

# COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR COVID-19

**AS SINGAPORE'S NATIONAL POSTAL SERVICE PROVIDER FOR MORE THAN 160 YEARS, SINGPOST REMAINED COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING THE NATION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

As an essential service with the most pervasive delivery infrastructure and network in Singapore, SingPost recognised its potential in contributing to the national fight against COVID-19. To this effect, it partnered with several organisations and government agencies, providing its delivery services in nationwide distributions of health supplies and resources.

SingPost supported Temasek Foundation in its nationwide distribution of redemption leaflets for oximeters to 1.48 million households. It also assisted Temasek in delivering mouth gargle bottles to over 770,000 1-4 room HDB flats across Singapore. For those with green thumbs, SingPost partnered with the National Parks Board to distribute seed packets nationwide during the pandemic.

During festive periods throughout the year, SingPost organised Silver Giftings fund-raising initiatives where meals, care packs, and necessities such as groceries and walking sticks were distributed to the elderly in the community. Over 100 staff volunteers hand-delivered these items to the senior beneficiaries, a commendable number considering safe management measures in place during the time. Employees gave about S\$20,000 during the year, which benefited over 300 elderly beneficiaries.

SingPost also supported Penpals in the Community, a ground-up initiative promoting intergenerational bonds through letter writing between seniors and the younger generation. SingPost sponsored specially designed letter-writing kits, including postage, postcards, and envelopes, and the movement has grown to 370 penpal volunteers to date.



Postmen sorting out old uniforms for SingPost's upcycling initiative, Re:Post

In Australia, CouriersPlease contributed to the Movember initiative which supports men's mental health and suicide prevention, prostate cancer, and testicular cancer, raising about AUD\$5,000 in 2021. CouriersPlease also participated in the Vinnies CEO Sleepout to raise funds and awareness of the issues of homelessness.

In FY2021/22, SingPost also launched its Re:Post initiative where old postal uniforms replaced during a company-wide uniform redesign in 2020 would be upcycled into practical lifestyle products, with sales proceeds of these items going to South West Community Development Council in support of its South West Caregiver Support Fund and Meals Service @ South West. Three social enterprises were engaged

to design and produce the products from various uniforms, and they in turn brought on 138 crafters and volunteers in the community such as stay-home caregivers and seniors in active ageing centres.

SingPost's donations and sponsorships totalled over S\$300,000 during the financial year. These included nationwide distributions of necessities, contributions to Community Chest's employee payroll donation matching programme (SHARE) and fund-raising initiatives by partners (SGX Bull Charge, NTUC-U Care fund and charity golf event), as well as its support for the annual UTES – U Care Bursary awards. SingPost also placed donation tins from AMKFSC Community Services in Post Offices to enable them to raise funds for their programmes and beneficiaries.