

## **SALEM WELFARE SERVICES (SWS) – ANNUAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2015**

1. The Centre was in its 18<sup>th</sup> year of operation and continued to fulfil its objectives as follows:
  - a. To promote the physical, mental, and spiritual welfare of the elderly suffering from ill-health, disease or accidents.
  - b. To provide day care and rehabilitation services for the elderly.
2. Both the Day Care and Physiotherapy sections had an average of 48 registered service users. In terms of manpower and transportation resources, the Centre was operating at near capacity. There were a total of 7 full time and 1 part time staff.
3. As a Voluntary Welfare Organisation (VWO), no effort was spared to raise funds to meet the operational costs of the Centre. A Golf and Dinner fund-raising event was held on 21 May 15 May. This and other appeals to individuals and organisations for donations helped to raise about \$150,000 for the year. This amount is eligible for the government's Care and Share Programme.
4. A key initiative undertaken in 2015 was that of expanding the scope of SWS' objectives beyond elder care services to include the care of marginalized persons and people with special needs. On the suggestion of the Board of Salem Chapel, the SWS Board deliberated on the feasibility of the expanded objectives. Finding the proposal feasible, SWS convened an Extra-ordinary General Meeting (EGM) in November to seek members' approval of a resolution to expand SWS' objectives with the intention of incorporating OP (Onesimus Project comprising the initiatives launched under Onesimus Ministry/Onesimus Garden in 2013) into SWS. All members voted unanimously in favour of the resolution and the expanded objectives were subsequently incorporated in the Constitution of SWS on 14 December 15.
5. 2016 will be challenging for SWS in two areas. The first is to bring OP on board operationally which require a lot of work to establish and streamline operating processes. The second is in fund raising given a less healthy economic situation and the end of the Care and Share Programme in March 16. SWS seeks the help of members in prayer and in anyway that would contribute to SWS achieving its expanded objectives.
6. The Board of Directors would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the members of the Church and other well-wishers who contributed generously to the Centre be it financially, in kind or through rendering professional services. It is through your generosity and continued support that the Centre was able to operate and fulfil its objectives.

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Chairman  
Salem Welfare Services Ltd

