

# Achieving More Together

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## Full Member of National Council of Social Service

SMA Charity Fund (SMACF) is now a full member of the National Council of Social Service (NCSS).

NCSS is the coordinating body for some 400 voluntary welfare organisations (VWOs) in Singapore. It is a statutory body established by an Act of Parliament



(The NCSS Act) on 1 May 1992, with the charter to improve the lives of the disadvantaged in Singapore, taking over the functions of the former Singapore Council of Social Service and Community Chest of Singapore. It works closely with many government ministries, as well as the people and private sectors. NCSS leads and coordinates the social service sector in Singapore with the purpose of ensuring that every person has the opportunity to live a life of dignity to his or her fullest potential within society.

There are two types of membership under NCSS: full and associate. Full membership is granted to an organisation whose primary function is to provide a bona fide direct social service that helps to meet the existing needs of the community.

As the SMACF is a young charity, being awarded a full membership is a testament to the quality of our programmes. We can now collaborate with the council as well as network with other VWOs to address needs that may not have been covered, thus deepening our impact on the medical fraternity. In addition, SMACF will also be eligible for consideration for various funding schemes under NCSS.

## Care & Share Movement



SMACF has been accepted as a member of the Care & Share Movement.

Care & Share is a national fund-raising and volunteerism movement led by Community Chest for the social service sector, in celebration of SG50 this year. It aims to bring the nation together to show care and concern for the needy, and to recognise the contributions made by VWOs. Eligible donations raised by participating VWOs from now till 31 March 2016 will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the government. The matched amount will go towards building the capabilities and capacities of the social service sector, and supporting social services to meet rising needs.

Your support is critical in helping us to advance our cause, and create ripples through society. Donation to SMACF can be made online at the SG Gives website (<https://www.sggives.org/smacf>) or by cheque (donation forms can be downloaded from our website). Donation made this year will enjoy 300% tax deductions. ■

Bursary application for the SMA-MSAF is now open for medical students from Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine and Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine. Medical students who are interested in applying for this bursary can approach the schools directly on the bursary application. For further enquiries, please contact SMACF at [smacharity@sma.org.sg](mailto:smacharity@sma.org.sg)