

**MEDIA RELEASE**

**\$3 Million in AMF Elder Vouchers Distribution Kicks Off at AMF Silver Care Fund Launch Event on 13 November 2020**

Singapore, 13 November 2020 – The AMF Elder Vouchers is a project that is part of the \$5 Million AMF Silver Care Fund that aims to help needy and vulnerable Singaporean seniors whose lives and livelihoods have been affected by COVID-19. AMF Silver Care Fund was established from donations received from 11 prominent Singaporean businessmen. ESM Goh, who inspired the AMF Silver Care Fund, is its patron.



*Seniors' daily lives and routines have been heavily disrupted by COVID-19. They need much more help to cope with this new normal. The Foundation intends to direct more support towards vulnerable seniors during this challenging period. AMF is grateful to the generous donors who have contributed to the fund, and for ESM Goh's guidance in this project. AMF salutes all frontline essential service workers, and hopes that more organisations will work with community partners to extend a helping hand to those in need."*

*-Dr Loo Choon Yong, Chairman, Board of Trustees*

## **AMF Elder Vouchers**

On 13 November 2020, 8 elderly from Kampong Glam HDB housing estate were invited to receive their AMF Elder Vouchers from ESM Goh Chok Tong, patron of the AMF Silver Care Fund. We hope that these vouchers will help to offset their cost of living during this difficult time. The launch was also attended by the Minister for National Development and Minister-in-Charge of Social Services Integration, Desmond Lee and Ms Denise Phua, MP for Jalan Besar GRC and Mayor of Central CDC.

AMF worked with the Agency for Integrated Care to identify 30,000 needy and vulnerable seniors who have little to no family support living in one or two room HDB flats. These seniors will be given \$100 in AMF Elder Vouchers to purchase food supplies and household items.

Over the next two months, grassroots leaders and volunteers from the People's Association (PA) will reach out and engage about 30,000 seniors through house visits to inform them to collect these vouchers. With the letter and their NRIC for verification, the seniors or their family members can collect the vouchers at any of the 63 Sheng Siong supermarket outlets island wide from now till 28 February 2021

## **SingHealth Telehealth for Seniors in the Community**

The AMF Silver Care Fund will also fund a pilot telehealth project by SingHealth. This project aims to equip seniors in Marine Parade and Bedok with electronic and medical devices so that they can have regular teleconsultations with their doctor or Community Nurse.

Seniors will be trained in the use of digital platforms to manage their health conditions. These seniors are those with chronic medical conditions and who require post-discharge care. They will be trained by volunteers to monitor their blood pressure and other medical conditions using the devices, including video consults.

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**ANNEX 1**

**ASIAN MEDICAL FOUNDATION FACTSHEET**

**Who We Are**

The Asian Medical Foundation (AMF) was established on 29 April, 2003, by a group of doctors, nurses and employees at Raffles Medical Group (RMG). Since then, AMF has expanded to include volunteers from members of the public. Assistance provided by AMF is based on our core competencies and is focused on providing medical and healthcare related services and programmes, as well as conducting healthcare-related training and education.

**What We Do**

- We aim to help needy patients and groups requiring medical treatment, particularly those who may require urgent medical treatment.
- We provide funding for community projects to support the poor and underprivileged.
- We work with like-minded government agencies, charities, corporations, and NGOs on community projects catered to the less fortunate.

**Chairman**

Dr Loo Choon Yong

## **Trustees**

Professor Walter Tan

Mrs Jacqueline Loo

## **Affiliation**

Raffles Medical Group

## **Key Projects**

### **Date**

### **Project**

June 2020

Collaborated with Beyond Social Services to donate supermarket vouchers to needy families severely impacted by COVID-19 pandemic.

May 2019

Coordinated social engagement/ activities for volunteers to interact with the inpatients of Raffles Hospital Ward 13 (Emergency Care Collaboration Scheme).

January 2019

Collaborated with Simmons (S.E.A.) to donate and deliver pillows and pillow protectors to 60 needy elderly residents who are under the care of Bethesda Care Services.

2012-2019

Supported Project SilverCare, an annual health-screening programme jointly organised with NUS students to provide door-to-door home health screening for needy residents.

December 2018

Donated and distributed festive goody bags to residents of Zion Home for the Aged and low income families under the care of Bethesda Care Services.

2016-2018

Supported the Memories Café programme which is aimed at raising awareness and addressing stigma for people with Dementia and their caregivers.

2016-ongoing

Provided ad-hoc rehabilitation assessments and dementia examinations for the residents of PCF Sparkle Care at Simei and Yew Tee.

June 2015-ongoing

Provided monthly medical consultation by volunteer doctors for the residents of Zion Home for the Aged.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Project</b>
2009-2015	Adopted Rochore Kongsi Home for the Aged and provided free medical consultations by volunteer doctors for the residents.
August 2014	Donated vaccination and malaria tablets for Singaporeans student volunteers pursuing humanitarian work in Nepal.
June 2014	Donated vaccination and medical certification for Singaporeans volunteers pursuing humanitarian work in Cambodia.
2014-2013	Partnered YMCA in support of a medical mobile clinic programme in Sri Lanka, in aid of post-Tsunami victims.
2012	Partnered YMCA in support of a medical mission project in Batticaloa, Sri Lanka, in aid of post-Tsunami victims.
2011-2012	Sponsored some children from Apeksha Nivasa Orphanage, founded by Mother Teresa, for their annual schooling needs.
December 2010	Partnered YMCA in support of a medical mission project in Batticaloa, Sri Lanka.
October 2010	Donated vaccination for student volunteers from the Boys Brigade Singapore pursuing humanitarian work in Sri Lanka.
March 2010	Health screening for the seniors at Tampines East Community Club.
April 2010	Funded the purchase of a generator set for the Health Centre at the Rotary Club in Aceh, Indonesia, in support of Tsunami victims.
January 2010	Funded tumour surgery for a young lady from the remote areas of Yunan, China.
October and November 2009	Provided health screening for the vulnerable seniors of Henderson Heights residing in rental flats.
October 2009	Collaborated with Singapore Management University to provide customised First Aid Kit and conduct basic first aid lessons for the residents of Sun Love Home at Chai Chee.

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September 2009	Sponsored vaccination for student volunteers from the Boys Brigade Singapore pursuing humanitarian work in Sri Lanka.
February 2009	Provided health screening for the seniors of Kampong Glam.
December 2008	Sponsored vaccination for participants from a VWO pursuing humanitarian work in Siem Reap, Cambodia.
September 2008	Sponsored vaccination for student volunteers from the Boys Brigade Singapore pursuing humanitarian work in Siem Reap, Cambodia.
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August 2008	Donated medical supplies to Singapore Medical Society London in support of their charity project in Thailand.
July 2008	Provided an ambulance and paramedic on standby to support an outreach project for the elderly, organised by Kebun Baru Youth Committee.
November 2007	Supported the corrective surgery for a 10-year old Myanmar child with bilateral neglected club feet.
September 2007	Donated 30,000 deworming tablets to Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine in National University Singapore for their humanitarian mission in Cambodia.
September 2006	Donated toothbrushes and toothpaste to support 200 needy children in Yangon and Bago, Myanmar.
March 2005	Sent volunteer doctors on a medical mission in aid of the earthquake victims in Nias, Indonesia.
January 2005	Sent volunteer doctors on a medical mission in aid of the 2004 Tsunami victims in Aceh, Indonesia.
July 2003	AMF sponsored the separation of two pairs of twins. Iranian twins Leleh and Ladan Bijani on 6 July and Korean twins Ji Hye and Sa Rang On 22 July.

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