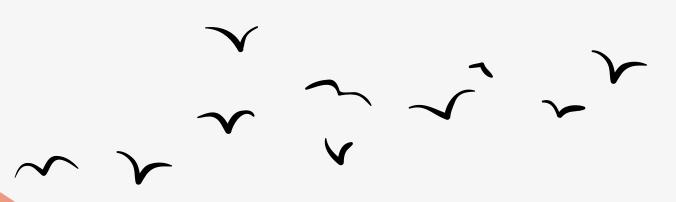


SNTC ANNUAL REPORT

FY22/23

"My Idea Of Home"
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OUR IMPACT TO DATE



23,703

people have been reached

(3,404 in FY22/23)

3,722

care plans have been developed

(461 in FY22/23)

1,112

trust accounts have been set up

(149 in FY22/23)

747

SNSS applications have been approved

(92 in FY22/23)



ABOUT SNTC

Special Needs Trust Company (SNTC) was established in June 2008

with the aim of collaborating with individuals and communities to provide support and ensure financial security for persons with special needs.

Our mission is to assist caregivers in planning for the financial future of those under their care, and we do so with the full support of the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) and in partnership with the Public Trustee's Office.

As the only non-profit trust company in Singapore,

we are committed to making our services affordable for those in low or middle-income families. Thanks to subsidies from MSF, our fees are reduced by 90% to 100%, and meanstested sponsorship schemes are available to aid caregivers with the initial \$5,000 deposit needed to set up an SNTC trust account.

We are proud to have introduced our Financial Assistance Scheme and the Gift Of A Lifetime (GOAL) Sponsorship Scheme in addition to the Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura (Muis)-Special Needs Trust Sponsorship Scheme.

ABOUT SNTC

In 2021, we also launched the Gift Of A Lifetime (GOAL) Sponsorship Scheme, which provides eligible families with the initial \$5,000 needed to set up an SNTC trust as well as co-paying the premium of a Great Eastern Cares Term Plan on the insured parent's life. Since then, 13 families have taken up the GOAL Sponsorship Scheme.

In addition to these sponsorship schemes, we also cater to caregivers who are concerned about their loved ones' ability to make financial decisions. Since 2014, SNTC has been administering the Special Needs Savings Scheme (SNSS), which allows parents to nominate a fixed monthly payout from their CPF savings to their child with special needs. This scheme provides peace of mind to caregivers by assuaging worries that vulnerable loved ones with special needs might be taken advantage of, cheated, or scammed.

As of March 2023, SNTC has reached out to over 23,703 caregivers and partners in the community, and we have already set up 1,112 trust accounts since our inception. We take pride in knowing the principal sum in the trust fund is guaranteed by the Singapore government, and the funds themselves are held and managed by the Public Trustee's Office. Our clients can rest assured that their monies are in good hands.

CORPORATE INFORMATION

As a non-profit trust company, SNTC is a registered charity, an Institution of a Public Character (IPC), and a member of the National Council of Social Service (NCSS). We also comply with the relevant legislations governing charities and trustees, i.e. the Companies Act, Trustees Act, Charities Act, and the Code of Governance for Charities and IPCs.

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Charity Registration Number

2106

IPC Number

IPC00063 (1 August 2022 - 31 July 2025)

Registered Address

298 Tiong Bahru Road, #10-01, Central Plaza, Singapore 168730

General Manager

Ms Esther Tan (Since March 2009)

Banks

UOB, Maybank

Auditors

Cypress Singapore Public Accounting Corporation

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Chairman, Mr Moses Lee Kim Poo

Singapore lifted COVID-19 restrictions on group size limits and safe distancing measures for gatherings in April 2022 and this had enabled SNTC to resume normal operations in FY2022. SNTC injected new impetus to its community engagement programme and was able to to reach out to its clients in person to meet their future care planning needs for their loved ones with special needs. However, the online and virtual outreach initiatives that were developed in the last two years continued to be important and effective to manage clients and provide for their needs.

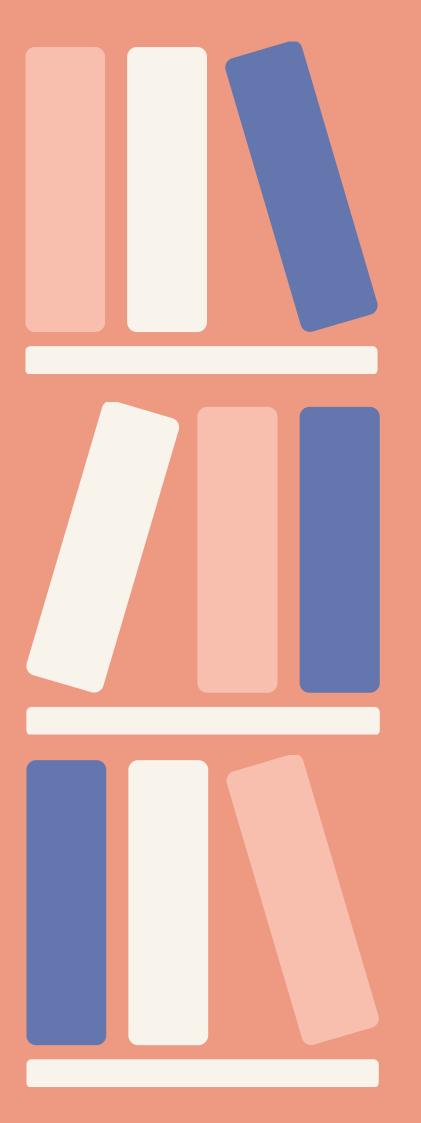
SNTC commenced its in-person community outreach during the year to engage parents and caregivers of those with special needs. We work with other community organisations to drive home the key message to our target audience on the need for early planning for the long-term financial security of their loved ones. Going forward, apart from physical outreach, we will enhance our online presence to support those who are more IT savvy to provide information and self-service for their specific needs. During the year, SNTC organised 90 outreach programmes which were well attended by 3,404 participants, reflecting the high level of awareness and interest by parents and caregivers to set up trusts.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

