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ENHANCING ELDERCARE IN BUKIT PANJANG REGION THROUGH REACH-SLEC SENIOR CARE CENTRE @ SENJA VALLEY



Singapore, 19 July – REACH Community Services (REACH) and St Luke's ElderCare (SLEC) proudly announced its official opening of REACH-SLEC Senior Care Centre @ Senja Valley today with our Guest-of-Honour, Mr Edward Chia, MP for Holland-Bukit Timah GRC and Grassroots Advisor to Zhenghua, gracing the event.

REACH and SLEC jointly operate both the Active Ageing Centre (Care) @ Teck Whye Vista and the Senior Care Centre @ Senja Valley. REACH-SLEC Senior Care Centre @ Senja Valley is a day care centre that provides a safe environment for elders to engage in activities, socialize, and receive comprehensive care. The centre offers community rehabilitation to support seniors in maintaining physical and cognitive abilities through structured programmes. The centre is also equipped with trained care staff to provide care for both elders living with dementia and needed maintenance

care, aiming to create a supportive environment where our elders can maintain their dignity and enhance their quality of life.

A joint statement by Michael Lai, Chief Executive Officer of REACH Community Services and Adjunct Associate Professor (Dr) Kenny Tan, Chief Executive Officer of St Luke's ElderCare, said, "The opening of REACH-SLEC Senior Care Centre @ Senja Valley marks a significant milestone for both REACH and SLEC. It is the first new centre under the sector-first, five-party Memorandum of Understanding signed in October 2023 to deliver seamless care services for Bukit Panjang community. By leveraging each other's strengths, REACH and SLEC are able to provide a more integrated and comprehensive network of services, allowing our elders to receive the best possible care and support close to home, in this western region".

Collaborating with community partners, schools and other social service agencies have played a pivotal role in engaging seniors and fostering intergenerational connections. For that, REACH-SLEC partners with West Spring Primary for students to engage seniors through various activities, creating a joyful and interactive environment.

Aligned with the government's Healthier SG and Age Well SG strategies aimed at establishing an integrated care ecosystem, last October, REACH together with SLEC, Fei Yue Community Services, New Life Community Services (Singapore), St Luke's Hospital – Singapore signed the sector-first, five-party Memorandum of Understanding with the shared goal of enhancing our services for the seniors in the Bukit Panjang Community. A collaboration where each organisation will contribute their expertise, resources, infrastructure, and training opportunities to collectively improve active ageing and senior care solutions for the seniors in this region.

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About REACH Community Services

REACH Community Services was founded in 1998 by Grace Assembly of God Church with the mission to help the Least, the Lost, and the Lonely in the community. As a non-profit social service agency, REACH strives to inspire hope and empower change in people we serve, regardless of age, race, language, or religion. Our outreach spans across ten (10) community touchpoints, delivering diverse programmes and services through four (4) core services: Family, Counselling & Mental Health, Youth and Senior.

Registered as a charitable organisation in 1999, REACH is also a full member of the National Council of Social Service since 2000 and an approved Institution of Public Character. To learn more about our work, please visit <https://www.reach.org.sg/>

About St Luke's ElderCare

St Luke's ElderCare (SLEC) is a Christian healthcare provider committed to meeting the evolving needs of the community, excelling in social care and clinical excellence for ageing well. Our ecosystem of care comprises centre, community, residential and home-based services.

SLEC's range of centre-based services includes dementia day care, maintenance day care, and community rehabilitation including pulmonary, musculoskeletal, physiotherapy, speech, and occupational therapy. Community-based services offer active ageing and wellness programmes, diabetic screenings, dietetic services, and nursing care. Home-based services provide dietetic, medical, nursing, and therapy services. Residential-based services provide long-term care for those that require daily living and nursing care.

In FY2023/2024, SLEC had the privilege to serve over 15,000 elders through our services. We operate 18 Senior Care and Rehabilitation Centres, 12 Active Ageing Centres (Care) and one Residence (nursing home), serving mainly older persons regardless of race, language and religion.

Incorporated in 1999, SLEC is a registered charity and an Institution of Public Character.

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