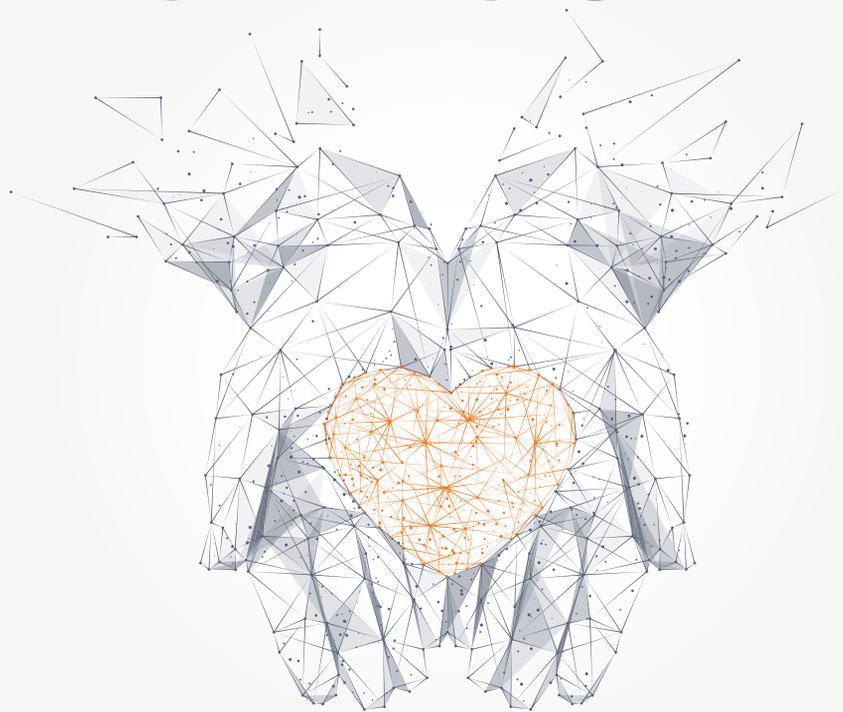


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MESSAGE FROM

CHAIRPERSON

Mdm Ho Geok Choo

NCCS Cancer Fund and NCC Research Fund



2019 was an eventful year as the fundraising team organised a host of events that helped raise a total of \$16 million for the NCCS Cancer Fund and NCC Research Fund. With the generosity and continued support from our donors, volunteers and partners, the National Cancer Centre Singapore (NCCS) was able to continue pioneering cancer research and initiatives to advance patient care through the two funds.

Towards the end of the fiscal year, the COVID-19 pandemic took the world by surprise. While the outbreak has affected work and life, we are heartened by how the community has rallied to our cause to help the more vulnerable or less privileged, through monetary donations or support for NCCS' fundraising efforts.

As face-to-face events are not allowed during this COVID-19 period, we have channeled all our fundraising efforts online. NCCS' Be the Light of Hope e-campaign was launched in June 2020 to support needy cancer patients who need emergency financial assistance for purposes like medication and transportation to NCCS for treatment, through the NCCS Cancer Fund. We continue to seek community support for this much-needed campaign during these challenging times.

To ensure good corporate governance, I am pleased to inform that SingHealth has formed a Company Limited by Guarantee in 2016, named the SingHealth Fund Limited (SHF). SHF manages the funds of all the SingHealth subsidiaries, including the NCCS Cancer Fund.

With this alignment, the NCC Research Fund will soon merge with the NCCS Cancer Fund. I wish to assure all donors that even with this change, funds will continue to be ring-fenced and used in accordance to donors' original gift intent.

I am thankful to my fellow board members, donors, well-wishers, volunteers, and partners for stepping up their support and making positive contributions to ensure our cancer patients are assisted during this difficult time. I wish everyone good health - please stay safe and stay connected.

MESSAGE FROM

MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Professor William Hwang

National Cancer Centre Singapore



The past year had been a year of meaningful collaborations with like-minded partners to improve cancer prevention, care and research. I am particularly grateful to the NCCS Cancer Fund and NCC Research Fund board members who have continued to give time and valuable advice.

We have had many successes in research, including a paper co-first authored by Clinical Associate Prof Daniel Tan. The paper, which was published in August 2020 in the prestigious *New England Journal of Medicine*, highlighted the discovery of a drug that shows strong response for patients with non-small cell lung cancer. Separately, findings from another study published in the highly prestigious *Cell* journal in September 2020, where Prof Pierce Chow was a co-corresponding author of, could lead to advances in early detection and immunotherapy in liver cancer.