We recognise the need to collaborate and partner community organisations and the media to create a supportive environment for those with special needs. The media has given extensive coverage to SNTC's work to share the hopes and joy of the special needs community, and to create better understanding and support from the wider community.

Going forward, SNTC will focus on getting parents and caregivers to set up trusts and grow the assets injected into the trusts. We will help them with their long-term planning and provisions for asset injection. One key initiative will be to get younger parents and caregivers to subscribe to the Great Eastern Cares Term Plan, a low-cost insurance scheme set up by Great Eastern in collaboration with SNTC. The proceeds of the Plan will be paid directly into the trust, hence providing an additional layer of financial security to the beneficiary. SNTC has a scheme, supported by donations, to help co-pay the premium for those who have financial difficulties. I am happy to report that we set up a record 149 new trusts during the year, and assets in the trusts grew by 20% to \$49.8 million.

In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation to fellow Board members for their guidance and contributions and to the management and staff for their hard work and dedication to support people with special needs.



June 2008:

SNTC was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee.

October 2009:

SNTC officially launched its SNTC trusteeship scheme.

June 2011:

The Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners and the Singapore Trustees Association have adopted SNTC as their charity and have donated the proceeds from its Inaugural Gala Dinner to help financially deserving families with the capital to set up an SNTC trust.

Mar 2013:

MSF started to subsidise the fees payable for SNTC trust service. Our fees are now 90% to 100% subsidised by MSF.



April 2014:

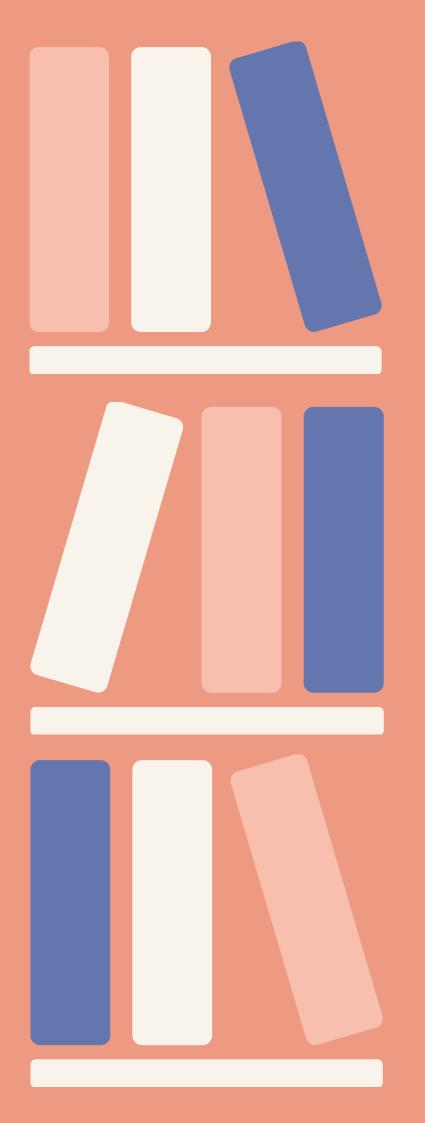
MSF rolled out its Pilot Panel Deputy Scheme comprising volunteers who may apply to Court to be appointed as deputies for elderly persons who have lost mental capacity. These deputies are granted powers to liquidate the assets of the elderly and use the proceeds to set up a trust with SNTC for the benefit of the elderly.

August 2014:

SNTC took over the administration of the Special Needs Savings Scheme (SNSS) from SG Enable. SNSS complements the SNTC trust in enhancing the financial security of persons with special needs.

April 2016:

SNTC worked with the Institute of Financial Literacy (IFL), a collaboration between MoneySENSE and Singapore Polytechnic, to kick-start the Financial Education Programme for caregivers of persons with special needs.



March 2018:

SNTC hosted a delegate of Hong Kong Government officials who came to learn from SNTC's experiences so that they could set up a similar trust service in Hong Kong.

November 2018:

SNTC celebrated its 10th-year anniversary with beneficiaries, caregivers, directors, and community partners. We were also honoured to be joined by our guest of honour, Mr Desmond Lee, Minister for Social and Family Development.

