

Powering up CNY efforts with SP Group

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IN THE lead up to Chinese New Year (CNY), households spend much time committing to spring-cleaning and the hanging up of festive decorations to usher in the New Year.

SP Group's staff volunteers – SP Heart Workers – paid a visit on Jan 31 to more than 300 households at two rental blocks in the Limbang area of Marsiling-Yew Tee GRC to lend a hand in decorating the homes for the festive period.

Residents were offered a variety of CNY wall and door decorations, which featured Chinese well-wishes, together with decorative Chinese knots to hang around their houses.

The gesture by SP Group staff was well received by the residents. Said Limbang resident Lee Khee Hoon: "I am happy that the volunteers visited me. It's nice to have my home decorated to welcome the New Year. This will be a lucky year."

This visit was one in a series of CNY-themed community outreach initiatives by SP Group in January and early February, which concluded with a CNY dinner for 900 needy residents living in the Marsiling-Yew Tee GRC on Feb 3.

Minister for National Development and Anchor Minister for Marsiling-Yew Tee GRC Lawrence Wong and advisers to the GRC's grassroots organisations joined the residents at the dinner.

Mr Wong said: "We appreciate and welcome the efforts by SP Group to give back to the community.

"The initiatives by SP Group complement existing government schemes and the efforts of our grassroots volunteers to help our residents in need, and our community strengthen bonds," he added.

The grid operator's other initiatives in-



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clude its work with the Ang Mo Kio Family Service Centre (AMKFSC). On Feb 1, SP Heart Workers spent an afternoon doing up CNY decorations and enjoying festive treats with children who receive support from the AMKFSC.

In January, SP Group volunteers and AMKFSC incorporated their monthly initiative of distributing fruit and vegetables to about 25 needy families in the Ang Mo Kio area into its festive giving efforts. The programme started in October 2017 and

will see the Heart Workers distribute such essentials to the families for February today.

In keeping with the theme of long-tailed engagement with AMKFSC, SP Group is currently making plans with Marsiling-Yew Tee GRC to offer this initiative to needy families in the GRC.

Throughout 2018, 300 SP Heart Workers will be involved in a series of community assistance programmes planned with volunteers from Marsiling-Yew Tee GRC grassroots organisations.

The group's next engagement with the GRC will see SP Heart Workers pack and distribute close to 2500 goodie bags – called Power Packs – consisting of Halal-certified food essentials to residents in March.

Wong Kim Yin, group chief executive officer, SP Group, said: "While we strive to enhance the quality of life of Singaporeans through providing reliable power supply, we hope to provide additional support for the needy through our giving and volunteer work."