NCCS' collaborative efforts with local and international institutions have allowed us to embark on more innovative research and provide expanded capacity to run complex and larger studies. One example is the Singapore Lymphoma Translational Study led by NCCS, which has brought together clinicians and researchers across Singapore to collaborate with local biotech companies,

international pharmaceutical companies and overseas academic centres to study Asian-prevalent lymphomas. The team aims to improve treatment strategies by developing a test that can identify patients who would respond to immunotherapy.

Another example would be our collaboration with China's Sun Yat-sen University Cancer Center, which allowed us to establish a new global standard treatment for high-risk locally advanced nasopharyngeal cancer (NPC) patients. By applying chemotherapy before chemo-radiotherapy in advanced NPC patients, survival rates have improved with reduced cancer recurrence.

We have also worked closely with local partners to make a greater difference to cancer care and research. We have joined forces with the Singapore Cancer Society (SCS) to lead the fight against cancer and provide Singaporeans with even better cancer care through several upcoming efforts in cancer prevention and screening. These efforts include a cancer genetics screening programme that will benefit individuals with a high risk of cancer. Temasek Foundation has also generously committed \$2.1 million to jointly establish the Temasek Foundation ACCESS (Accessible Cancer Care to Enable Support for Survivors)

programme with NCCS to provide holistic post-treatment care. This 2-year pilot programme will benefit 4,000 breast cancer patients by optimising their post-treatment recovery. Moving forward, we hope to extend this programme to all NCCS patients.

The outbreak of COVID-19 presented significant challenges in 2020 for patient care in Singapore. While it has not been easy, NCCS staff have rallied together to overcome the challenges as we continue to care for our patients. I am proud of our staff and the volunteers who have stepped forward to take on frontline roles such as triaging and screening duties to ensure the safety of our patients, who are particularly vulnerable during this period.

To all our kind donors who supported us in big and small ways over the past year, you have touched many lives. With your strong support, NCCS can continue life-saving research and providing the best care to every patient walking through our doors.

CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS



Women vs Cancer 2019 - Pink Carpet Party in Support of Breast Cancer Research

The Pink Carpet Party, graced by President Halimah Yacob, was the anchor event of the NCCS' Women vs Cancer campaign. Guests in pink outfits made their way down the pink carpet at Regent Singapore, in support of breast cancer research. The campaign raised over \$630,000 for the advancement of cutting-edge breast cancer research. Specially framed portraits were presented by the President to five breast cancer patients. Provided by NCCS and supported by BMW, this photography initiative called Portraits of Hope allowed patients and their loved ones to come together to create memories with a professional family portrait.



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One Voice Against Cancer at the Harmony for Hope Concert

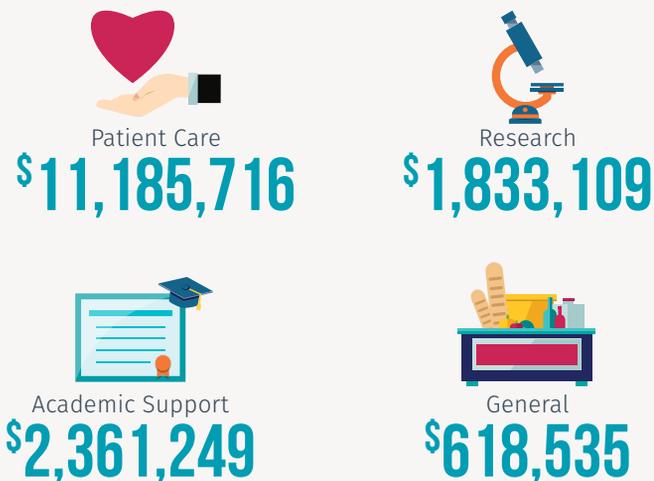
To celebrate new life after cancer, 35 cancer patients and survivors from NCCS' Recital of Joy Music Interest Group put together a concert of uplifting musical performances at the Harmony for Hope concert. Benjamin Kheng, lead vocalist of The Sam Willows, joined the concert as the special guest to lend his support to the meaningful cause. In addition to raising funds for cancer care and survivorship programmes, Harmony for Hope demonstrated how joy and healing can be spread through music. \$70,878 was raised through the concert in aid of the NCCS Cancer Fund.