January 2019:

SNTC bid farewell to Prof Lim Pin, who served as SNTC's Chairman since our inception and welcomed our new Chairman, Mr Moses Lim.



February 2019:

Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura (Muis) and SNTC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Muis Support for Persons with Special Needs Scheme, which will benefit eligible Muslim families to set up trusts for their loved ones with special needs.

March 2019:

SNTC hosted a group of Japanese delegates who came to understand more about SNTC's structure and case profiles in order to set up a similar trust service in Japan.

March 2020:

SNTC took part in conducting the SG Financial Capability and Asset Building (FCAB) Training programme. It is an effort to train approximately 250 Singaporean social workers during the year to work with vulnerable low-income families on their household finances.



April 2020:

SNTC partnered with SG Enable to provide financial and emotional relief, including provision of food rations, meal deliveries, financial assistance, and respite care to support our clients during the COVID-19 pandemic.

October 2021:

SNTC launched a unique fundraising campaign called Gift Of A Lifetime (GOAL) Sponsorship Scheme through giving.sg platform.

November 2021:

Great Eastern and SNTC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Great Eastern Cares Term Plan, a specifically-designed insurance for parents with special needs children.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Mr Moses Lee Kim Poo Chairman



Mr Cyril Chua Yeow Hooi Board Director



Mrs Hauw-Quek Soo Hoon
Board Director



Prof Tang Hang Wu Board Director



Ms Tina Hung @ Ong Geok Tin
Board Director



Ms Charlotte Beck Gek Suan
Board Director



Ms Dilys Charmaine Boey Mengyi
Board Director



Mr J R Karthikeyan Board Director



Mr Mark Tham Mun Chun Board Director



Mr Yee Chen Fah Board Director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Name	Date(s) of First & Current	Board Meeting	Other Current
	Appointment in SNTC	Attendance*	Appointment(s)**
	Cha	irman	
Mr Moses Lee Kim Poo	1 Jan 2019 1 Oct 2020	3/3	Chairman, SG Enable
	Dire	ctor	
Mr Cyril Chua Yeow Hooi	20 Jun 2008 1 Oct 2020	3/3	Founder & Managing Director, Robinson LLC
Mrs Hauw- Quek Soo Hoon	20 Jun 2008 1 Oct 2020	3/3	Operating Partner, iGlobe Partners
Prof Tang Hang Wu	1 Sep 2010 1 Oct 2020	3/3	Professor of Law, Yong Pung How School of Law, Singapore Management University
Ms Tina Hung @ Ong Geok Tin	9 Oct 2014 1 Oct 2020	1/3	Senior Consultant, National Council of Social Service
Ms Charlotte Beck Gek Suan	15 Jan 2016 1 Oct 2020	2/3	Senior Advisor, Ministry of Social and Family Development

Name	Date(s) of First & Current Appointment in SNTC	Board Meeting Attendance*	Other Current Appointment(s)**
Ms Dilys Charmaine Boey Mengyi	1 Oct 2018 1 Oct 2020	2/3	Chief Executive, Workforce Singapore
Mr J R Karthikeyan	1 Oct 2020	2/3	Chief Executive Officer, AWWA
Mr Mark Tham Mun Chun	1 Oct 2020	3/3	Country Managing Director, Accenture Singapore
Mr Yee Chen Fah	1 Oct 2020	3/3	Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

^{*}Attendance is indicated as the number of meetings attended over the number of applicable meetings.

Mr Cyril Chua Yeow Hooi Mrs Hauw-Quek Soo Hoon have devoted their time since SNTC's inception in 2008, along with Prof Tang Hang Wu, who have been with us since 2010. With their deep understanding of SNTC's unique operating model and professional experience, the three directors have been instrumental in ensuring continuity and pushing for the Board's optimal performance. Newer Board members consistently benefit from their acute understanding of the critical factors that ensure the sustainability and success of SNTC.

^{**}Correct at time of publication

SUB-COMMITTES

Executive Committee (EXCO)	Designation
Mr Moses Lee Kim Poo	Chairman
Mr Cyril Chua Yeow Hooi	Member
Mrs Hauw-Quek Soo Hoon	Member

Legal & Services Sub-Committee (LAS)	Designation
Mr Cyril Chua Yeow Hooi	Chairperson
Prof Tang Hang Wu	Member
Dr Balbir Singh S/O Mal Singh	Member
Mr Terrence Chee Teng Hsiu	Member
Mr Joseph Kuah Boon Kheng	Member

Audit Sub-Committee	Designation
Mr Yee Chen Fah	Chairperson
Mr Jeevaganth Arumugam	Member
Mr Tiong Heng Liong	Member

Business Plan & Finance Sub-Committee (BPF)	Designation
Ms Dilys Charmaine Boey Mengyi	Chairperson
Mrs Hauw-Quek Soo Hoon	Member
Mr Lee Chak Meng	Member
Mr Chee Yoh Chuang	Member

Info-Communications Technology Sub-Committee (ICT)	Designation
Mr Mark Tham Mun Chun	Chairperson
Mrs Hauw-Quek Soo Hoon (till 18 October 2022)	Member
Mr Ong Lean Wan (till 9 January 2023)	Member
Dr Clifton Phua Chun Wei	Member
Mr Tee Chin Wee	Member

