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AMF Silver Care Fund

LAUNCH EVENT REPORT

13 November 2020, Friday

Guest of Honour

Mr Desmond Lee

Minister for National Development

Minister-in-Charge of Social Services Integration

Special Guest

ESM Goh Chok Tong

Patron of the AMF Silver Care Fund

About the AMF Silver Care Fund

The Asian Medical Foundation (AMF) has established a \$5 million AMF Silver Care Fund to help needy and vulnerable Singaporean seniors whose lives and livelihoods have been affected by COVID-19. The fund received contributions from 11 prominent Singaporean businessmen who wish to remain anonymous yet are keen to support the community during this trying period.

ESM Goh, who inspired the fund and who has always encouraged Singaporeans to extend a helping hand to those in need, will also serve as the fund's Patron.



The 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. We hope that these vouchers will help to offset their cost of living during this difficult time. The launch was attended by the Minister for National Development and Minister-in-Charge of Social Services Integration, Mr Desmond Lee, ESM Goh Chok Tong and Ms Denise Phua, MP for Jalan Besar GRC and Mayor of Central CDC.



ESM Goh Chok Tong presenting residents with the AMF Elder Vouchers.

The AMF Elder Vouchers

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 hand them a letter to redeem their 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.



Arrival of Patron of the AMF Silver Care Fund, ESM Goh Chok Tong.



Guest of Honour, Minister for National Development and Minister-in-Charge of Social Services Integration, Mr Desmond Lee addressing guests of the launch.



Chairman, Board of Trustees, Dr Loo Choon Yong sharing about how the fund will help the needy cope with COVID-19.



Pictured centre: Mrs Jacqueline Loo, Chairman of the Management Committee of AMF.

SingHealth Telehealth for Seniors in the Community



Mrs Loo, presenting a cheque of SGD\$200,000 to SingHealth's Ms Yap Mei Foon, Director, Integrated Care and Dr Michael Wong, Group Director, Regional Health System. This gesture symbolises AMF's support and commitment towards the telehealth project.

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.

Some of these 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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Was delighted to launch the Asian Medical Foundation (AMF) Silver Care Fund yesterday evening. ESM Goh Chok Tong, Ms Denise Phua, Dr Loo Choon Yong as well as members of the AMF board of trustees, donors and beneficiaries.

Back in May, ESM Goh asked if we could work closely with AMF to identify where they could best apply their efforts and make a difference on the ground. After discussions with healthcare agencies and community organisations, AMF decided to support seniors' financial needs and access to healthcare via telehealth.

Our seniors have had their way of life disrupted by the pandemic, and I am encouraged by the tangible impact AMF is making to ensure safe access to healthcare for our most vulnerable.

A big thank you to AMF for your valuable contribution towards making Singapore more caring, compassionate and inclusive 😊.



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Asia Medical Foundation Silver Care Fund raised some \$5 million from several friends to help 30,000 vulnerable seniors identified by AIC cope with COVID-19. After consulting me as its patron, it initiated two programmes. Minister [Desmond Lee](#) launched them last Friday. The first is an Elder Voucher Scheme for needy and vulnerable seniors from one or two room HDB flats. PA will hand-deliver the notification letters to them to collect their \$100 vouchers from Sheng Siong. The second is SingHealth's telehealth pilot. Teleconsultation will save seniors with chronic yet stable conditions time and energy travelling to the polyclinic and back. Telehealth has the potential to transform healthcare service delivery.

Singaporeans today are enjoying the fruits of our elders' labour – 前人栽树后人乘凉. I commend AMF and the donors for their respect and appreciation of the elderly who need our help today. --- gct



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