

SNTConnects

Biannual newsletter for
caregivers and partners



Dear Caregivers and Partners,

We had a fruitful start to our year with new initiatives and increased partnerships to serve the community of special needs. We announced a collaboration with Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura (Muis), participated in various events in the community, and even had our posters displayed island-wide!

Find out what we had been busy with in the first half of 2019 and discover events that are coming up next. As always, feel free to send us your feedback or comments to enquiries@sntc.org.sg.

2019 SO FAR



Muis Support for Persons with Special Needs

On 1 Feb 2019, Muis and SNTC signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for the **Muis Support for Persons with Special Needs Scheme**, a joint partnership to provide financial support for Muslim families having dependants with special needs.

Muis will sponsor up to \$10,000 for each beneficiary who is under the scheme to set up an SNTC trust account, of which \$5,000 will cover the initial deposit to set up the trust, and subsequently up to \$5,000 on a matching contribution basis.

With the generous support from Muis, more low- to middle-income Muslim families are able to set up an SNTC trust as a legal safeguard for their dependants.

For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/MuisSponsorship>

A Peace of Mind

Madam Lenny, who has a daughter with intellectual disability, was relieved to set up an SNTC trust with the Muis sponsorship. With a family of five, Madam Lenny and her husband originally faced difficulties raising the initial deposit of \$5,000 to set up the trust.

Besides the trust, SNTC's Case Managers also helped Madam Lenny develop a care plan that details long-term care arrangements for her daughter, and will continue to conduct reviews with the family regularly.

"Previously I was struggling to save up to set up the [trust]. Now, I will put the savings that I have to good use, such as for insurance policies," said Madam Lenny.

EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

As SNTC steps up efforts in reaching out to the community, we have been actively involved in several purposeful events to raise awareness of the importance of future planning.



World Down Syndrome Day 2019

On 16 March, SNTC took part in *World Down Syndrome Day 2019* organised by Down Syndrome Association. The event was buzzing with fun-filled activities for participants. SNTC held a booth to provide public education about our services and also joined in the cheery atmosphere by giving out handmade origami.



Let's Play! Event Series

We were also delighted to partake in Let's Play! Events – a series of inclusive play events in support of the See the True Me campaign. Awareness booths by SNTC were set up at PAssion WaVe @ Pasir Ris and Bedok Reservoir on 4 May and 1 June respectively.



World Health Day 2019

SNTC joined various community groups at West Coast Community Club to celebrate *World Health Day* on 7 April. More than 600 people registered and SNTC was invited to deliver a talk on SNTC trust services and deputyship - a good way to bring greater awareness about our services to the community.



Talk for Members of Life Insurance Association

With support from Life Insurance Association (LIA), SNTC conducted a talk on our services to over 70 agents and advisors. A small regular premium paid for insurance could provide a significant financial resource for beneficiaries' trust accounts to provide for their future care needs. The talk to raise awareness among participants was held at Enabling Village on 12 April and it was well-received.

Feedback from Participants

"I hope SNTC continues the good work they do. I think your work goes a long way in alleviating the fears of families, especially lower-income families, towards their children managing finances."

- Professional Investment Advisory Services (PIAS)

"It was an eye opener to me and [I] really benefited from it..."

- Great Eastern Life

"Recently I got to know that an insurance director's personal assistant may have a child with special needs, and I forwarded your information to them. I hope more people know more about your services."

- Great Eastern Life

WHAT'S BUZZING ON FACEBOOK



**New Facebook Series:
Testimonials from Partners**

We are grateful to have received various testimonials from partners who organise talks for caregivers and professionals with us. Find out what they said by searching **#SNTCTestimonial**. We hope their words will encourage more caregivers in our midst to take the first steps in planning ahead for their loved ones with special needs.

Like and share our posts to spread the word!

