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Speech by the First Lady, Mrs. B.N. Sheares, at the Official Opening of the Home of the Children's Aid Society at Clementi Road, Singapore on Tuesday, 9th March, 1971 at 5.30 p.m.

It makes me very happy to be here this evening to participate at this most important occasion in the long history of the Children's Aid Society.

The children who are here and those who in the past have been in the Society's care - although unfortunate in their family circumstances - have indeed been fortunate to have had the help, guidance and example of your Society. These children will set out into adult life with fine standards to follow and in their turn they will be fitted to influence others who have not had the same preparation for independence and good citizenship.

It is a very worthy cause to assist destitute and needy children, for in so doing you are not only giving them a happy and healthy environment but also the gifts of confidence, pride, understanding and kindness towards their fellow beings. I hope that this new Home will arouse the interest of the people, enabling them to see more clearly the aims and ideals of your Society and that they will give willing and generous support to equip you to proceed with your most admirable work.

I should like to congratulate the Chairman, the Executive Committee and the Ladies Committee on their achievement in getting up this attractive new Home, which I now have much pleasure in declaring open. I wish success and happiness to all who are associated with it today and to those who will be associated with this Home in the future.

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