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Dover Park Hospice Honours 1041 Departed Patients at Annual Rose for Remembrance Memorial Event

***Unveils calming scent “Every Moment Matters”
specially blended to bring comfort and peace to grieving family members***

SINGAPORE, 16 AUGUST 2025 – Dover Park Hospice held its annual **Rose for Remembrance** event today, a heartfelt memorial service to honour and commemorate the hospice’s 1041 departed patients who have passed between April 2024 to March 2025. The private memorial event was held at the Ng Teng Fong Centre for Healthcare Innovation with close to 180 family members in attendance. Initiated in 2003, the memorial event aims to commemorate and cherish the memories of the departed and serve as a support network for bereaved family members.

Healing through Scent, Sound and Touch

As part of the healing process, the bereaved engage in a guided experiential activity especially curated by our Art Therapists to create a Memory Jar. This Memory Jar, made with different textures that evoke memories, serves as a vessel of the memories, feelings, thoughts, and love that the bereaved have for their loved ones who have since departed. It is a tangible reminder of their loved ones and a tool for processing emotions and finding meaning in their loss.

Introduction of “Every Moment Matters” Scent

In palliative care, comfort goes beyond medicine – it is about creating an environment that feels safe, warm and comforting. To enhance this experience, Dover Park Hospice is introducing a specially curated scent created in collaboration with Nila Singapore Pte Ltd. This scent, aptly named Dover Park Hospice’s tagline “Every Moment Matters” is an essential oil blend which will

be eventually used in diffusers throughout the hospice to create a calming and comforting atmosphere.

Ms Martha Ng, Head, Social Work and Psychosocial Services at Dover Park Hospice, said, “Memorial services are crucial for honouring loved ones and supporting the grieving process. They bring communities together, fostering collective healing and ensuring that no one grieves alone. This service was thoughtfully designed to provide participants with a multi-sensory experience, creating a safe space for grief. Through scent, sound, and touch, we help participants remember their loved ones and connect deeply with their memories and emotions. We hope that this introduction of our *“Every Moment Matters”* essential oil blend will convey our thoughts to the families, letting them know that we also share in their pain of losing their loved ones and bring them some comfort to know that they are not alone in this journey of grief.”

Caring for the Caregivers

Dover Park Hospice goes beyond caring for patients with life-limiting illnesses in their final moments, also extending support to their caregivers after the ones in their care have passed. Grief and bereavement care at Dover Park Hospice support individuals in processing loss and enables them to navigate and adjust holistically following the loss of their loved ones, addressing their physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual needs. Providing a safe space and strong support network reduces isolation and fosters connection, helping the bereaved find comfort in shared experiences. The memorial event reinforces to families that they are not alone, emphasising the healing power of community in their grieving journey.

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About Dover Park Hospice

Founded in 1992, Dover Park Hospice is Singapore's first purpose-built hospice, catering to those nearing their end of life's journey. As a secular, non-profit organisation, it opens doors to people of every age, race, religion, and income level. Through a transdisciplinary team comprising doctors and nurses, medical social workers, art therapists, music therapists, physiotherapists and occupational therapists, the team jointly assesses, discuss and plans for the care of the patients and support for their caregivers.

Over the years, Dover Park Hospice has served over 22,000 patients and families, providing holistic palliative care in meeting their physiological, emotional, psychosocial and spiritual needs. Through its Integrated Palliative Care Programme comprising Inpatient, Home Care and Day Care services, it ensures seamless continuity of care for patients in different care settings, based on the trajectory of their illnesses.

Since its move to the TTSH Integrated Care Hub, Dover Park Hospice has expanded its capacity to support patients from across Singapore while delivering better care through its close proximity and integration with Tan Tock Seng Hospital and other healthcare institutions as part of HealthCity Novena.

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