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MEDIA RELEASE

**THREE VOLUNTEER PROBATION OFFICERS OF 40 YEARS AMONG 232
HONOURED AT MSF VOLUNTEER AWARDS 2016**

1 For over 40 years since 1975, Mr Lim Hock Heng conducts curfew checks at the homes of probationers, night after night. His dedicated service as a Volunteer Probation Officer (VPO) with the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) was recognised and honoured at the MSF Volunteer Awards, an annual event where the Ministry shows appreciation to its volunteers and partners.

2 Besides Mr Lim, two other VPOs who have volunteered for 40 years, Ms Dass Elizabeth and Mr Yahya Bin Osman were also honoured. All three VPOs have tirelessly spent their free time helping the rehabilitation of probationers, so that offenders complete their probation successfully.

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3 This year, MSF paid tribute to a total of 232 volunteers with seven Outstanding Volunteer awards, 16 “Friends of MSF” awards, and 181 Long-Service awards at the ceremony hosted by Minister for Social and Family Development, Mr Tan Chuan-Jin.

4 Highlighting the efforts of these volunteers, Minister Tan noted that it would take many helping hands and giving hearts to build a caring and compassionate society. He said, “MSF cannot do without their selfless generosity. Every act, big or small, can

make a world of a difference to those who are in need. We can build top infrastructure and set the best policies, but we also need the private sector to bolster efforts and the wider community to reach out to the disadvantaged and vulnerable amongst us.”

6 The seven Outstanding Volunteer Award recipients have made significant contributions in their respective areas of serving the community. (Please refer to Annex A for detailed write-ups.) They are:

- **Mr Ching Wei Hong** – The Families For Life (FFL) Council chairman has actively led several initiatives to encourage families to spend quality time together, such as the popular monthly picnics at various parks across Singapore.
- **Mdm Fong Wai Kheng** – Mdm Fong has fostered 18 children over the past 15 years, and adapts her parenting style accordingly to meet the needs of each child. She enrolled her foster children in enrichment classes that could foster the development of their strengths.
- **Associate Professor Fred Long** and **Dr Lim Yun Chin** – A/P Long and Dr Lim have been members of the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) since 2007, and are key consultants on NCPG’s Expert Panel on Problem Gambling Manpower Development. Their guidance were instrumental in the development of help services and gambling counsellor training programmes.
- **Associate Professor Ngiam Tee Liang** – A/P Ngiam is one of the pioneers of social work in Singapore, and has devoted 40 years in the sector, both in his career and service. His continued passion for social issues and planning led him to volunteer as a research fellow with MSF since 2008.

- **Mrs Mona Phua-Lim Beng Quek and Mr Henry Phua** – Mr and Mrs Phua have provided love and support to a total of 9 foster children ranging from toddlers to primary school-aged children. She plays an active role in their lives. When one child encountered a school bully, Mrs Phua-Lim stepped in immediately to work with the school to mediate the incident.
- **Mr Philip Tan** – Mr Tan has been a long-serving volunteer in various areas at NCSS since 1983. He is currently the Vice President of National Council of Social Service (NCSS) Board of Council and Chairman of Community Chest.

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Annex A: List of winners and write-ups on Outstanding Volunteer Award recipients
Annex B: Profiles for media interviews

Annex A

List of Award Winners

The **Outstanding Volunteer Award** is given to outstanding volunteers or groups of volunteers for providing direct service to members of the public served by MSF.

Award winners are:

S/N	Name
1	<p>Mr Ching Wei Hong</p> <p>Mr Ching Wei Hong was appointed the Chairman of Families For Life (FFL) Council in 1 August 2013, and has been reappointed for a second term.</p> <p>Under his strong leadership, he has actively led the Council to engage Singaporeans about families, provide platforms for family bonding and inspire Singaporeans to renew their commitment to their families.</p> <p>Mr Ching mooted the idea for FFL to organize monthly picnics at various parks across the island, so as to give families a platform to get away from the bustle of city life and enjoy family time. He also launched FAMILY 365, a suite of 1 – 2 hour family life education programmes with topics spanning 4 categories of Family Life, Marriage, Parenting and Personal Work Life.</p>
2	<p>Mdm Fong Wai Kheng (Also receiving a 15-year Long Service Award)</p> <p>Mdm Fong learnt about MSF's fostering scheme through her mother-in-law, who herself was a foster parent for more than 30 years. Driven by her compassion for vulnerable children, Mdm Fong has dedicated the past 15 years of her life in providing a home for a total of 18 children, including 2 current foster children aged 17 and 15. Mdm Fong has cared for them since they were aged 7 and 6 respectively.</p> <p>Mdm Fong has shown great fortitude and resilience having surmounted her grief over the loss of her husband in 2006. Despite having to cope with her loss, she soldiered on unselfishly to focus on providing care for the foster children. Mdm Fong has good support from her daughter aged 29 and son aged 30.</p>
3	<p>Dr Lim Yun Chin (Also receiving a 5-year Long Service Award)</p> <p>Dr Lim Yun Chin has been a member of the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) for six terms since 2007. Like A/P Long, Dr Lim also attends Council meetings regularly and offers insightful views on matters relating to problem gambling, casino exclusion and research. He was also a key consultant on NCPG's Expert Panel on Problem Gambling Manpower Development.</p>