ORGANISATION STRUCTURE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Audit Sub-Committee Business Plan & Finance Sub-Committee

Executive Committee

Legal & Services Sub-Committee

Infocommunications
Technology SubCommittee



GENERAL MANAGER

Community Engagement Case Management Trust Administration Corporate Services

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE EVALUATION CHECKLIST

Enhanced Tier

(1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023)

S/N	l Code Guideline	Code ID	Compliance	Reason
Во	ard Governance			
1	Induction and orientation are provided to incoming governing board members upon joining the Board.	1.1.2	Complied	
	Are there governing board members holding staff¹ appointments?		No	
4	The Treasurer of the charity (or any person holding an equivalent position in the charity, e.g. Finance Committee Chairman or a governing board member responsible for overseeing the finances of the charity) can only serve a maximum of four consecutive years. If the charity has not appointed any governing board member to oversee its finances, it will be presumed that the Chairman oversees the finances of the charity.	1.1.7	Complied	
5	All governing board members must submit themselves for re-nomination and re-appointment, at least once every three years.	1.1.8	Complied	
6	The Board conducts self evaluation to assess its performance and effectiveness once during its term or every three years, whichever is shorter.	1.1.12	Complied	
	Is there any governing board member who has served for more than 10 consecutive years?		Yes	

S/N	Code Guideline	Code ID	Compliance	Reason
Воа	ard Governance (Con't)			
7	The charity discloses in its annual report the reasons for retaining the governing board members who has served for more than 10 consecutive years.	1.1.13	Complied	
8	There are documented terms of reference for the Board and each of its committees.	1.2.1	Complied	
Cor	nflict of Interest			
9	There are documented procedures for governing board members and staff to declare actual or potential conflicts of interest to the Board at the earliest opportunity.		Complied	
10	Governing board members do not vote or participate in decision making on matters where they have a conflict of interest.	2.4	Complied	
Stra	ategic Planning			
11	The Board periodically reviews and approves the strategic plan for the charity to ensure that the charity's activities are in line with the charity's objectives.		Complied	
Hur	man Resource & Volunteer ² Managem	nent		
12	The Board approves documented human resource policies for staff.	5.1	Complied	
13	There is a documented Code of Conduct for governing board members, staff and volunteers (where applicable) which is approved by the Board.		Complied	

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE EVALUATION CHECKLIST

Enhanced Tier

(1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023)

S/N	Code Guideline	Code ID	Compliance	Reason
	man Resource & Volunteer ² Managem			
14	There are processes for regular supervision, appraisal and professional development of staff.		Complied	
	Are there volunteers serving in the charity?		Yes	
15	There are volunteer management policies in place for volunteers.	5.7	Complied	
Fina	ancial Management & Internal Contro	ls		
16	There is a documented policy to seek the Board's approval for any loans, donations, grants or financial assistance provided by the charity which are not part of the charity's core charitable programmes.	6.1.1	Complied	SNTC's Constitution does not explicitly allow granting of loans/donations for activities which are not aligned to our Objects. Hence, there is no need for a documented policy.
	The Board ensures that internal controls for financial matters in key areas are in place with documented procedures.	6.1.2	Complied	
18	The Board ensures that reviews on the charity's internal controls, processes, key programmes and events are regularly conducted.	6.1.3	Complied	
	The Board ensures that there is a process to identify, and regularly monitor and review the charity's key risks.	6.1.4	Complied	

S/N	Code Guideline	Code ID	Compliance	Reason			
Financial Management & Internal Controls (Con't)							
20	The Board approves an annual budget for the charity's plans and regularly monitors the charity's expenditure.		Complied				
	Does the charity invests its reserves (e.g. in fixed deposits)?		Yes				
21	The charity has a documented investment policy approved by the Board.	6.4.3	Complied				
Fun	draising Practices						
	Did the charity receive cash donations (solicited or unsolicited) during the financial year?		Yes				
22	All collections received (solicited or unsolicited) are properly accounted for and promptly deposited by the charity.		Complied				
	Did the charity receive donations in kind during the financial year?		Yes				
23	All donations in kind received are properly recorded and accounted for by the charity.	7.2.3	Complied				
Disc	closure & Transparency						
24	The charity discloses in its annual report - (a) the number of Board meetings in the financial year; and (b) the attendance of every governing board member at those meetings.	:	Complied				

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE EVALUATION CHECKLIST

Enhanced Tier

(1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023)

