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## AmCham Singapore Holds Annual Corporate Community Day to Benefit Residents of South West District



U.S. Chargé d’Affaires Rafik Mansour and Adviser to Jurong GRC Grassroots Organisations (GROs) (Jurong Central) Mr Xie Yao Quan along with members of the AmCham business community distribute care packs to families in South West District

Singapore, December 13, 2020 – Amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the American Chamber of Commerce in Singapore (AmCham), together with the South West Community Development Council (CDC), distributed 400 care packs with household necessities to families in need in Jurong East. AmCham’s annual Corporate Community Day has been running for

more than 15 years and aims to build stronger ties with Singapore by giving back to the community.

Graced by U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Rafik Mansour with remarks by Adviser to Jurong GRC Grassroots Organisations (GROs) (Jurong Central) Mr Xie Yao Quan, this initiative is part of the Adopt @ South West program. It also marks the second year of AmCham's charity partnership with South West CDC.

Mr Xie said, "I would like to thank Amcham for their generous contribution to benefit less privileged households in the Jurong Central community despite the current pandemic situation. Residents have told me they greatly appreciate this thoughtful gesture by Amcham, which comes in timely as we head into the year-end festive season."

AmCham CEO Dr Hsien-Hsien Lei commented, "AmCham member companies represent the best of American business values: free enterprise, fairness, creativity, respect for people from diverse backgrounds, and optimism. We remain committed to the Singapore community through these difficult times and will continue to champion corporate social responsibility."

In line with the latest COVID-19 safety regulations, AmCham members made both cash and in-kind donations which 23 AmCham and US embassy staff, AmCham's Board of Governors, and other volunteers helped to assemble. More than 400 care packs were distributed to residents at Blk 373/374 Jurong East Street 32.

Ms Low Yen Ling, Mayor of South West District remarked, "South West CDC greatly values the contributions of our partner, AmCham. The care pack distribution marks AmCham's solidarity with Singapore and our South West community amid the pandemic. Trade associations like AmCham play a vital role in helping firms grow and overcome the COVID-19 crisis. Together, we will continue our partnership to build resilient enterprises as well as a stronger Singapore."

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## About AmCham Singapore

Established in 1973, the American Chamber of Commerce in Singapore (AmCham Singapore) is the largest and the most active international business association in Singapore and Southeast Asia, with over 4,700 members representing nearly 600 companies. Our Chamber comprises 14 industry-specific committees: seven sectoral and seven functional.

AmCham is a forward-thinking, business-progressive association. Our mission is to create value for our members by providing advocacy, business insights, and connections. Our membership includes American companies and Singaporean and third-country companies with

significant U.S. business interests. AmCham is an independent, non-partisan business organization. We are a member of the 28-chamber-strong AmChams of Asia Pacific.

Our goal is to provide the information and facilitate the access and connections that give members insight into the local, regional, and global operating environment, enhance their four professional capabilities, and enable them to make well-informed business decisions. For more information about AmCham Singapore, visit [www.amcham.com.sg](http://www.amcham.com.sg).

#### About South West Community Development Council

The South West Community Development Council (CDC) was formed on 24 November 2001, with the mission to Assist the Needy, Bond the People and Connect the Community. Through local help programs, the South West CDC provides assistance to help the less fortunate in our community. The South West CDC also organizes projects and programs to promote community bonding and social cohesion. The South West CDC adopts the "Many Helping Hands" approach to encourage community ownership among residents, community partners and corporations to realize its vision of "Owning Your Community".

#### About Adopt @ South West

The Adopt @ South West program reaches out to needy families and vulnerable elderly living in rental and purchased flats through a "Many Helping Hands" approach with the assistance of corporate and community stakeholders. By taking the whole-of-community approach to better address needs on a sustained basis, the CDC works closely with corporate and community stakeholders to develop programs that focuses on meeting five (5) core needs, spanning Social Wellness, Healthcare, Home Safety & Improvement, Education and Enrichment, to uplift and enrich the lives of vulnerable residents in the South West District.

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