CPF Nominations

Cash Nomination
Nominee will receive CPF savings in cash via:
1) Cheque
2) GIRO

Enhanced Nomination
Nominee will receive CPF savings in CPF account:

Special Needs Savings Scheme
Child with special needs will receive CPF savings on a monthly payout:

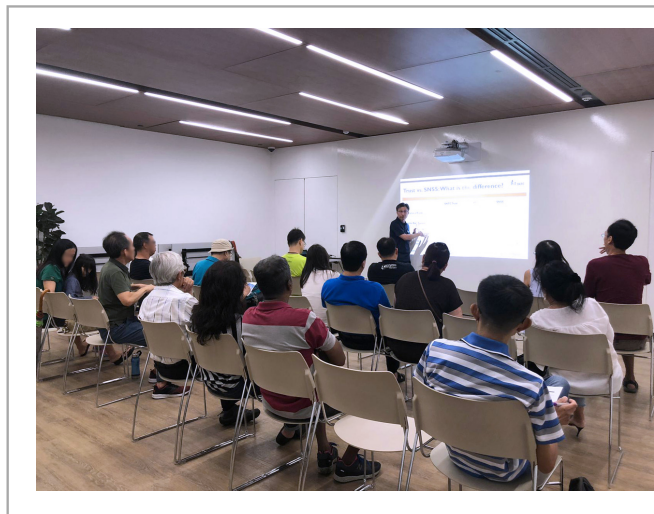
**Most Popular Facebook Post:
Types of CPF Nominations**

Shared 13 times and reached over 1k people!

One of our most popular posts, which was from the Estate Planning Educational Series, detailed the types of CPF nominations available.

Check out the series here:
<http://bit.ly/SNTC-EstatePlanningPosts>

FUN FACTS



Public Talks in Libraries

Did you know? SNTC has been conducting talks in several public libraries since April 2019. With support from National Library Board (NLB), we hope to create public awareness on the need for future planning for persons with special needs. Interested to attend one of these talks? Find out more through:

Facebook events: <http://bit.ly/SNTCEvents> or
GoLibrary events: <http://bit.ly/SNTC-NLB-Events>

SNTC's Posters Island-wide

Did you spot SNTC's posters in your neighbourhood community clubs (CCs)? In collaboration with People's Association, all 108 CCs in Singapore carried our posters in March and April. Check out the photos on the right which were taken at Marine Parade and Potong Pasir CCs.



UPCOMING EVENTS



如何为特需亲人规划 财务上的保障

题目: 代理人, 遗嘱, 持久授权书
日期: 2019年8月17日, 星期六
时间: 9:30am - 12:30pm
语言: 华语



Future Care Planning for Your Loved Ones with Special Needs

Topics: Deputyship, Will Writing, LPA
Date: 14 Sep 2019, Sat
Time: 9:30am - 12:30pm
Language: English

Special Needs Trust - Why it Matters? 特需信托 - 为什么重要?

JULY

5 July (Fri), 4pm - 5pm
19 July (Fri), 4pm - 5pm

To register, call 6278 9598 or
email enquiries@sntc.org.sg

七月

7月5日 (星期五), 4pm - 5pm
7月19日 (星期五), 4pm - 5pm

若有兴趣, 请拨打 6278 9598 或
电邮致 enquiries@sntc.org.sg

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Bi-Weekly Friday Talks: Special Needs Trust - Why It Matters? (特需信托 - 为什么重要?)

Topics: Special Needs Trust &
Special Needs Savings Scheme (SNSS)
Language: English & Mandarin

For enquiries and registration, please call 6278 9598 or email us at enquiries@sntc.org.sg.

Check out our website and Facebook page for future updates!



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us on Facebook!

PRO TIP

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Caregivers Pod

On 30 April, SNTC was invited to conduct a talk for participants at the open house of the Caregivers Pod – a common dedicated space at the Enabling Village for caregivers to organise peer support sessions and get-togethers.

Learn more about the Caregivers Pod here:
<http://bit.ly/EV-CaregiversPod>

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