



# NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE STUDENTS' COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB

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## Grant A Wish XVIII (GAW XVIII)

Project Time Period: 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 to 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021

*As one of the signature special projects under NUS CSC, Grant A Wish (GAW) was initiated in 2003 and has been successful in granting the wishes of our beneficiaries for 18 consecutive years. Every year, GAW partners with a different beneficiary group. Some of the past beneficiary groups include children from low-income families and children with chronic illnesses. These projects were made possible with the help of the NUS population as well as the general public's kind generosity.*

### 1. OBJECTIVES

This year, Grant A Wish XVIII (GAW XVIII) targeted beneficiaries at both ends of the age spectrum, namely children aged 4-9 and elderly aged above 60. GAW has traditionally worked with children, thus we believed it would be meaningful to also give the elderly an opportunity to have their wishes granted. Besides fulfilling wishes, we focused on providing companionship for the elderly in order to fulfil both psychological and physical wishes. For children we focused on teaching them the spirit of giving back in order to instil the idea that gifts must be earned and not merely given.

### 2. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Project Director	Theodore Lim
Assistant Project Director	Chng Jing Rong
Assistant Project Director	Tan Wei Shuang
Secretary-Treasurer	Pung Kar Sian Elizabeth
Wish Head	Low Mun Shuen
Wish Assistant	Jobina Chu Shi Ai
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Programmes Assistant	Tan Teong Yu Owen
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Programmes Assistant	Teh Jie Ren
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Volunteer Management Assistant	Emily Chng Ying Ying
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Publicity Head	Yee Xue Ying, Shirlyn
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Publicity Assistant	Toh Ying Li, Alethia
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### **3. PROJECT OVERVIEW**

#### a. Programmes/Events

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
First PD cell meeting	9 February 2021/10pm to 12pm	Zoom
OC Recruitment interviews	15 February 2021 to 28 February 2021/Entire Day	CSC Clubroom, NUSSU Discussion Room
Meeting with XYCC	27 February 2021/10am to 11pm	XYCC
OC Meeting 1	8 March 2021/7pm to 10pm	YIH Conference Room
Cell Heads Meeting	13 March 2021/8am to 10am	Zoom
Meeting with SADEAF	24 March 2021/4:30pm to 5:30pm	Zoom
OC Meeting 2	31 March 2021/6:30pm to 9pm	Paris Conference Room
Wish Collection XYCC	3 April 2021/Entire day	XYCC
YCM Open Mic	8 May 2021/9am to 12pm	Zoom
Cell Head Meeting 2	9 May 2021/10pm to 10:35pm	Zoom
OC Meeting 3	15 May 2021/10am to 1pm	Zoom
Wish Collection SADEAF	29 May 2021/9am to 1pm	Zoom
Wish Adoption	31 May 2021 to 2 Jun 2021/Entire Day	Padlet
OC Meeting 4	16 Jun 2021/8pm to 10pm	Zoom
Wish Outreach	28 Jun 2021 to 4 Jul 2021/Entire Day	CSC Clubroom, YIH Student Lounge
Gift Collection	2 Jul 2021 to 4 Jul 2021/Entire Day	CSC Clubroom, YIH Student Lounge



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Cell Meeting 3	7 Jul 2021/10:30pm to 11pm	Zoom
OC Meeting 5	19 Jul 2021/8pm to 8:30pm	Zoom
Outreach Pack Distribution XYCC Part 1	21 August 2021/10am to 6pm	XYCC
Wish Party SADEAF	22 August 2021/9am to 1pm	Trehaus
Outreach Pack Distribution XYCC Part 2	27 August 2021/9am-4pm	XYCC
Wish Party XYCC	28 August 2021/Entire Day	XYCC
Final OC Meeting	5 September 2021/2pm-9pm	Student Lounge

### b. Beneficiary Supported

<b>Beneficiary</b>	<b>Number</b>
Xin Yuan Community Care	24 elderly
Singapore Association for the Deaf	12 children

### c. Volunteer Statistics

- i. Breakdown of volunteer count for each events
  1. Wish Collection XYCC: 43 (total for both sessions)
  2. Wish Collection SADeaf: 13
  3. Wish Outreach: 7
  4. Gift Collection: 20
  5. Wish Party XYCC: 13
  6. Wish Party SADeaf: 10
- ii. Breakdown of external & internal volunteer count (if necessary)
  1. Internal (OC): 22
  2. External: 21
- iii. Total Volunteer count and unique count
  1. Total volunteer count: 106
  2. Unique count: 43



