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Home in the Community Renews Bonds of Friendship and Kinship

- Community partners make Hari Raya celebration in Ren Ci @ Bukit Batok St. 52 a family affair -

Singapore, 22 July 2017 – In celebration of Hari Raya, the Muslim Residents' Support Group at Ren Ci Hospital has gathered volunteers from several Muslim organisations to bring festive cheer to the home.

“Raya time is family time”, a sentiment echoed by the youth volunteers from Al-Muttaqin Mosque, Ar-Raudhah Mosque and students from Aljunied Islamic School. They will be joining hands to spread joy and festive mood to the nursing home residents, regardless of race and religion, with the aim of celebrating Hari Raya in a fun way. The carnival-style Raya celebration on Saturday, 22 July 2017 comprises games and photo booths, performances and sumptuous delicacies.

“I have been volunteering at Ren Ci for a while now and when the staff approached me to help organise this event, I readily agreed. I think this is a meaningful event,” said Mu’az Alsufyan, youth volunteer from Ar-Raudhah Mosque.

In the weeks leading to the celebration event, the volunteers kept the two nursing homes bustling with activities. At Ren Ci Nursing Home (Moulmein), Al-Muttaqin Mosque staff and volunteers organised Iftar for the residents during the month of Ramadhan. The youth volunteers from Ar-Raudhah Mosque conducted night prayer sessions during the fasting month in Ren Ci @ Bukit Batok St. 52. The residents there also enjoyed the company of the students from Aljunied Islamic School, and worked together to make traditional Malay *kuehs* as part of the items in a hamper giveaway.

To prepare the residents for the finale event, traditional Raya clothing such as *Baju Kurung* for women and *Cekak Musang* shirt for men were distributed to the Malay residents at both homes.

“We appreciate the effort of our community partners’ to bring festive celebration into our home. We also believe that only by working together with the larger community can we bring about better care for our nursing home residents and patients, said Ms Loh Shu Ching, Chief Executive Officer of Ren Ci Hospital.

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About Ren Ci Hospital

Established since 1994, Ren Ci Hospital is one of the few charity healthcare institutions in Singapore to provide high quality and affordable medical, nursing and rehabilitative care services for the community, based on the principles of loving kindness and compassion. Ren Ci plays an integral role in supporting the healthcare needs of the elderly through adopting holistic way of delivering person-centred care.

Besides giving hope to the frail elderly by helping overcome their disabilities and teaching their families to care for them at home, Ren Ci also partners various community groups and social enterprises to give dignity back to the elderly.