	<p>In his professional capacity, Dr Lim has also conducted outreach talks on the psychology of problem gambling to organisations such as the Casino Regulatory Authority.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>A/P Fred Long Foo Yee (Also receiving a 5-year Long Service Award)</p> <p>A/P Fred Long has been a member of the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) for six terms since 2007, and a key consultant on NCPG's Expert Panel on Problem Gambling Manpower Development. He attends Council meetings regularly and offers insightful views on matters relating to problem gambling, casino exclusion and research.</p> <p>He also provided guidance and advice on the youth content for problem gambling for outreach projects, such as the curriculum for the TOUCH Cyber Wellness programme.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>A/P Ngiam Tee Liang</p> <p>A/P Ngiam is one of the pioneers of Social Work in Singapore, having mentored many individuals through the 40 years he has been involved in this sector as a social work educator and community service volunteer.</p> <p>He is an advocate who champions social justice and has strong interest in community-based social interventions, family life education, management of social service organisations, and social planning and policies in Singapore.</p> <p>A/P Ngiam imparts his social work knowledge through his official appointed as Associate Professional Fellow at the Department of Social Work in NUS. He is currently appointed as MSF's Research Fellow on a pro bono basis, to offer his expert advice on MSF's research efforts. He is a familiar face at various MSF research engagement platforms (e.g. MSF- CSC Social Sector Conference, Family Research Network forums)</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Mrs Mona Phua-Lim Beng Quek and Mr Henry Phua</p> <p>Since joining the fostering scheme in 2004, Mr and Mrs Phua have provided love and support to a total of 9 children ranging from toddlers to primary school-aged children. They are currently sharing their home with four foster children aged 8, 10, 11 and 19.</p> <p>When one of her foster child encountered a bully in school, Mrs Phua-Lim stepped in immediately to work with the school to mediate the incident. Due to her active intervention and involvement, her foster child and the bully became friends.</p> <p>Mrs Phua-Lim also volunteered her time at MSF fostering roadshows to share her fostering journey with the members of public and to encourage more families to step forward to be foster parents.</p>

7	<p>Mr Phillip Tan Eng Seong</p> <p>Mr Phillip Tan is a long-serving volunteer whose service to NCSS dates as early as 1983, when he served as Chairman of the Budget and Allocation Committee for the Elderly. Mr Tan was conferred the BBM(L) in 2007 for his sustained dedication in the social service sector.</p> <p>As a Group Finance Director by profession, he has made significant contributions to the many committees in NCSS, such as Investment and Audit committee and is currently the Vice President of NCSS Board and Executive Committee (EXCO) and Chairman of Community Chest.</p> <p>Mr Tan chaired the Care & Share @ SG50 Movement steering and working Committees, consisting of illustrious business and community leaders. Due to overwhelming support, the Movement was extended by another 15 months with the Government increasing its matching grant to \$500 million. As of October 2015, the 241 participating Voluntary Welfare Organisations were on track to raise \$500 million.</p>
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The **Friends of MSF Award** is given to outstanding individual volunteers or organisations for making significant contributions in committees or projects under MSF.

Award winners are:

S/N	Name
1	Mr Magnus Bocker
2	Ms Chan Chia Lin
3	Mr Chew Kwee San
4	Mr Khor Heng Cheong, John
5	Ms Annie Lee
6	Mrs Lim Choon Lang, Barbara
7	Mr Lim Sow Hai, Sunny
8	Ms Long Chey May
9	Dr Mathew Mathews
10	Mrs Sarojini Padmanathan
11	Mr Girija Pande
12	Mr Gerald Balendran Singham
13	Mdm Teo Lin Lee, PBM
14	Professor Tsui Kai Chong
15	Ms Yeo Lian Sim
16	Ang Mo Kio – Thye Hua Kwan Hospital

The Long Service Award is given to volunteers who provided direct service to MSF for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 & 40 years. This year, we have three volunteers who have 40 years of service.