S/N Code Guideline	Code ID	Compliance	Reason
Disclosure & Transparency (Con't)			
Are governing board members remunerated for their services to the Board?		No	
Does the charity employ paid staff?		Yes	
27 No staff is involved in setting his own remuneration.	2.2	Complied	
The charity discloses in its annual report - (a) the total annual remuneration for each of its three highest paid staff who each has received remuneration (including remuneration received from the charity's subsidiaries) exceeding S\$100,000 during the financial year; and (b) whether any of the three highest paid staff also serves as a governing board member of the charity. The information relating to the remuneration of the staff must be presented in bands of S\$100,000. OR The charity discloses that none of its paid staff receives more than S\$100,000 each in annual remuneration.	8.4	Complied	
The charity discloses the number of paid staff who satisfies all of the following criteria: (a) the staff is a close member of the family belonging to the Executive Head ⁴ or a governing board member of the charity; (b) the staff has received remuneration exceeding S\$50,000 during the financial year. The information relating to the remuneration of the staff must be presented in bands of S\$100,000. OR The charity discloses that there is no paid staff, being a close member of the family belonging to the Executive Head or a governing board member of the charity, who has received remuneration exceeding S\$50,000 during the financial year.	8.5	Complied	
Public Image			
The charity has a documented communication policy on the release of information about the charity and its activities across all media platforms.	9.2	Complied	

1 Staff: Paid or unpaid individual who is involved in the day to day operations of the charity, e.g. an Executive Director or administrative personnel.

2 Volunteer: A person who willingly serves the charity without expectation of any remuneration.

3 Close member of the family: A family member belonging to the Executive Head or a governing board member of a charity —

(a) who may be expected to influence the Executive Head's or governing board member's (as the case may be) dealings with the charity; or

(b) who may be influenced by the Executive Head or governing board member (as the case may be) in the family member's dealings with the charity.

A close member of the family may include the following:

(a) the child or spouse of the Executive Head or governing board member;

(b) the stepchild of the Executive Head or governing board member;

(c) the dependant of the Executive Head or governing board member;

(d) the dependant of the Executive Head's or governing board member's spouse.

4 Executive Head: The most senior staff member in charge of the charity's staff.

CORPORATE COVERNANCE

- GOVERNING INSTRUMENT
 - The governing instrument of SNTC is its Constitution.

PRINCIPAL FUNDING SOURCES

- SNTC receives funding for its operating expenses from MSF. Donations received from the public are used to help families who meet the means-testing criteria to set up an SNTC trust by providing them with the initial capital sum and/or co-pay the premiums for the Great Eastern Cares Term Plan.
- WHISTLE-BLOWING POLICY

Employees of SNTC and members of the public who wish to bring up concerns about possible malpractices or impropriety in SNTC can write to the Chairman of SNTC's Audit Sub-Committee. Subject to legal and regulatory obligations, SNTC shall treat all feedback with strict confidence and appropriate action will be taken to address the feedback and ensuing findings. Employees and parties who raise their concerns in good faith need not be worried about adverse consequences, regardless of the outcome of the investigation.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST MANAGEMENT

Directors, employees, and volunteers are expected to conduct their dealings with internal stakeholders, clients, vendors, partners and the public at large with honesty and integrity. Where directors, employees, or volunteers are involved in any relationships or external activities that may pose a potential or actual conflict of interest in relation to their roles in SNTC, they must declare this conflict to SNTC.

Conflict of interest is declared annually and whenever a potential or actual conflict occurs.

To ensure impartiality and fairness in decision making, employees, directors or volunteers who have a potential or actual conflict of interest are not allowed to participate in any discussion or decision making process pertaining to the matter in question.

RESERVES

"Reserves" refer to the portion of SNTC's funds that the Board has the discretion to use for its operating purposes to ensure longterm sustainability. The Board reviews the reserves level regularly to ensure its adequacy in meeting SNTC's continuing obligations.

In light of SNTC's current income source, expenditure needs, and external environment, the Board aims to maintain a reserves level of up to two years' of SNTC's annual operating expenditure. Under its Funding Agreement with MSF, SNTC is required to refund reserves in excess of two years of operating expenditure to MSF. The Board agrees that this level of reserves is appropriately and prudently derived to provide financial stability and to ensure that SNTC's clients will not be abruptly deprived of essential services in the event of unforeseen cut in funding from MSF.

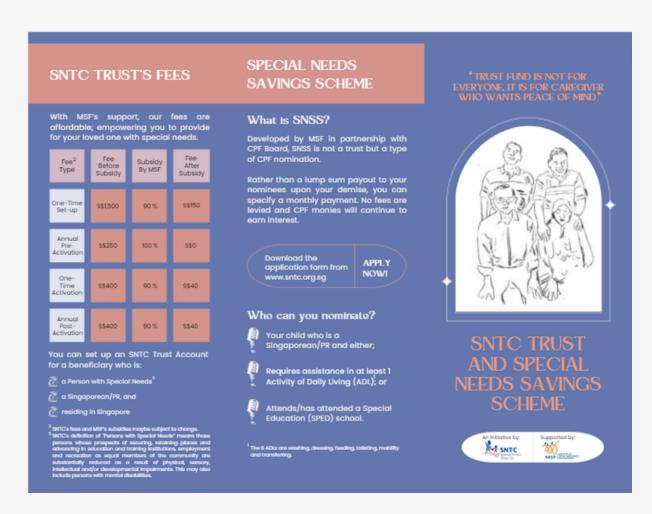
Public education remains an integral part of SNTC's outreach efforts. Previous studies have shown that a piece of information needs to be repeated at least three times to store it as long-term memory. Consistent with this idea, on top of our regular in-house talks, we aim to penetrate the market further by collaborating with organisations that have shown commitment to providing valuable services to the special needs community.