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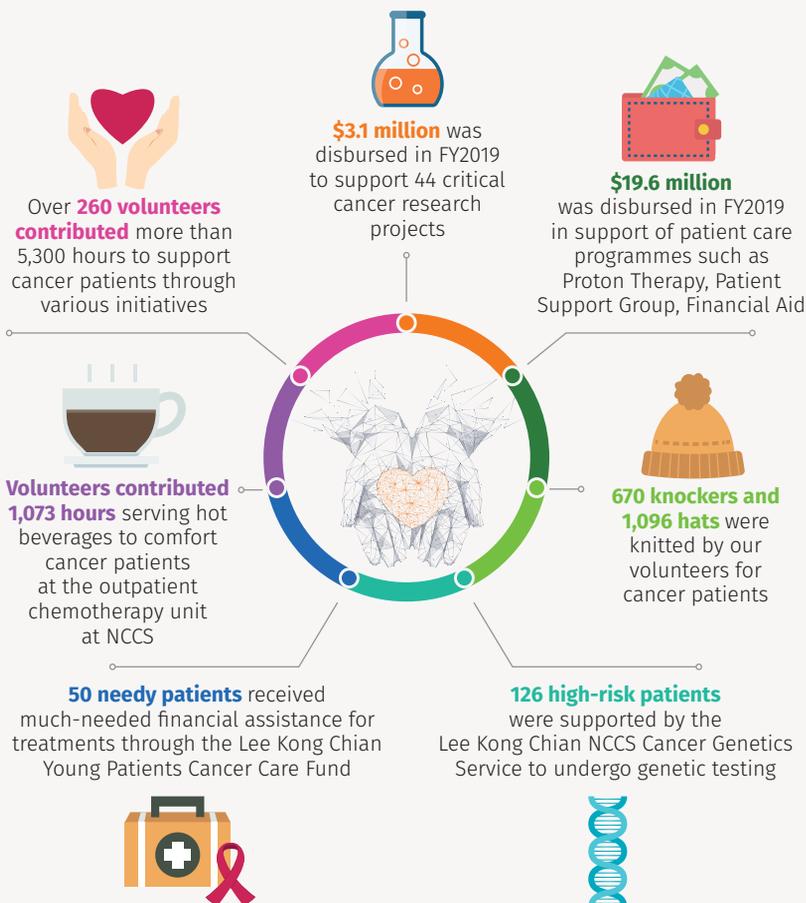
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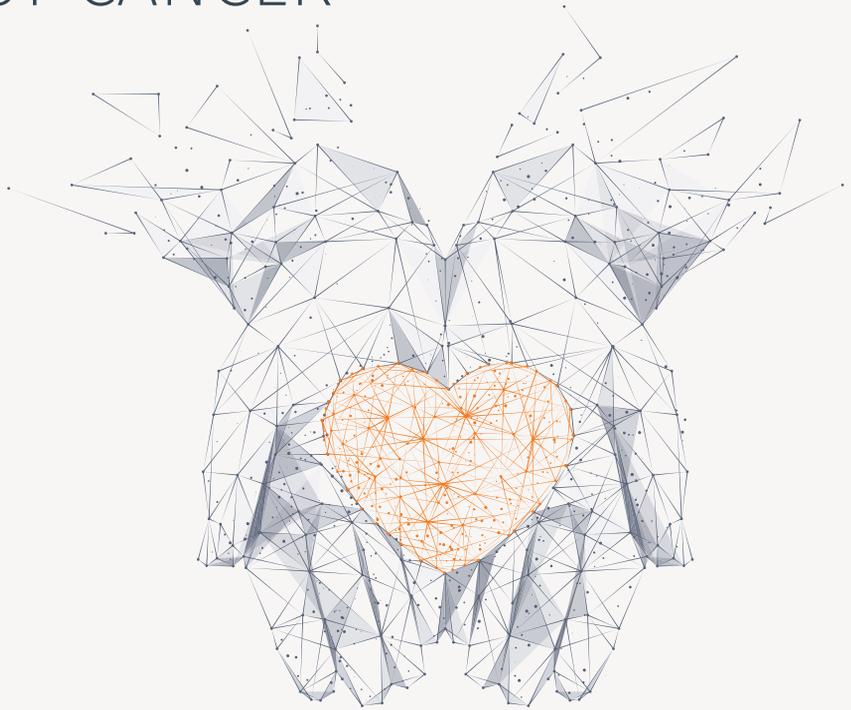
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