



**Children's
Cancer
Foundation**

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News Release for the Editor's Desk

**"Walk with Me – SembCorp's 24 Hours 70 Km
Round-Singapore Walk"
raises \$400,000 in aid of Children with Cancer.**

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Singapore (5 September 2006) – On 3 September 2006, 8.00 am, 42 walkers from Sembcorp Utilities Pte Ltd (SCU) completed their 24 hours 70 Km walk round Singapore to raise funds for the Children's Cancer Foundation (CCF) and increase public awareness on childhood cancer. The walkers, consisting of SCU staff from the Executive Vice President to the junior staff, were cheered on by their families, friends, business partners and CCF beneficiaries as they returned in exuberance and camaraderie.

This unique initiative was the first of its kind in Singapore and the brain child of SCU as part of their corporate volunteering efforts. A total of 42 walkers comprising 32 men and 10 ladies, ranging from 23 years old to 55 years old, had clocked over 1700 training hours and walked more than 5500 km in training distance in preparation for the 24 hour 70 Km walk challenge.

Their efforts did not go in vain as more than 200 organisations ranging from SCU's customers and associated companies within the SembCorp group to even competitors and other social organisations which SCU supports, came forth to be part of this worthy fundraising effort. This overwhelming show of support enabled SCU to raise \$400,000 within the span of less than a month through online pledges, the sale of collar pins and outright donations.

"What we have gone through is a far cry from what the children and their families have to go through. As tired as we may be, we pushed through because we have the children in our heart. Hope, Love and Charity are the 3 dimensions of life, we hope our actions will inspire more people in coming forward to bring hope, give love and do charity" – Mr Francis J. Gomez, Executive Vice President of SCU, leader of 'Walk with Me' Walkers.

Senior Minister of State for Law and Home Affairs and Patron of CCF, Associate Professor Ho Peng Kee gave his moral support and encouragement as he sent the 42 walkers on their journey and was also present to receive and congratulate them on their successful completion. Associate Professor Ho also had the honour of flagging off the 5km charity walk-a-jog which he gamely participated in too. More than 2,000 people participated in this walk, consisting of Mr Tang Kin Fei, Group President and CEO, SembCorp Industries, SembCorp staff, business partners of SCU, players of the 11 S-league clubs, senior citizens, toddlers and babies, and families - all coming together for a good cause.

Notes to Editor

About Children's Cancer Foundation

Children's Cancer Foundation (CCF) has helped more than 1,200 children and their families since its inception in 1992. CCF is an independent Voluntary Welfare Organisation (VWO) that helps children with cancer below 17 years old. Its mission is to improve the quality of life of children with cancer and their families through enhancing their emotional, social and medical well-being.

Among the free services CCF provides are

- Counselling and Casework
- Therapeutic Play
- Parents Support Groups & Workshops
- Bereavement Programme
- Financial Assistance
- Childhood Cancer Marrow Transplant Programme
- Wishlink
- Supervised Play
- Back-to-School Programme
- Resource Libraries
- Tuition and befriending programme
- Social and Recreational Programmes
- Educational Talks and Workshops

CCF has two Family Support Centres (FSCs) where counselling and other related activities take place. The FSCs are located just outside the childhood cancer ward of both the KK Women's & Children's Hospital (KKH) and the National University Hospital (NUH) for easy accessibility by children and their families. CCF also has a playroom at the National Cancer Centre (Singapore General Hospital) next to the Radiation Oncology department.

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