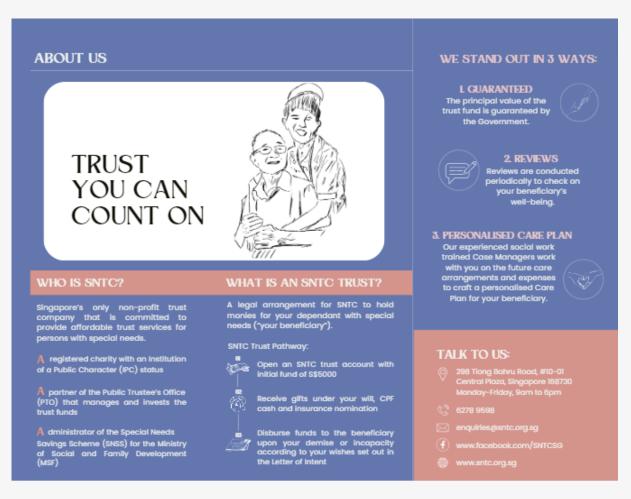
As of 31 March 2023, we have successfully reached out to 23,703 caregivers and professionals through our talks, workshops, and booths to raise awareness of the importance of planning for loved ones with special needs.

Towards the end of the financial year, we are honoured to be granted the opportunity to set up physical booths at Special Education (SPED) schools like MINDS and Grace Orchard School during their Parent-Teacher Conference. It has provided us with a platform to interact with parents and educate them on how SNTC's services could benefit their children with special needs.

A brand-new look for the new financial year!

This year, we decided to comb through our old collaterals to see how we could better deliver pockets of information on SNTC's services to caregivers. The first thought we had in mind was to experiment with our corporate colours, the iconic blue and peach.





New English Brochures (SNTC Trust & SNSS)





New Chinese Brochures (SNTC Trust & SNSS)



New GOAL Brochures (English)



New GOAL Brochures (Chinese)



New SNTC Trust & SNSS Standees





New GOAL Standee

New Standees!

Our standees are back with a fresh look as well! This year, we have decided to go with a double-sided roll-up standee instead of one.

The first page summarises SNTC's services, while the second page features our clients' testimonials.

We kept the theme consistent for both SNTC and GOAL standees by matching our corporate colours.

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My Water Baby Child

I would call her water baby.

At 20 years old, XH still loves her friend in water. The feel. The sound and the splash excite her.

XH was officially diagnosed when she was about two years old. It was a bad time of guilt, blame and fear. Previously her development was a little tardy. I didn't think too much about it. Neighbours encouraged me to use television and radio to help her until she was one year old. Then XH was enrolled into "dou dou" class - a nursery where, her teacher informed us that we should perhaps start the ball rolling and get her started on an early intervention program.

My Water Baby Child

She used to be able to mumble some sounds, but not anymore. She needs round the clock care - feeding, toileting, etc. Sometimes she will drive me crazy - perhaps all children are meant to do. She does a crow-like sound reacting to things that upsets her. I sometimes do likewise in retaliation. We became a homemade orchestra.

Yet, every milestone I reached with her, no matter how small, always filled me and her brother with such elation.

And just making a diaper modification feels that I have arrived and one more step to overcoming the challenges of taking care of her. While XH has her own timeline of growth, my husband, feeling the strain and frustration of parenting a special needs, amongst the burden of providing for the family, was falling apart.

My Water Baby Child

Rock bottom twice over

The first time it happens:

The sadness had been intense. The questions were numerous. Why? Many Whys? So I had assumed pleading with the third party's conscience would help. It did. She stepped back. The first time. Relief, I assumed the mistress is the only one there was or ever will be.

We tried. Things were seemingly normal for a while. I tried at every turn to satisfy and please my husband. Literally everything.

My Water Baby Child

Who's to say he won't find another? How many mistresses am I going to go after? It finally happened. Second time and betrayed again. It's over, I probably knew back then but the pain was too much to bear. The pain, had I accepted it then would be horrendous. Denial was the easy way.

I lost confidence, I lost hope of ever finding happiness again. I've given that man everything, made so many sacrifices for the family, and now he wants to leave the family.

I would not know that I finally walked into freedom.

My Water Baby Child

After the fallout

After the divorce, the separation seems the hardest for many. In my case, it was a triple problem: financially dependent, deeply reliant on ex-husband to manage household affairs (planning, insurance, utility), ill-proficient in the business working language.

"I couldn't understand much English."

I asked my son's teachers.

I asked social workers.

I learned as I go and as much as I can."

My Water Baby Child

There's tricky negotiation over property too. While the loss of housing and a husband strikes deep, I have some gains. Because there is some alimony; I could begin planning. Before it was often on his whims and fancy to have some household allowance that comes in drapes and drips when he began losing his affection for me. I began to look at future planning for everyone, including my son, who is now 16 years old. I do have regrets every time I see him.

At the tender age of seven, a primary one child, he would tell me that, "we can survive alone," when fear would consume me.

Give him the divorce. You can't make someone want what they don't want.

