

UOB donates 1,000 care packs to help disadvantaged families to fend off COVID-19



20 student volunteers from Pathlight School lending a helping hand to prepare UOB Heartbeat care packs. These care packs will be distributed to disadvantaged families to help them fend off COVID-19.

Singapore, 20 February 2020 – United Overseas Bank (UOB) has teamed up with Central Singapore Community Development Council (CDC) and Pathlight School to provide UOB Heartbeat care packs to needy residents to help them protect against COVID-19.

Ms Lilian Chong, Executive Director, Group Strategic Communications and Brand, UOB, said, “Families in Singapore are doing their best to protect and to care for their loved ones during this protracted period of uncertainty. Knowing this, we wanted to help those who might not have the resources that others do to procure essentials such as surgical face masks and anti-bacterial gels which are in high demand. Working together with our partners and volunteers, we are giving care packs which include these products to support the members of our community and to keep the good going.”

UOB employee volunteers sourced for and acquired 1,000 sets of essential items for the residents. Each UOB Heartbeat care pack comprises five surgical face masks, a bottle each of anti-bacterial handwash and hand sanitiser, and two bottles of Vitamin C pastilles. The care packs were put together by student volunteers from Pathlight School and will be distributed to needy residents in the Central Singapore District from 22 February.

Ms Denise Phua, Mayor of Central Singapore, said, "Singapore can only be stronger when we continue to look out for one another and not hesitate to take practical steps to support the more vulnerable amongst us. I am heartened by UOB's timely and thoughtful gesture to provide useful items to counter COVID-19 for the more disadvantaged residents in Central Singapore District. I am also touched that the staff and students of Pathlight so readily and happily agreed to help pack the love gift, when given the volunteering opportunity. It is this do-good SG-Together spirit in times such as this that make for a home we can be so proud of."

Mr Shawn Dillon Siew, aged 18, a vocational track student who was one of the 20 student volunteers at Pathlight School said, "Giving back to society is rewarding. I am really happy to contribute and play a part to help others in our community. "

This initiative is among a series of activities and programmes that UOB is running in its commitment to help its retail and corporate customers, colleagues and the community tide over the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak.

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About United Overseas Bank

United Overseas Bank Limited (UOB) is a leading bank in Asia with a global network of more than 500 offices in 19 countries and territories in Asia Pacific, Europe and North America. Since its incorporation in 1935, UOB has grown organically and through a series of strategic acquisitions. UOB is rated among the world's top banks: Aa1 by Moody's and AA- by both Standard & Poor's and Fitch Ratings. In Asia, UOB operates through its head office in Singapore and banking subsidiaries in China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam, as well as branches and representative offices across the region.



Over more than eight decades, generations of UOB employees have carried through the entrepreneurial spirit, the focus on long-term value creation and an unwavering commitment to do what is right for our customers and our colleagues.

We believe in being a responsible financial services provider and we are committed to making a difference in the lives of our stakeholders and in the communities in which we operate. Just as we are dedicated to helping our customers manage their finances wisely and to grow their businesses, UOB is steadfast in our support of social development, particularly in the areas of art, children and education.

About Pathlight School

Pathlight School is the first autism-focused school in Singapore that offers Singapore's mainstream academic curriculum together with life readiness skills. It caters to students on the autism spectrum and related conditions, aged 7 to 18 years, who are cognitively able to access mainstream academic curriculum but require additional support such as smaller class sizes, special accommodations and teaching staff trained in autism.

The School was established by Autism Resource Centre (Singapore) at the invitation of the Ministry of Education (MOE) and started operations in January 2004 with just 41 students. Today, it has 1,600 students and is one of the fastest growing and progressive special schools in Singapore.

About Central Singapore Community Development Council

Lying at the heart of Singapore, the Central Singapore Community Development Council (CDC) serves close to one million residents living in Ang Mo Kio, Bishan-Toa Payoh, Jalan Besar and Tanjong Pagar Group Representation Constituencies (GRCs), and Radin Mas, Potong Pasir, and Sengkang West Single Member Constituencies (SMCs). The CDC envisions a self-reliant, vibrant and inclusive Central Singapore District. It works in close partnership with schools, voluntary welfare organisations (VWOs), grassroots organisations (GROs), government and commercial agencies to fulfil its mission of assisting the needy, bonding the people and connecting the community.

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