



Singapore Shipping Association

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To: All SSA Members

SSA YOUNG EXECUTIVES GROUP (YEG) – CHARITY DRIVE TO BREAK BARRIERS AND UNLOCK POTENTIALS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



Eddie, 34 and Andrew, 33 are brothers who have been attending SPD Day Activity Centre. All fees incurred at SPD including transport is also being waived due to family's financial status.

For most of us, a trip to the zoo or Singapore Flyer is just a car ride or MRT trip away. We often forget that there are those amongst us who do not have this accessibility. Not only do they miss out on visiting these places of interest but are also deprived of the joy of interaction with others.

In its community outreach efforts this year, the SSA Young Executives Group is launching a charity drive to raise funds for the Society for the Physically Disabled (SPD) Transport Subsidy Fund.

The aim of this fund is to provide affordable door-to-door transport service for people with disabilities to go to work in sheltered employment, attend day care, training courses or seek therapy services at the SPD, with the aim of becoming more self-reliant and independent.

Please refer to Annex A or its website www.spd.org.sg to learn more about the meaningful work undertaken by the SPD.

To support the work of SPD and SSA YEG's outreach efforts, you can help by:

1) Contributing generously to the SPD Transport Subsidy Fund.

We are pleased to share that all donations made in year 2010 will be entitled to a **2.5 times** tax exemption. To respond, please complete the Response Form found in Annex B and attach it with your donation cheque made payable to "**Society for the Physically Disabled**". The SSA will consolidate all donations before handing them to SPD for the issue of tax-exempt receipts.

2) Volunteer to accompany 30 SPD beneficiaries on their first visit to the Singapore Flyer on 28 August (Saturday), from 11 am – 3 pm.

We hope that you can help to do your part for the community by offering your time and companionship to these beneficiaries for the event. Lunch at Love the World Soul Rock Bistro & Pub and Singapore Flyer tickets will be complimentary for the first 30 volunteers who sign up, though we welcome as many volunteers as

possible and hope that small contributions could be made to defray the costs of organising this event.
Deadline for registration: 24th August 2010 (see Annex C.)



The craftsmen from SPD Production Workshop rely on the subsidized door to door transportation service with special facilities for wheelchairs to get to work daily. Without the subsidies, they are not able to afford alternative transportation.

For any enquiries, you may contact **Ms Gina Goh** of the SSA Secretariat at Tel: 6222 5238, Fax: 6222 5527 or **Email: ssa.corpcomms1@ssa.org.sg**. We thank you in advance for your generous support.

Join us in empowering disabled people with the means to become more self-reliant and independent.

With warmest regards

MARIANNE CHOO
General Manager

SPD TRANSPORT SUBSIDY

Introduction

As the entire public transport system is not fully integrated, some physically challenged people may not be able to use public transport as part of their journeys could still be inaccessible, especially for wheelchair and mobility aid users.

The only fully accessible transport for people with physical disabilities is the taxi, a private car or a special dedicated door-to-door transportation which caters to their needs. Not all of them can afford taxis or have access to private cars, and not all wheelchairs can fit into normal taxis and those on motorised wheelchairs can only use the London taxis. For majority of the wheelchair and mobility aid users, they have little choice but to rely on the special dedicated door-to-door transport service.



Dedicated Transport Service

The SPD dedicated transport service serves people with disabilities (clients) who are unable to take public transport due to their own physical limitations or physical inaccessibilities along the entire journey route or part of the route. It also serves those who are unable to afford personal or private taxi arrangements.

This transport service serves about 270 clients daily and makes an average of 120 trips every day which enables disabled people to work in sheltered employment, attend day care, seek therapy services, receive specialised assistive technology assessment, consultation and training as well as attend IT, apprenticeship and vocational training.

SPD transport service aims to provide a timely, reliable, affordable and safe transport for people with disabilities. The service is now provided by an out-sourced transport operator who runs a fleet of buses that are specially fitted with hydraulic lifts to cater to wheelchair and mobility aid users. The drivers are required to attend regular training on safe driving and management of people with disabilities.

Due to the nature of the specialised and dedicated service, the transport fee is high and varies from \$250 to \$400 a month depending on the distance. Unfortunately, many of SPD's clients come from low-income families and are unable to afford the full transport fees. To encourage clients to continue to attend SPD's programmes, SPD subsidises the transport fees of clients. Clients now pay only between \$0 and \$45 monthly after the heavy subsidies from SPD.

Funding Needs

SPD requires about \$780,000 a year to help subsidise the transport services for people with physical disabilities. This goes towards providing 120 trips daily for 270 clients who benefit immensely from the services provided by SPD.



RESPONSE FORM FOR MONETARY DONATIONS

(Please respond by Tuesday, 24 August 2010)

Date: _____
 To: Singapore Shipping Association
 59 Tras Street
 Singapore 078998

Fax: (65) 6222 5527
 Email: ssa.corpcomms1@ssa.org.sg

I) Particulars

Company Name: _____

ROC Number: _____

Address: _____

Liaison person: (Mr/ Ms/ Mdm/ Mrs): _____

Designation: _____

Contact no.: _____ (DID) _____ (H/p)

Email: _____ (Fax) _____

II) Response (Please tick accordingly)

\$4300 can help subsidise 1 beneficiary's transport cost for a year and it will help him to receive the much needed rehabilitation, training and day care services provided by SPD.

- Yearly donation to support people with disabilities and help them gain independence.
 [] \$1,300 [] \$2,300 [] \$3,300 [] \$4,300 [] \$5,300

Other amounts \$ _____

Our cheque no. _____ made payable to "Society for the Physically Disabled" is attached.

- Make a one-time donation to support SPD's programmes and services.
 [] \$10,000 [] \$8,000 [] \$5,300 [] \$4,300 [] \$3,300

Other amounts \$ _____

Our cheque no. _____ made payable to "Society for the Physically Disabled" is attached.

Cheques are to be mailed with this form to the SSA who will consolidate all donations before handing them to SPD for the issue of tax-exempt receipts.

Thank you for your generous response.



RESPONSE FORM – VOLUNTEERS
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Date: _____
 To: Singapore Shipping Association
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YES! I am interested to volunteer to accompany 30 SPD beneficiaries on their first visit to the Singapore Flyer on 28 August (Saturday), from 11 am – 3 pm.
 I understand that programme details and confirmation will be emailed by Thursday 26 August 2010.

I) Particulars of contact person

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Liaison person: (Mr/ Ms/ Mdm/ Mrs): _____

Designation: _____

Contact no.: _____ (DID) _____ (H/p)

Email: _____ (Fax) _____

II) Particulars of volunteers

Name	Designation	Email