My Water Baby Child

SNTC as a friend

Setting up SNTC Trust took about one and-a-half year, often hesitant and asking many questions and seeking answers. I am so very glad that I came to understand the services and the sponsorship program that I now come to benefit. I was able to tap on the initial \$5,000 and then further tap on a matching grant of up to \$5,000 to help with the minimal premium for the Great Eastern Cares Term Plan.

I like to reduce the boy's load. There are many scenarios, he may get married and have a house of his own. If he is not planning to get married, he could stay with his sister. Either way, I want his sister not to be a burden.

My Water Baby Child

Seductively, I had hoped that my ex-husband would offer to top up the trust account but he did not. Admittedly, I was reduced to a sense of bitterness. I don't hate him, that would be a strong word, just sad. Divorce happens between a man and woman, husband and wife, not between parents.

I met him sometimes when he comes over. He looks happy. I realised that I wasn't going to say any of the one-liners that had queued up in my head and to deal with the pain and chaos his decision had caused. But I stopped. I knew I wasn't going to say anything personal to him ever again.

My Water Baby Child

Roof over the head

There are days when everything I see is my loss. It is true that I have lost much right down to the roof over my head. I live with my mother-in-law, ironically. Whatever the reason, this living situation can come with its own challenges. It's easy to get on each other's nerves when living in tight quarters. Disagreements aren't uncommon but mostly I will avoid with self-reflection and a sense of gratitude.

Expressed wrongly in a tonality that is badly perceived, good intention becomes bad.

My Water Baby Child

XH's affair with water causes some problem of littering and wetting the floor. It can be a safety hazard for my ex-mother-in-law. I wipe after her, now thankful that I can still take care of her with my old bones and have a dwelling.

At present

I live my life differently now. Whatever I don't understand, I learn to understand. I try not to repeat my mistakes. I don't use rock to hit my own leg; believing something that is beyond saved. I don't assume that love will last, or look forward beyond tomorrow. I am proud of the plans that I made for XH and her brother. That is the one thing I have done well and am very proud to have achieved.

My Water Baby Child

Upon XH's graduation from the special needs school, I had planned to tag her along as I join some community art workshop but of late, she has taken to more frequent episode of seizure especially during her menstruation and her not receiving enough rest. There are usually warnings. She begins to twitch, her body not hers, jerks or spasms - a big electric jolt to her mind and body; coming in clusters, almost like hiccups.

While I long to have family outings with her, these episodes made them impossible. I would often comfort myself that it is better to stay indoors as glare and stares make me feel so uncomfortable.

My Water Baby Child

Now, my days as full-time caregivers are spent taking care of her and her brother.

Me, myself and I

I read novels to enrich myself and appreciate the little things that matter. I am not the most unhealthy nor healthy with arthritis and planning my demise to be around 70 but hope to live longer so I get to see XH and her brother.

Fundamentally, no matter what promises we make, the truth is that today is all we have.

A DAY TO REMEMBER

26 November 2022 marks the return of SNTC's physical year-end event after a hiatus of three years due to the ongoing COVID-19. This year, we have decided to host the event at SNTC's premise, an intimate space for our 30 sponsored* families.

We welcomed each family with a "door gift" comprising of \$50 NTUC gift voucher, customised SNTC EZ-link card, an umbrella and a notebook. Thereafter, our guests are free to roam around the different stations in a "fun-fair" theme event. SNTC's staff and volunteers (i.e. ex-colleagues and SNTC's clients) are stationed on standby and/or at each booth to manage the traffic flow.



Customised in-house EZ-link card

We would like to thank STEP for their generosity in sponsoring the purchase of EZ-link cards for SNTC's beneficiaries as part of early Christmas gifts.

A DAY TO REMEMBER

Some of the programmes we had in place include (1) Nagomi pastel art lesson, (2) sensory bottles' workshop conducted by SNTC's staff, (3) simple stretching and mobility classes for caregivers, and (4) massage services for our caregivers.

We have also engaged an external photo booth vendor to help us capture this memorable day.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all staff, volunteers, and vendors for making this event a success for our guests!



Beautiful moments captured forever



Nagomi art works created by our beneficiaries

IN THE PIPELINE

We have exciting news to share!

As part of our outreach efforts, we will be engaging a video production company to help us create four new videos. Featuring the perspectives of both caregivers and their loved ones with special needs, we aim to document the reality of caring for loved ones with special needs, while empowering viewers to seek help and tap on organisations like SG Enable and SNTC for valuable resources.

