

# SP Group raises over \$620k for needy elderly

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A record \$628,888 was raised for the underprivileged elderly by energy utility company SP Group yesterday.

The money, the highest amount collected at the company's annual golf event, which has been running since 2005, will go towards providing services for elderly people – such as rehabilitation, befriending, counselling, caregiver support and community homes.

One of the beneficiaries, 73-year-old Madam Tan, said she was grateful for such programmes.

"As I live alone, I mostly stayed at home due to health conditions.

But the befrienders at Ang Mo Kio Family Services Centre visit me regularly, and help me out of the house to take part in activities and meet more people and make new friends."

At the dinner following the golf event at the Singapore Island Country Club yesterday, SP Group board member Ong Yew Huat, chief corporate officer Wong Chit Sieng and head of corporate services Catherine Teo presented the cheque for \$628,888 to Community Chest chairman Phillip Tan.

The event attracted a record number of sponsors, with over 70 organisations and individuals contributing to the SP Heartware Fund.

The fund supported some



From left: Ms Catherine Teo, Mr Wong Chit Sieng, Mr Ong Yew Huat and Mr Phillip Tan with the cheque yesterday. PHOTO: SP GROUP

25,000 beneficiaries of elderly programmes under Community Chest last year. In total, more than \$14 million has been raised through contributions from staff, customers and business partners since it was set up in 2005.

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