

**SPEECH BY MR STEVEN CHOO, DEPUTY SECRETARY  
GENERAL, SINGAPORE RED CROSS, AT  
CHARITREES@MARINA BAY LIGHT-UP CEREMONY  
ON FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7:15PM  
AT MARINA BAY WATERFRONT PROMENADE**

Dr Lily Neo, Member of Parliament, Jalan Besar Group  
Representative Constituency

Mr Tan Puay Kern, Chairman of ChariTrees@Marina Bay 2016  
Organising Committee and Vice-Chairman, Community Chest

Ms Alicia Chua, Director, Nucleus Events Production

Distinguished Guests, Sponsors,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good evening.

My sincere thanks and appreciation to Dr Lily Neo, MP for Jalan Besar  
GRC for gracing us with your presence at the light-up ceremony.

On behalf of the Singapore Red Cross, I would like to say that we are very  
glad to partner with Community Chest and Nucleus Events Production to  
present this year's ChariTrees @ Marina Bay. And we are truly grateful for  
every one of you, our corporate partners, for adopting and adorning these  
beautiful ChariTrees.

Together, we have raised over S\$314,000 from 28 corporate partners through the adoption of 30 ChariTrees.

Your donations will go a long way to help uplift vulnerable communities - such as the severely disabled, the skipped-generation families, the single-elderly and single-parent households, the working poor, and those who fall through the cracks of the social safety nets. Your support gives our beneficiaries comfort, and the strength to stand tall in the face of adversity, just as how these ChariTrees trees stand tall.

Your gift have certainly helped us to build a more empowered and resilient Singapore.

While this year that the Singapore Red Cross is involved in the meaningful ChariTrees initiative, we have enjoyed working with the various stakeholders over the past months, and we look forward to many more years of partnership ahead!

Tis' the season of thanksgiving, and I shall end my remarks by expressing my gratitude to the many individuals and organisations who have come forward to support this festive fundraiser. I would like to thank...

- Our corporate partners, for their enduring support, and their generous gift of hope.
- To all here participating in this evening's event

Thank you for lighting lives, and for sharing love and joy. I wish you all a delightful evening, and an early Merry Christmas!