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A JOINT CDC-NAC MEDIA INVITATION

1,450 lives touched through programmes supported by WeCare Arts Fund in first year

76 year-old Mr Wan Daud is wheelchair-bound, due to an amputation. But these days, Mr Wan Daud is smiling a lot more than before, when he takes part in the percussion programme, Rhythm Wellness by One HeartBeat Percussions. In fact, it is only during these drumming sessions that Mr Wan Daud would ask his caregiver at the NTUC SilverACE @ Lengkok Bahru to go home and look after his wife instead, because the programme has given him confidence and made him comfortable with being on his own.

2 Mr Wan Daud is one of the participants at NTUC SilverACE @ Lengkok Bahru, a voluntary welfare organization (VWO) that has invited One HeartBeat Percussions to conduct a drumming programme with the beneficiaries. The programme is one of many to have been supported by the WeCare Arts Fund, a funding scheme by the People's Association's network of 5 Community Development Councils and the National Arts Council since its launch in May last year.

3 To mark a year since the launch of the WeCare Arts Fund, the CDCs and NAC have jointly organised the first WeCare Arts Fund Tea Session, for CDCs, artists and representatives from VWOs to meet, share and exchange ideas on how the arts can be used in engaging the beneficiaries within the social service sector.

4 The Chairman of the Mayor's Committee cum Mayor, North West District, Dr Teo Ho Pin, who is the special Guest for the event, will be sharing about the progress of the Fund, how the arts programmes supported have made a difference to the lives of the beneficiaries, and the directions moving forward.

5 Several VWOs will also have their art works from projects supported by the Fund, displayed at the event. The event will feature an artist and a VWO sharing about their experience in using the arts to reach out to the community successfully with the support of the Fund, and how they have seen the arts boost confidence and self-esteem in their beneficiaries. This event will also provide the VWOs, artists and CDCs an opportunity to network and brainstorm for ideas on arts projects that continue to promote wellness in the community.

MEDIA INVITATION

6 Members of the media are invited to the WeCare Arts Fund Tea Session. The programme is in Annex A. Kindly confirm your attendance and RSVP by 20 May 2015 to the contact persons below.

Date: Thursday, 21 May 2015
Time: 2.20pm to 4.30pm
Venue: Bishan Community Club Multi-Purpose Hall
51 Bishan Street 13
Singapore 579799

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ABOUT THE NATIONAL ARTS COUNCIL

The National Arts Council champions the arts in Singapore. By nurturing creative excellence and supporting broad audience engagement, we want to develop a distinctive global city for the arts. With a nod to tradition and an eye to the future, we cultivate accomplished artists and vibrant companies. Our support for the arts is comprehensive – from grants and partnerships to industry facilitation and arts housing. The Council welcomes greater private and corporate giving to and through the arts so that together we can make the arts an integral part of everyone’s lives. For more information on the Council’s mission and plans, please visit www.nac.gov.sg.

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS (CDCs)

There are five Community Development Councils, namely, North West CDC, North East CDC, South East CDC, South West CDC and Central Singapore CDC. Mayors of the Districts are Chairmen of the respective CDCs. The Mayors are:

- a) Mayor Dr Teo Ho Pin, Chairman of the Mayors' Committee, Chairman of North West CDC;
- b) Mayor Mr Teo Ser Luck, Chairman of North East CDC;
- c) Mayor Dr Mohamad Maliki Osman, Chairman of South East CDC;
- d) Mayor Ms Low Yen Ling, Chairman of South West CDC; and
- e) Mayor Ms Denise Phua, Chairman of Central Singapore CDC.

The CDCs’ mission is to build a Caring and Cohesive Community, where we Assist the Needy, Bond the people, Connect the Community.

**WECARE ARTS FUND TEA SESSION
THURSDAY, 21 MAY 2015
AT BISHAN COMMUNITY CLUB**

PROGRAMMES

2.20pm	Arrival of Media
2.30 pm	Arrival of Dr Teo Ho Pin, Chairman of Mayors' Committee and Mayor of North West District
2.35 pm	Opening speech by Dr Teo Ho Pin - Sharing by Artists / Voluntary Welfare Organisations(VWOs)
3.15 pm	1st session of networking
3.45 pm	2nd session of networking
4.15 pm	Tea break
4.30pm	End of Programme
