



ROTARY FAMILY SERVICE CENTRE

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SPEECH BY MS LOW YEN LING, MAYOR OF SOUTH WEST DISTRICT, GUEST-OF-HONOUR, ROTARY FAMILY SERVICE CENTRE, FAMILY DAY EVENT

Chairman of Rotary Family Service Centre Management Committee, Mr Yeo Chuen Eng,

Management Committee of Rotary FSC,

Grassroots leaders from Clementi and West Coast CCCs and RCs,

Colleagues from South West Community Development Council, and Ministry of Social and Family Development,

Distinguished guests and families.

Good morning.

1 I am delighted to be here today with you as we mark the 20th anniversary of Rotary FSC. In the last two decades, Rotary FSC has grown together with this neighbourhood and continues to play an important role in the lives of families and residents here.

2 Today, the FSC has expanded its capacity and capabilities. It reaches out to community partners, leverages on available resources and collaborates closely with various stakeholders. This has allowed it to understand in greater depth, the needs of the community and come up with a diversity of services and programmes to improve lives.

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3 Rotary FSC has established excellent relationships with community and core partners such as the MSF, SSOs, South West CDC, grassroots leaders and schools. By working closely with these parties, the FSC has introduced new initiatives to meet the needs of the under-privileged individuals and families in our midst.

4 One of the new initiatives is the SuperSTUDENTS bursary award that we are launching today. This award recognises children from resilient families who do well in their studies despite the challenging circumstances they face.

5 Two of these SuperSTUDENTS to overcome the odds stacked against them are Dominic Seah and Donovan Seah. Their father, Mr Seah Kuan Wee suffers from cerebral palsy and various medical conditions that have made him wheelchair-bound. Despite the handicap, the family has shown remarkable fortitude and resilience in the way they have supported one another through the hard circumstances.

6 In addition to this award, Rotary FSC has developed a range of programmes such as the SuperFESTIVE!, SuperMUMS!, SuperKIDS! and SuperJOBS! – to reward, support and encourage children and families to be self-reliant and resilient. These efforts are possible only with the support from donors, volunteers and community partners.

7 We need the community to collaborate resources and capabilities so as to empower and build resilience in under-privileged children and families. The efforts of Rotary FSC alone is not enough. Just as “it takes a village to raise a child”, we need everyone to play a role in weaving a strong net of support for those at risk.

8 I am confident Rotary FSC will continue to be a shiny beacon for many more years to come - guiding, caring and bringing hope to many families in our community.

9 I wish you a very Happy 20th Anniversary. Thank you.