

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **OUR APPRECIATION FOR FRONT LINE STAFF IN THE FIGHT AGAINST NOVEL CORONAVIRUS**

As a voluntary welfare organisation in the intermediate and long-term care sector, Ren Ci understands the risk that front line healthcare workers have to face daily during this outbreak and deeply appreciates the dedication that goes into caring for our nation's patients who are stricken with the virus.

Ren Ci's nursing home residents, patients and staff were working to create thumb-print art for our own community hospital staff and decided to extend the initiative to provide moral support for our public hospitals front line staff as well. Each thumbprint represents a "thumbs up" from the Ren Ci family for the good work as well as admiration for the courage demonstrated by the healthcare workers in the fight against 2019-nCoV.

Ren Ci's Board of Directors (unpaid volunteers), on learning about the art initiative, decided to jointly contribute towards the purchase of vitamin C supplements for the front line staff too, as a gesture of appreciation for their efforts to safeguard the health of Singapore population. 500 bottles of vitamin C supplements will be given out to each of the public hospital with emergency department including Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Khoo Teck Puat Hospital, Singapore General Hospital, KK Women's and Children Hospital, Sengkang General Hospital, Changi General Hospital, National University Hospital, Ng Teng Fong General Hospital as well as the team in National Centre for Infectious Diseases.

"We hope Ren Ci's small gesture of appreciation can encourage the brave healthcare workers to continue in the fight against 2019-nCoV as well as encourage other members of public to appreciate our healthcare workers." – Lim Chai Boon, Vice Chairman, Ren Ci's Board of Directors.

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CEO of TTSH receiving the artwork done by Ren Ci's patients, residents and staff and vitamin supplement donated by Ren Ci Board of Directors. (4<sup>th</sup> from right Prof Eugene Soh, CEO of TTSH, 3<sup>rd</sup> from left, Ren Ci Board Vice Chairman, Mr Lim Chai Boon).



Image of Artwork by Ren Ci 's patients, residents and staff



Image of patient and staff doing the artwork

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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.