



ROTARY FAMILY SERVICE CENTRE

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WELCOME ADDRESS BY MR YEO CHUEN ENG, CHAIRMAN OF ROTARY FAMILY SERVICE CENTRE (FSC) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mayor of South West District, Ms Low Yen Ling,

Grassroots leaders from Clementi and West Coast CCCs and RCs,

Representatives from Rotary Clubs and Ministry of Social and Family Development,

Distinguished guests and families.

Good morning to all of you.

1 I am delighted to welcome you to Rotary Family Service Centre's 20th Anniversary and Family Day. Today is an occasion to commemorate an important milestone in our Centre's journey and take a moment to look back at the path we have embarked over the past years.

2 Being 20, our Centre is relatively young in the social service sector. Like any young individual and family, we were not spared from challenges along our journey to gain stability and maturity. Despite the hurdles, we remained undaunted.

3 We took advantage of our youthfulness to build resilience and at the same time, strive to be one of the beacons in this community. Our Centre may be small and young. But, that does not stop us from bringing hope to and creating impact on families and the community we serve. We believe our positivity, enthusiasm and resilience will allow us better support individuals, their families and the community around us.

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4 Whilst we cannot do this on our own, by networking and collaborating with our valued partners and stakeholders constantly, we can adapt and improve our social services and programmes to meet the changing needs of our community. In fact, we did just that. This year, our Centre has embarked on research projects together with our partners and volunteers to find gaps that the Centre could fill. I shall talk about them shortly.

5 But first, allow me to express our appreciation to the Government for its support all these years. Next, I would like to acknowledge our founding organisation "The Foundation of Rotary Clubs of Spore" and its pioneering Rotarians who started the Rotary Family Service Centre in 1997. Of course, our gratitude must also go to our corporate partners, donors and volunteers who had sponsored and provided services to our beneficiaries over the last 20 years. As a result of their support, our social workers are able to develop quality and sustainable programmes that can impact the lives of family members we serve. They include our recent SuperSTUDENTS' Bursary Awards granted to deserving students who have showed determination and resilience to do well in their studies despite their difficult family circumstances AND our SuperFESTIVE programme that gives children from low-income families the opportunity to celebrate their festive occasions, learn basic budgeting skills when buying festive items and engage in meaningful interaction with one other.

6 Founded on our Centre's mission and vision to impact every family and individual in need, through our ideal of Service above self, I am confident that the management and staff at Rotary FSC, together with our partners, will continue to support the community to bring hope, progress and resilience to those we serve.

7 For families who are receiving services from Rotary Family Service Centre, I hope you will give back to the community in future in whatever way you can, and do our part to help Singapore build strong and stable families.

8 With this, I hope that you and your families will have an enjoyable time this morning. Thank you and have a wonderful weekend!