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d. Collaborations

Nil

e. Sponsors and list of sponsor items

<b>Name</b>	<b>Items</b>
Sapore Italiano	\$200 Cash
Vetro Engineering Pte Ltd	\$550 Cash
Federation of Youth Clubs	\$200 Cash
Association of Muslim Professionals	\$350 Cash
Trehaus	Venue Sponsorship
Aquila Natural Mineral Water	240 Bottled Water
Unico Marketing Pte Ltd	60 Packet Powdered drinks
Corlison Pte Ltd	200 Toothpaste (10g)
MazIndustries Pte Ltd	200 Lanyards
Pilot Pen	200 Blue Pens
Reed Exhibitions	130 Tote Bags
Popular Rent A Car	Vehicle Rental
KC Group	120 Vouchers
Kingdom Food Group	200 Vouchers
foodpanda SG	60 Vouchers
Dr Anywhere	300 Vouchers
Sin Lian Fa	200 Packet of 500g Rice, 200 packet of Cereal, 200 packet of instant noodles
Pantrade Pacific	300 bottles hand sanitizers, 200 packets of dishwashing liquid, 300 bottles insect repellent
Yit Hong Pte Ltd	200 bottles canned mushroom, 120 packets snacks
Intexco Pte Ltd	270 Tote Bags, 65 Shirts ( <b>Partial Sponsorship</b> )
Oregano Trading Pte Ltd	200 cans of Sardines, 200 cans of braised peanuts
People Bee Hoon	200 Packets of Bee Hoon

f. Financial Statement

<b>Total Amount Allocated</b>	\$1,000
<b>Total Sponsorship/Donation</b>	\$5,992
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	\$4147.24



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<b>Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$2,844.76</b>
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#### **4. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT**

##### a. Wish Outreach

Aside from the usual four phases of GAW (Wish Collection, Wish Adoption, Wish Engagement and Wish Party), GAW XVIII has included a 5th phase, Wish Outreach, which happened between Wish Adoption and Wish Party in light of COVID restrictions. Wish Outreach aimed to spread awareness of issues our beneficiaries faced in conjunction with a donation drive in order to raise funds, while at the same time providing an opportunity for the public to give back to the society through helping these two sectors of beneficiaries. The necessity packs were tailored for each group of beneficiaries to better support them and this was done via responses from the person of contact from the organizations.

##### b. Wish Engagement

###### **5.**

Gift of Kindness was originally a beneficiary to beneficiary initiative in the previous iteration. This iteration, while maintaining the initiative, we changed it to a beneficiaries to donors interaction so that the beneficiaries have a chance at showing their appreciation for others, and the donors themselves will feel recognized.

##### a. Wish Adoption

###### **6.**

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we were unable to carry out Wish Adoption in the form of physical booths like the previous interactions. In our iteration of GAW, we adapted to transfer Wish Adoption onto an online Padlet and managed to engage 34 donors in total from NUS.

#### **7. SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**

##### a. Cell Demographics & Workload

In the uncertain COVID-19 situation, we should have expected that there may not be any volunteers for the physical sessions, and possibly the online ones as well due to the small number of beneficiaries. Hence, it is highly likely that the VM cell may not have much work allocated. While such a situation may not occur again, it would be wise to think about whether such cells would be required before looking to recruit, or if there are any other areas these cells can handle.



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### b. Concerns with sectors engaged

#### i. Elderly Sector

We feel that stronger emphasis should be placed on befriending and interactions as the elderly values the experience more than the gifts itself. The Wish Collection phase may also come off as pressurising seniors to make a wish on the spot with a limited budget of \$20 - \$30. Wishes should be something they really want to be granted, and may not be the best for volunteers who met them for the first time to ask for their wish as rapport is not built. Additionally, wishes like daily necessities are made as a result of uncertainty on what they want to wish for and forceful nature, eg body shampoo and soap are common choices

Hence, it is possible to look into allowing POs to give the elderly ample time to think about their wishes before Wish Collection. Alternatively, we could look into granting event based wishes (i.e. a trip to Gardens by the bay or a visit to a particular point of interest) rather than physical wishes.

#### ii. Deaf Community (Children)

GAW has definitely helped in the raising awareness of the deaf community and it was a very new experience for all of us. It is possible to engage the deaf community again, but we do recommend for future batches of Grant A Wish to evaluate the needs of beneficiaries before engaging them in GAW so that we can maximise our outreach and purpose.

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