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Dover Park Hospice Raises \$937,933 at its Annual Sunflower Charity Gala 2025

Health Minister Ong Ye Kung's Chinese Calligraphy Fetches \$20,000 as One of the Auction Items

SINGAPORE, 7 September 2025 – Dover Park Hospice raised \$937,933 at its signature annual Sunflower Charity Gala this year, with Mr Ong Ye Kung, Minister for Health and Coordinating Minister for Social Policies as its Guest-of-Honour. For this event, Minister Ong specially created a Chinese Calligraphy piece titled “福寿康宁 (Blessings, Longevity, Health and Peace)”, which embody the wishes of prosperity, long life, good health and harmony—as one of the auction items. Close to 460 guests attended the annual charity gala at The Ritz-Carlton, Millenia Singapore. Their contributions will ensure the continued support and advancement of the Hospice’s vital programmes and services including Inpatient care, Day Care and Home Care for patients with life-limiting illnesses.

With the theme “In Full Bloom”, the annual fundraiser was a heartfelt celebration of life in honouring the dignity, care and compassion that enables each individual to flourish, even in life’s final season. Many of the guests were dressed in floral attire and enjoyed a sumptuous four-course fusion dinner prepared by the culinary team at The Ritz-Carlton, Millenia Singapore. The evening, hosted by charismatic emcee Bobby Tonelli, opened with a captivating performance featuring contemporary dancers set against a stunning 3D projection mapping backdrop. The entertainment continued with acapella renditions of “This Is Me” from *The Greatest Showman* and ABBA’s “Mamma Mia”, performed by Syncopella from the School of the Arts. DJ Cherish kept the atmosphere lively with an upbeat soundtrack that drew guests to the dance floor.

The evening also featured a touching and inspiring story of Ms Lim Meng Joke, a non-verbal patient with congenital heart failure, under the care of Dover Park Hospice Home Care. Support from donors and the Dover Park Hospice Home Care multidisciplinary medical and nursing team and Art Therapist, have empowered Ms Lim with a safe space to express herself and reconnect with her love for drawing.

The silent auction featured 14 unique items - a Chinese calligraphy piece 福寿康宁 (Blessings, Longevity, Health and Peace) specially created by Minister Ong Ye Kung, a stunning transformative kinetic orchid ring by The Canary Diamond Co, celebrating 60 brilliant years of Singapore, a diamond-encrusted crocodile leather KWANPEN bag, two original artworks by acclaimed performance painter David Garibaldi, an exquisite 40-year-old Highland Park Single Malt Scotch Whisky, a two-night onsen retreat at Banyan Tree Higashiyama Kyoto and a set of four signed trays by local contemporary artist and cultural medallion recipient, Mr Goh Beng Kwan. In a touching gesture of support, Dover Park Hospice Day Care Client, Mr Ong Chin Say, also contributed a painting titled “A Carefree Moment” created during his art therapy sessions.

Charitable contributions have become increasingly vital for the Dover Park Hospice to support patients as the demand for palliative care rises. This is reflected in an approximate 30% increase in the Hospice's total patient load. Meanwhile, Dover Park Hospice has made significant progress in enhancing patient care. Notably, through its partnership with Tan Tock Seng Hospital on the Integrated Palliative Care Programme pilot, which aims to provide seamless transfer of care from hospital to hospice, for patients with life-limiting illnesses. To serve more patients, the hospice has also expanded its home care services across Singapore since 1 April 2024. In addition, Dover Park Hospice harnesses technology to humanise care, such as introducing Virtual Reality (VR) journeys to allow patients to virtually visit desired places, helping them to create memories with loved ones.

Mr Johnny Lam, Chairman of Dover Park Hospice Fundraising Sub-committee, said, "Dover Park Hospice remains dedicated to supporting our patients with life-limiting illnesses and their caregivers, tirelessly seeking opportunities for growth and improvement in the delivery of care. This progress is made possible only with the generous support of our donors, whose belief in our work fuels our mission and helps us make every moment matter for those we serve."

Donations to Dover Park Hospice can be made at the following link till 30 September 2025.

<https://www.doverpark.org.sg/donate/campaign/dover-park-hospice-charity-gala-2025/>

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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, discusses 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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