We plan to release our first video during the launch of our Financial Care Plan (FCP) generator, an online calculator that allows caregiver and the general public to have an estimate of how much money they would need to set aside for their loved ones with special needs.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2023

	2023 (\$)	2022 (\$)
Restricted Funds		
Accumulated Fund	4,314,878	4,109,196
Financial Assistance Fund	412,695	471,638
Care and Share Fund	22,157	57,278
GOAL Sponsorship Fund	1,178,088	983,240
IT Security Operations Fund	76,997	-
	6,004,815	5,621,352
Represented by:		
Non-current Assets		
Plant and equipment	348,272	64,744
Right-of-use asset	7,550	9,999
Current Assets	8,035,002	6,400,790
Less: Current Liabilities	(2,275,084)	(846,415)
Net Current Assets	5,759,918	5,554,375
Less: Non-current Liabilities	(110,925)	(7,766)
	6,004,815	5,621,352
Trust Fund		
Trust amount held by Public Trustee's Office	49,837,546	42,636,342
Less: SNTC Trust Fund due to principals	(49,837,546)	(42,636,342)
Monies held on behalf of SSH	22,468	16,682
Less: Monies held on behalf of SSH	(22,468)	(16,682)

Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 March 2023

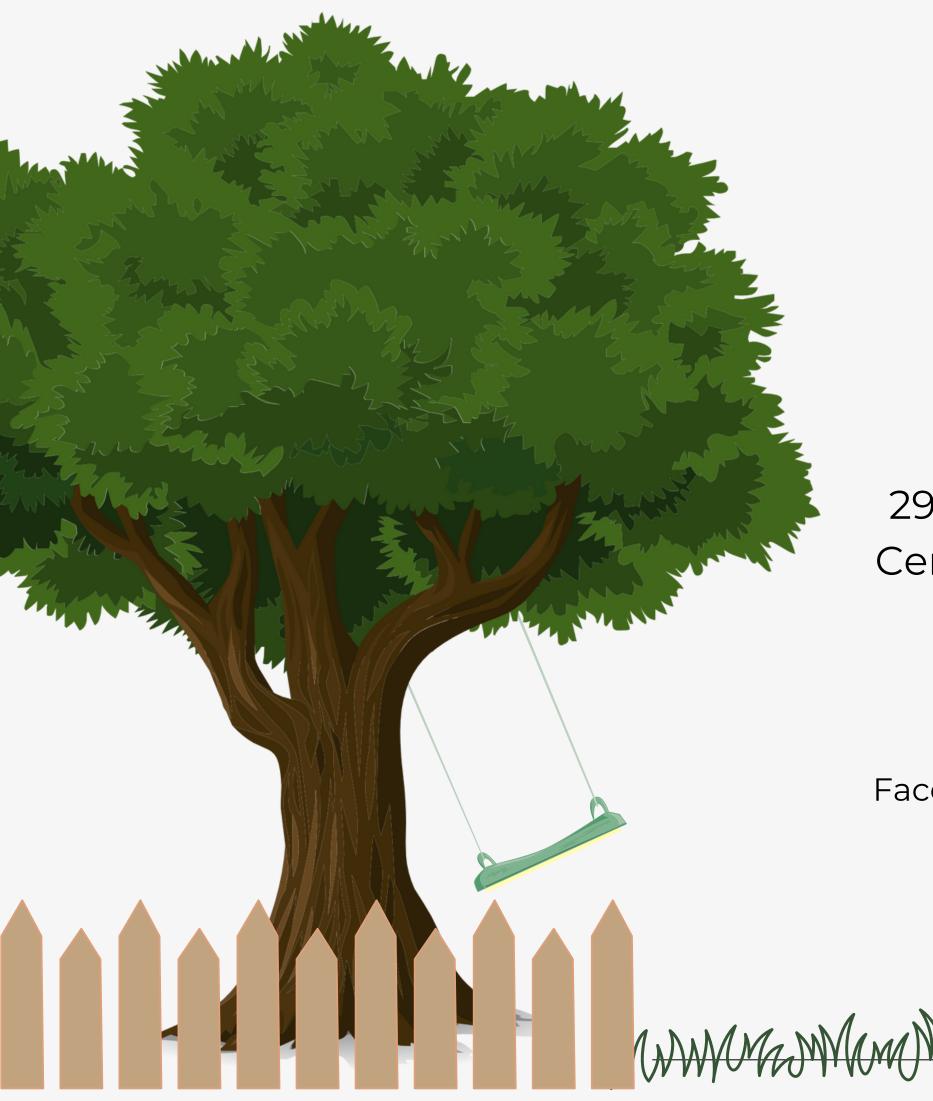
	2023 (\$)	2022 (\$)
Income		
Trustee's Fees	20,570	16,670
Donations	294,172	1,066,736
Donation-in-kind	9,450	8,441
Wage credit scheme	(694)	23,275
Interest income	97,908	9,593
Other income	21,803	8,974
	443,209	1,133,689
Expenditure		
Expenditure of manpower	1,873,259	1,856,199
Other operating expenditure	495,817	281,885
	2,369,076	2,138,084
(Deficit)/Surplus Before Grant Income	(1,925,867)	(1,004,395)
Government grant income	2,953,176	2,542,900
Net surplus for the year	1,027,309	1,538,505

Expenditure and Fund-raising plans for FY23/24

SNTC's expenditure in FY23/24 is expected to comprise mainly expenditure on manpower, administrative/overheads, expenditure on enhancing IT security operations, outreach and community engagement and governance costs. The funding from the government will help defray these operating costs.

SNTC will continue to raise funds through online platform (Giving SG) and use the donations received to help lower-income families with the initial capital to set up an SNTC trust for their special needs dependents and/or co-pay the premiums for the Great Eastern Cares Term Plan which is irrevocably nominated to the trust.

Please visit www.sntc.org.sg for the full financial statements for FY22/23.





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