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EXXONMOBIL CELEBRATES MORE THAN 15 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP WITH SOUTH WEST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (CDC) IN UPLIFTING THE LIVES OF RESIDENTS

- **Close to 1,500 students to receive gift vouchers worth more than \$55,000 for their schooling needs in celebration of ExxonMobil's long-term partnership with South West CDC**
- **Partnership of more than 15 years benefitted close to 8,000 vulnerable students and 1,200 rental households respectively with about \$1,000,000 worth of bursaries disbursed and close to \$200,000 worth of grocery packs distributed.**
- **Over 300 ExxonMobil volunteers and their families come together and do their part for the community by packing and distributing grocery packs to needy families for 7 years running**

This year, the South West Community Development Council (CDC) and ExxonMobil Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd. (ExxonMobil) will commemorate more than 15 years by giving out more than \$55,000 worth of gift vouchers to 1,500 student beneficiaries under the South West CDC – ExxonMobil Transport Bursary and a learning journey for 120 of them to the Science Centre Singapore.

2 As the CDC's longest-serving corporate partner to-date, ExxonMobil has always been committed to the CDC's 'Many Helping Hands' approach. The years of partnership have benefitted close to 8,000 vulnerable students and 1,200 rental households respectively with about \$1,000,000 worth of bursaries disbursed and close to \$200,000 worth of grocery packs distributed.

3 "2018 marks South West CDC's 16 years of collaboration with ExxonMobil. We are thankful for ExxonMobil's dedication as our long-term partner in meeting the needs of the community. We are greatly heartened by how our partnership has evolved through the years. It has grown from helping disadvantaged students to providing a suite of holistic support for at-risk residents in the South West District. ExxonMobil's Transport Bursaries and annual Grocery Pack Distribution have gone a long way in uplifting vulnerable families and young students. Year after year, ExxonMobil volunteers have turned up in full force with their families to pack the grocery items to be given away. We salute their unwavering commitment and spirit of service. They are an integral part of our "Many Helping Hands" approach - where the public, people and private sectors work together to uplift lives. We look forward to deepening our partnership with ExxonMobil, as it continues to foster among its employees an exemplary culture of giving to the community," says Mayor Low Yen Ling.

South West CDC - ExxonMobil Transport Bursary

4 The South West CDC – ExxonMobil Transport Bursary was conceived in 2006 to lighten the load of underprivileged students from low-income families by defraying part of their transport expenditure. Till date, about \$1 million has been disbursed to close to 8,000 students from low-income households in the South West District where each eligible beneficiary will receive up to \$120 worth of transport e-vouchers. In commemoration of the long-term partnership with the CDC, the South West CDC and ExxonMobil will be giving away more than \$55,000 worth of gift vouchers to close to 1,500 beneficiaries under the South West CDC – ExxonMobil Transport Bursary.

5 To provide holistic support to the students, ExxonMobil has also been organising experiential learning programmes for the bursary beneficiaries, such as excursions to Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum and KidZania. To spark

student's interest in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) industry, more than 120 students will be heading to the Science Centre Singapore this Tuesday for an afternoon of fun with science, as part of the South West CDC – ExxonMobil Transport Bursary 2018. Students will have the opportunity to embark on an immersive journey through the stages of butterfly metamorphosis in the Butterflies Up-Close exhibition, where they will learn how butterflies adapt to numerous dangers and threats during each stage of their life cycle.

6 “We are very thankful for the support by ExxonMobil because the bursary will help our family save more money. With the bursary, we are also able to buy more books and other stationery for school,” says Nurina Balqis Binte Fready Fazli, a Primary 5 student from Juying Primary School who is a recipient of the South West CDC - ExxonMobil Transport Bursary.

ExxonMobil Grocery Pack Distribution

7 As part of the Adopt-A-Rental Block @ Boon Lay initiative, ExxonMobil has been rallying the support of their staff and families to distribute grocery packs to households staying in the Boon Lay rental blocks for the past six (6) years. These grocery packs go a long way in ensuring that vulnerable households have adequate food supplies and daily necessities. Over the years, ExxonMobil has also taken additional steps to curate and customise the grocery packs based on feedback by residents, to better meet changing needs in the community.

8 “We are very grateful to the ExxonMobil volunteers for taking the time off their busy schedule to distribute these grocery bags to us. My family and I have received these bags for many years, and we are always excited to see familiar faces coming back to visit us,” says Mr Joe Chia, 65, whose family will be receiving the grocery bag for the third time this year.

9 “With this year marking 13 years of the South West CDC – ExxonMobil Transport Bursary, 8 years of Adopt @ South West and more than 15 years of partnership with South West CDC, our commitment to the importance of contributing back to the local community remains strong. We see education as a foundation for the future, providing the building blocks for a successful career. We are glad to be a part of the transport bursary program to be able to do our part and support students and their families with their school transport costs. Furthermore, our partnership with

South West CDC gives our employees and their families the opportunity to take time out of their schedules to give back to the community. We continue to encourage our employees to volunteer as we offer our ongoing support to the South West CDC and look forward to many more years of partnership”, said Mr Robert Johnston, ExxonMobil Singapore Chemical Plant Manufacturing Director.

10 ExxonMobil Grocery Pack Distribution is an activity under the Adopt @ South West programme, which reaches out to needy families and vulnerable elderly living in rental to three (3)-room flats to ensure that no one falls through the cracks. This is part of the 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.

11 We would like to invite your reporter and photographer/TV crew to the **South West CDC – ExxonMobil Transport Bursary 2018** and/or **ExxonMobil Grocery Pack Distribution 2018 (Part of Adopt @ Boon Lay)**. Interviews can be arranged upon request. Please contact our media liaison officer for queries. We look forward to receiving you and your crew/photographer. Details of the events are as below:

	South West CDC – ExxonMobil Transport Bursary 2018	ExxonMobil Grocery Pack Distribution 2018 (Part of Adopt @ Boon Lay)
Date & Time	Tuesday, 26 June 2018 2.30 pm – 5.00 pm (Media is invited at 2.15 pm)	Saturday, 30 June 2018 12.45 pm to 1.30 pm (Media is invited at 12.30 pm)
Venue	Science Centre Singapore 15 Science Centre Road Singapore 098008	Pavilion in front of Blk 189 Boon Lay Drive Singapore 640189
Host	Ms Low Yen Ling Mayor of South West District	Mr Patrick Tay, BBM Adviser to Boon Lay Grassroots Organisations (GROs)

Special Guest	-	Ms Low Yen Ling Mayor of South West District
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About the South West Community Development Council (CDC)

The South West Community Development Council (CDC) was formed on 24 November 2001, with the mission to Assist the Needy, Bond the People and Connect the Community.

Through local help programmes, the South West CDC provides assistance to help the less fortunate in our community. The South West CDC also organises projects and programmes to promote community bonding and social cohesion. The South West CDC adopts the "Many Helping Hands" approach to encourage community ownership among residents, community partners and corporations to realise its vision of "Owning Your Community".

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