Award winners are:

5 Years

S/N	NAME
1	Mr Ang Leong Han
2	Mr Arzami Bin Salim
3	Mr Christopher Bridges
4	Ms Ch'ng Ying Chia
5	Mr & Mrs Chandrashagaran
6	Mr Richard & Mrs Serina Cheong
7	Mrs Chia Swee Tin PBM, JP
8	Ms Doreen Chow Fong Meng
9	Mr Gerard Ee
10	Mr Elendrus Hj Osman, BBM
11	Mr Eng Lai Heng and Ms Jayanthi
12	Ms Sharon Eng
13	Mr Kenny Gam & Ms Jacqueline Tan
14	A/Prof Goh Lee Gan
15	Mr Andy Guee Chai Koong
16	Mdm Han Yah Yee
17	Mr Ho Poh Onn Clarence
18	Mr Ho Teen Choy & Ms Christine Yeo
19	Mr Jayaram S/O Letchumanan, BBM
20	Mdm Kalyani D/O Ramasamy, PBM
21	Ms Keren & Mr Yeshwant Peter
22	Mr Koh Chee Siong
23	Mr James Koh, BBM
24	Mr Sam Koh Hock Thye, PBM
25	Mr Philip Kwang
26	Mr James Kwok
27	Ms Annie Lee
28	Mr Joachim Lee
29	Mr Leonard Lee Siew Chuan, PBM
30	Mrs Lee Yean Wun
31	Ms Lee Yee Fung Ivy
32	Ms Lee Zi Qi Chloe
33	Mr Leong Sing Wee, BBM
34	Mr Alan Liang Tong Juan, PBM
35	Mr Lim Tai Sun, BBM
36	Dr Lim Yun Chin
37	Mdm Lo Tong Lee Ying
38	Mdm Loh Gek Choo
39	Mdm Loh Lay San
40	Assoc. Prof (Adj) Fred F Y Long

41	Mr Loong Seng Onn
42	Mr Anthony Low Chai Siong
43	Mr Low Eng Hoe
44	Mr Low Kok Suan, PBM
45	Mr Dick Lum Chee Seng
46	Mr Richard Magnus
47	Dr Rathi Mahendran
48	Ms Mary Manimuthu
49	Mr & Mrs Maricar
50	Mr Md Faizal & Ms Norhafiza
51	Mr & Mrs Mohammad Isa
52	Mr & Mrs Nagaraja Naidu
53	Mr T.U. Naidu, BBM
54	Mr Prabhakaran & Ms Shobana Nair
55	Ms Neo Ai Ling, Jackie
56	Ms Esther Ng
57	Ms Grace Ng Lai See, PBM
58	Dr Ng Li-Ling
59	Mr Ng Si Hiong, PBM
60	Dr Vincent Ng
61	Ms Ong Boon Chin, Kris
62	Dr Ong Say How
63	Mr P Thirunal Karasu, BBM, PBM
64	Mrs Rokiah Pillay
65	Ms Rosgayah A.Chik & Mr Sukaimi A.Y
66	Ms Salinah & Mr Md Elfian
67	Ms Saw Paik Peng
68	Ven Seck Kwang Phing, PBM
69	Ms Morene Sim
70	Mr Soh Chee Keong, BBM, JP
71	Mr Suhadi Bin Sarmadi, PBM
72	Ms Sally Tai Suat Nee
73	Mr Mike Tam Chee Wah, PBM
74	Mrs Esther Tan Tzer Wong
75	Mdm Tan Guay Neo, Florence
76	Ms Tan Hwee Leng & Mr Ng Tze Yik
77	Mr Tan Kee Hai, Edward, PBM
78	Ms Linda Tan
79	Mr & Mrs Teck Tek Chong
80	Mdm Teo Lin Lee, PBM
81	Mr Teoh Tee Hooi
82	Ms Thang Hong Lan
83	Mr Tiong Shu
84	Mr Alex Toh Joo Pang
85	Dr Peace Wong
86	Mr Wan Chong Hock, BBM
87	Mr Wang Kim Meng
88	Ms Beverly Wee

89	Ms Jesmine Wee
90	Mr Wee Jit Sun, PBS, BBM (L)
91	Dr Aline Wong
92	Dr Wong Chin Khoon
93	Mrs June Wong (Khor Seo Koon)
94	Mr Wong Meng Meng
95	Ms Woo Mei Mei
96	Mr Eric Woon Lee Han, PBM
97	Dr Ryal Wun
98	Mr Yap Keng Yong
99	Ms Yvonne Yuen Ying-Kheng
100	Mr Yatiman Yusof
101	Mr Zulkefle Bin A. Rahmah, BBM

