

**SALEM WELFARE SERVICES (SWS) – ANNUAL REPORT FOR
PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2017**

With the incorporation of the Onesimus Garden (OG) to Salem Welfare Services Ltd (SWS) in 2016, SWS' scope of operations was enlarged with the Day Care and Rehabilitative Centre operating at Yishun and the Onesimus Garden at Neo Tiew. The following are the reports of the Day Care and Rehabilitative Centre and Onesimus Garden:

Day Care & Rehabilitation Centre

2. The Centre was in its 20th 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.

3. Both the Day Care and Physiotherapy sections had an average of about 40 registered service users. This represented a drop from the average of 47 users in the 2016. This drop could be attributed to a number of similar elder-care facilities which had sprung up in Yishun over the last two to three years, which provided more options for elderly who are seeking elder care services. There were about 19 newly registered users against 22 who had been discharged or no longer required the services of the Centre.

4. Efforts to enhance the facilities of the Centre included the following:

- a. Renovation of all 6 toilets of both the Day Care and Physiotherapy/Rehabilitative wings
- b. Upgrading of Physiotherapy Equipment.

5. The number of staff in the Centre is 8 which is unchanged from the previous year.

Onesimus Garden

6. Onesimus Garden has continued to focus its mission of reaching out to the marginalized (the seniors, special needs, needy and substance-abused offenders) in society. The 4 key-ministry approaches 1) Therapy through farming, 2) Training the marginalised with farming skills, 3) Placement with our partners for employment and 4) Education are the framework by which the farm is operated.

7. In 2017, Onesimus Garden has conducted the following:

- a. hosted more than 250 seniors at the farm on farm tours
- b. provided therapy and training to 25 people with special needs from APSN Centre and Christian Outreached to the Handicapped
- c. continued to provide therapy and placement for 4 ex-offenders and special needs persons
- d. collaborated with Crest Secondary School to provide a farm training opportunity to 24 students who are not academically inclined.

8. We also thank the Lord for the many volunteers from all denominations and walks of life who have both contributed financially and time at the farm.

9. Currently, Onesimus Garden is collaborating with the following organisations:

- a. Association of Persons with Special Needs (APSN)
- b. Christian Outreach to the Handicapped (COH)
- c. Grace Missions – a centre for autistics therapy
- d. Willing Hearts – a feeding program
- e. Adamah – a farming community targeting the seniors
- f. Kebun Bahru CC & Thomson Hills NC
- g. Temasek Holdings – for funding of beneficiaries at Onesimus

Fund Raising

10. Fund raising will always be a challenge for SWS. The operational costs for both Onesimus and the Day Rehabilitation is estimated to be \$400,000 per year (150,000 for Rehab Centre and \$250,000 for OG). There were no major fund raising events conducted in 2017 but for 2018, the Board hopes to organise a

Charity Walk in August, A Film-Premiere and a Concert in November.

11. 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 SWS is able to operate and fulfil its objectives.

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Salem Welfare Services Ltd