian Balakrishnan and Celine Wong at the Rainbow-of-Hope Cheque Presentation Ceremony.

\$89,344* for Chronically Ill Children

Donations raised from "The Singapore Medical Association Rainbow-of-Hope Doctors' Pledge 2006" will go to Club Rainbow.

SMA members were encouraged to set aside part-day or whole-day of their earnings on 6 November 2006 to make a one-time pledge to Club Rainbow – SMA's adopted charity for the year 2006. SMA also joined efforts with Mount Elizabeth Hospital, which raised funds from the hospital's Christmas Charity Drive. Ad hoc donations were welcomed and all donors qualified for double tax exemption.

By end January 2007, a total of S\$89,344 had been raised from "The Singapore Medical Association Rainbow-of-Hope Doctors' Pledge 2006". The donations will go towards funding the charity's various support functions for chronically ill children. These include providing financial assistance for needy families, supporting various activities under the Emotional Support Programme, covering

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the associated costs involved in conducting talks and workshops, and funding the charity's various education initiatives.

The cheque presentation ceremony was held on 6 February 2007 at the Rainbow Family Care Centre, where Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports, and Second Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts, presented the cheque to Club Rainbow. We are grateful to Minister Balakrishnan for taking precious time off to grace the cheque presentation ceremony.

Said Club Rainbow's President Gregory Vijayendran: "We are deeply appreciative to the Singapore Medical Association for their strong support.

This synergistic collaboration is a morale booster to Club Rainbow as we strive to complement the wonderful work of our medical professionals (dedicated to healing the body), by healing the soul and spirit of Singapore's chronically ill children and their families."

"The social mission of medicine is still strong among doctors and the financial pledges from our members will work towards building a Rainbow-of-Hope to those children and their families who have to go through pain and suffering everyday."

– Dr Wong Chiang Yin, SMA President



(1) Dr Vivian Balakrishnan with Celine Wong and her "Sunflowers" painting, which was given to him as a token of appreciation from Club Rainbow.
(2) Dr Vivian Balakrishnan asking Rainbow Parent Mrs Tan about the treatment her son, Richmond, was getting.

It is especially meaningful to us, as a health-based charity, that doctors are standing together with us in our mission. Singapore's medical fraternity has traditionally demonstrated great compassion in our outreach through the sacrifice of time and sharing of expert knowledge in conducting talks, seminars and medical information as well as providing adequate medical coverage and supervision of social support programmes. But this time, they have gone even further by giving the lifeblood of any charity – funds – to help chronically ill children and their families.

The SMA Social Concerns Committee and the SMA Council would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all donors who have responded to the Singapore Medical Association Rainbow-of-Hope Doctors' Pledge 2006 and who have also shared their time to volunteer as well. We would also like to thank United Overseas Bank for supporting the event. ■

Editorial note:

The final figure of donations received was \$89,444.

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