10 Years

S/N	NAME
1	Mr & Mrs Abdul Jalil
2	Mr Azman Bin Anuar
3	Ms Belinda Ang
4	Professor David Chan
5	Mr Foo Say Ken & Ms Esther See
6	Mr Steven Foo
7	Mr Goh Eng Tat
8	Ms Jajanthi & Mr Prasad
9	Mr and Mrs Jayanti Sangaran
10	Miss Jumnah & Mr Husni
11	Mdm Juraimah & Mr Nin Ali
12	Mr Lai Li Mun Raymond
13	Mr Lau Mun Wai
14	Mr Thomas Lee Boon Huat
15	Ms Yvonne Lee Leck Luang
16	Ms Lin Xiaojun
17	Mr Lu Kee Hong
18	Ms Khatijah Mohd & Mr Sallim Sungip
19	Mr & Mrs Mohamed Bin Hassan
20	Dr Ng Wai Chong
21	Ms Rosalind Ong
22	Ms Ong Swee Ai & Mr Goon Swee Kean
23	Mr Pragash S/O Kulasagar, PBM
24	Mr Suhairi R & Mdm Normahbi A
25	Mr & Mrs Seah Chong Hup
26	Mr Harjit Singh S/O Harnam
27	Mr & Mrs Suradi Bin Osman
28	Mr Tan Kian Hoon JP, BBM(L), PBM
29	Ms Tan Yueling

30	Mr Eugene Teo
31	Ms Toh Yeng Yen
32	Mr A. Francis Xavier
33	Mr Jack, Yue Heng Pang
34	Mr & Mrs Zainal Bahajjaj

15 Years

S/N	NAME
1	Mr Choo Choon Kiang Adrian
2	Mdm Stilly Chan
3	Ms Foong Kah Yam
4	Mdm Fong Wai Kheng
5	Mr Gerard & Ms Susanna
6	Mdm Naga & Mr Velu
7	Mr Ng Song Heh, Richard
8	Ms Juthika Ramanathan
9	Mdm Saharah & Mr Abdul Latiff
10	Ms Monica Seng Soo Hong
11	Mr Simon Song
12	Ms Suraiyah Md Yussof
13	Mr Tan Tai Hean Keith
14	Mr Tan Tai Kiat
15	Mr Vincent Teo

20 Years

S/N	NAME
1	Mr Chan Wing Cheong
2	Mr Chong Kiam Choon
3	Mr Ronald Lee Yew Kee
4	Mr Peter Lim Fit Ho
5	Dr Anthony Loh Voon Heng
6	Mr Moorthy S/O Thirumalai

25 Years

S/N	NAME
1	Mr David Chan Thin Cheong
2	Mr Heng Wui Meng Winston
3	Mr Lim Teong Chew Jimmy
4	Mr Ong Herr Bock
5	Mr David Pang Loo Jiah
6	Dr George Yi-Wei Soh
7	Mr Stephen Tham

30 Years

S/N	NAME
1	Mdm Lim Lian Tee
2	Mr Albert Phuay Yong Hen
3	Mr Tan Eng Hoe
4	Ms Tan Liew Wheng
5	Ms Tee Lay Peng Grace

35 Years

S/N	NAME
1	Mr David Alphonso
2	Mr P. Krishnan
3	Mr Leong Poong Choon
4	Mr Loh Tee Yang
5	Mr Jackson Puah
6	Mr P. Rajoo
7	Ms Susan Seah
8	Mr Gurmit Singh S/O Mehervan S
9	Mdm Davamani Velautham

40 Years

S/N	NAME
1	Ms Dass Elizabeth
2	Mr Lim Hock Heng
3	Mr Yahya Bin Osman

Profiles for media interviews

Name	Award	Description
<p>Mr Magnus Bocker</p> <p>Member of DTF Advisory Panel, DAC chairman</p>	<p>Friends of MSF</p>	<p>Under Mr Bocker's leadership, the Diversity Action Committee (DAC) saw an increase in women's representation in the boards of SGX-listed companies. Women held 9.7% of board seats in SGX-listed companies as at June 2016, up from 8.8% in 2014 and 8.3% in 2013.</p> <p>As chairman, Mr Bocker led the DAC on several successful initiatives. These include the publication of "Women on Boards: Tackling the Issue" in October 2016 and the Conference on Women As Board Directors for 100 women held on 29 September 2015.</p>
<p>Ang Mo Kio – Thye Hua Kwan Hospital</p> <p>Community Service Agency</p>	<p>Friends of MSF</p>	<p>Ang Mo Kio – Thye Hua Kwan Hospital has been an active agency since 2008. They opened up Sunday group placements in 2012 and provided the much needed weekend placements for probationers. Till date, more than 200 probationers have contributed around 11,000 hours of their community service with the hospital to serve patients through assisting the healthcare professionals and planning social activities to bring cheer to them.</p>

<p>Mr Lim Hock Heng Volunteer Probation Officer</p>	<p>Long Service Award (40 years)</p>	<p>Mr Lim has been an active and dedicated volunteer for many decades. He joined the Operation Night Watch (ONW) in 2002 and he is currently the most active ONW volunteer. He has conducted a total of 1,117 checks in the past year and also serves as a Cluster Leader in the team to assist in the assigning of checks to other volunteers.</p>