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**NCCS CANCER FUND &  
NCC RESEARCH FUND FY2020**



## CHAIRPERSON'S message

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted many plans in Financial Year 2020. At the National Cancer Centre Singapore (NCCS), many mass fundraising activities were shifted to virtual events, showcasing the Centre's adaptive and innovative spirit. Despite economic and financial challenges, I'm heartened to share that the public support for cancer patients did not waver. Companies and individuals in the community were able to connect to online fundraising campaigns quickly,

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with many participating as third party fundraisers to support the cancer cause. This led to a fifty percent increase in online donations which raised a total of \$206,000.

Some organisations, such as PlayMade and BMW Group Asia, went above and beyond, raising over \$50,000 for the NCCS Cancer Fund by donating their sale proceeds and engaging their staff in the cause. We are truly grateful to work with companies that care about the community, motivating their staff to stay involved in causes close to their values. These initiatives help foster a culture of giving and ultimately, increase much needed awareness of our cause.

I was also humbled by the support received from our community fundraisers. Members of the community reached out via social media to partner with our Centre and created their own fundraising pages,

advocating for the cause. Through their hard work, commitment and passion, our 24 community fundraisers raised an impressive \$79,000.

It has been a challenging year for everyone, but I am grateful for the generosity and continued support from our board members, donors, corporate partners, fundraisers and volunteers, who have helped raise \$14 million for the NCCS Cancer Fund and NCC Research Fund. Thank you for your unwavering support that has helped to alleviate financial hardships for needy cancer patients and their families and give them much-needed hope.

I wish you continued good health.

**Mdm Ho Geok Choo**  
Chairperson  
NCCS Cancer Fund and  
NCC Research Fund

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policies and processes in place to fight the pandemic.

NCCS has grown from strength to strength as we invest in medical research and education. We have seen an unprecedented increase in our research publications in the past year, with a 67% increase in our competitive grants funding in Research, Innovation and Enterprise (RIE) 2020 as compared to RIE 2015. We have also initiated new conferences, addressing topics such as Artificial Intelligence in Oncology, Cell Therapy, and Supportive and Palliative Care, to help further educate healthcare workers, researchers and the general public on new aspects of cancer care and research.

Our researchers have also spearheaded new initiatives in cell therapy, regenerative medicine and biodiversity medicine. Cell therapy taps on healthy cells to help fight cancer, while regenerative medicine develops

therapeutics and tools to promote regrowth of damaged cells that helps patients recover after cancer treatment. Our biodiversity initiative also provides immense prospects to discover new herbs and plant-based treatments for patients with cancer.

Finally, many of you who drive by Outram Road or the Central Expressway may have seen the new 24-storey NCCS building. This large, majestic building will serve as a beacon of hope for cancer patients everywhere, and we are truly grateful to our generous donors for their strong support that enables NCCS to fulfil the mission of developing the best life-saving research to provide the best care to every patient.

**Professor William Hwang**  
Medical Director  
National Cancer Centre Singapore



## MD'S message

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to progress and put our healthcare system to the test. At the National Cancer Centre Singapore (NCCS), we have lived up to the challenges. We went all out to get our staff and patients vaccinated, so that they are protected against the risk of COVID-19 infection. We are glad that the majority of our staff and patients have been fully vaccinated. Even though there may be more challenges in the years ahead, we are confident that we have the people,

## CAMPAIGN highlights

### CORPORATE DONORS JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER



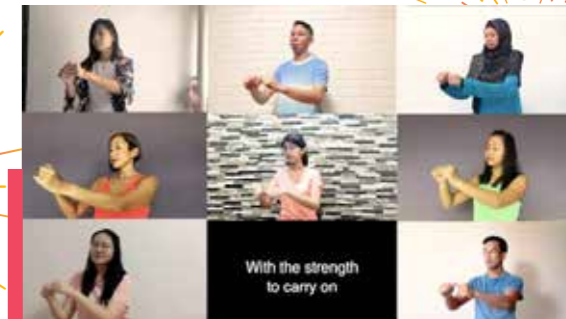
Staff from IHS Markit came together and participated in the Pink Plank Challenge

Strong partnership from our corporate donors has been integral in supporting fundraising campaigns at NCCS, through sponsorships, cash donations or staff volunteering.

Chemicals & Machinery, one of NCCS' long-term donors, made annual cash donations to support the cause, while others rallied their staff to fundraise. IHS Markit's employees enthusiastically wore pink for the 'Pink Plank Challenge', to raise funds for breast cancer research and patient care initiatives at NCCS. JBL Singapore, started a fundraising initiative for paediatric patients requiring Proton Therapy treatment and generously sponsored prizes for several NCCS fundraising campaigns. Engaging staff in fundraising initiatives fosters a culture of community involvement, deepening their relationship with the cause.

In their respective ways, our corporate donors have stepped up in this fight against cancer to inspire and motivate our cancer patients. Find out more about corporate giving at [www.nccs.com.sg/giving/become-a-corporate-donor](http://www.nccs.com.sg/giving/become-a-corporate-donor).

### BE THE LIGHT OF HOPE



Screenshot of Ms Gina Koh's tribute song "Hero"


For many of our cancer patients, the COVID-19 pandemic brings additional challenges as they cope with the debilitating disease. The "Be The Light Of Hope" campaign was launched in July 2020, to raise funds for needy cancer patients to alleviate their financial burdens, allowing them to focus on their recovery, especially during an unpredictable, nerve-wrecking pandemic. NCCS rallied the public to light a torch or raise a candle and post an encouraging message on social media to show their support for those affected by cancer. The pandemic could not sway our compassionate community, who helped us exceed the target by raising \$271,612. All these funds raised will help cancer patients by providing general welfare support such as funding transportation costs to NCCS for treatments. As part of the campaign, Ms Gina Koh, a cancer survivor, collaborated with the local hearing-impaired community to hand-sign the song "Hero" to encourage cancer patients.

## statistics AT A GLANCE

### FUNDS RAISED


TOTAL OF **\$14,152,779** raised from **4,282** donors

#### GIFTS BY PURPOSE

-  **\$873,875**  
Patient Care
-  **\$5,910,064**  
Research
-  **\$6,588,455**  
Academic Support (ACP)
-  **\$16,155**  
Education
-  **\$764,230**  
General

### GIFT IMPACT

 **\$6.56 million** disbursed to support 24 critical cancer research projects


 **\$476,760** disbursed in support of patient care programmes e.g. patient support groups, the wig bank and financial aid for needy patients

 **41** needy patients received financial assistance from the Lee Kong Chian Young Patients Cancer Care Fund for cancer treatment

 **239** high-risk patients were supported by the Lee Kong Chian Genetics Service to undergo genetic testing

 **60** volunteers contributed almost 300 hours to support cancer patients

 **158** knockers and **200** hats knitted for cancer patients by our volunteers

 **28** music performances conducted under 'Melodies @NCCS' programme

# Heartfelt Gratitude

## TO OUR DONORS FOR SUPPORTING OUR FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

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