

ONERHT
FOUNDATION

Year in Review 2023



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About Us

ONERHT Foundation Ltd

Set up in 2015, ONERHT Foundation Ltd (Foundation) is a Singapore registered charity as well as a grant-making philanthropic organisation approved by IRAS. The Foundation serves as the corporate social responsibility (CSR) vehicle of RHTLaw Asia and RHT Group of Companies (ONERHT Group), through which the ONERHT Group carries out its charitable activities and programmes. It also provides a framework, platform and channel to catalyse CSR and pro bono activities among the business and wider community.

The Foundation partners with charitable organisations to fund programmes serving a range of community needs in Singapore, that are in line with its goals as set out below:



Support Education Pursuits



Promote Environment Conservation & Sustainability Efforts



Offer Assistance to Disadvantaged Groups



Support the Arts & Sports



> S\$5 million



> 30 Charitable Organisations

The Foundation seeks to establish, inspire and encourage the right philanthropic culture among the corporate and legal fraternity of giving back to the community in a focused, hands-on and meaningful manner. Through various signature programmes and fundraising efforts such as annual charity golf events, the Foundation has raised more than S\$5,000,000 for at least 30 charities over the past 8 years.

Our Vision

To establish, inspire and encourage a philanthropic culture among the corporate and legal fraternity of giving back to the community.

To socialise and actualise such philanthropic culture into meaningful programmes where donors and stakeholders can participate and contribute to directly.

Our Mission

To provide a framework, platform and channel for corporate social responsibility initiatives and activities.



Our Endeavours



Education

We believe that education is key in enabling our children to break out of generational poverty cycles and carve out promising futures for themselves. We support life-long learning through book prizes, scholarships, bursaries and collaborations with educational institutions.

Environment & Sustainability

The Foundation supports the protection of our environment to provide a sustainable ecosystem for future generations to thrive in. We support charities such as Conservation International and Community Chest in their various programmes on conservation and key initiatives around Climate Change, Forests, Responsible Seafood and Illegal Wildlife Trade.



Disadvantaged Groups



We seek to improve the lives of the disadvantaged and vulnerable in Singapore through a meaningful and holistic approach which includes grants, volunteer work and outreach programmes.

Arts & Sports

The arts encapsulates the soul of our heritage. It allows bridges to be built between cultures and promotes a vibrant social community. Our beneficiaries include National Gallery Singapore, ARTDIS (Singapore) Ltd and Jazz Association (Singapore).



In line with its goal of promoting sports, the Foundation entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Singapore Golf Association (SGA). Under the MOU, the Foundation and SGA will collaborate on various projects and outreach programmes to promote golf as a healthy sporting activity.





Ho Peng Kee
Patron

Welcome Message from Our Patron

Dear Friends and Partners,

With heartfelt sincerity, I extend warm greetings on behalf of the ONERHT Foundation as we step into a new year filled with hope.

In bidding farewell to 2023, we reflect on a year that showcased our resilience and ability to bounce back from any challenge. Despite global challenges influencing the cost of living, your unwavering support has been a beacon of hope for those we serve and we remain deeply committed towards helping those in need.

In a world of economic uncertainties, your generosity has made positive impact on our community as we continued to pursue meaningful initiatives across our philanthropic focus areas of education, environmental sustainability, support for disadvantaged groups, and the promotion of arts and sports. Singapore's Budget 2023 includes encouraging measures for charities, with an extension to its tax deduction rate for donations for another three years until 2026. We hope that this move will further encourage charitable contributions across Singapore.

This annual report attests to the success of our collective efforts, with donations surpassing S\$1,000,000 in 2023. It serves as a poignant reminder of how compassion prevails in times of difficulty, emphasising our steadfast commitment to fostering lasting and purposeful impact on our community. Your commitment inspires others to contribute to the greater good.

As we embrace the possibilities of 2024, I anticipate yet another year marked by collaboration, innovation, and positive impact. Let us continue to foster a strong philanthropic culture within our business and professional community.

Your enduring support has been the cornerstone of our ability to deliver positive impact. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the dedicated Board Members, ONERHT staff and volunteers for their collective efforts and support for ONERHT Foundation's initiatives.

Wishing you good health and prosperity throughout the coming year.



Welcome Message from Our Chairman

Kaylee Kwok
Chairman and Director

Dear Friends and Partners,

I am pleased to present ONERHT Foundation's Annual Report to reflect upon our ONERHT Group's collective CSR efforts and achievements in the year 2023.

Throughout the year, we have consistently fostered a strong philanthropic culture within our business and professional community. Some highlights include:

- Together with Chui Huay Lim Club and Ee Hoe Hean Club, the Foundation co-organised the "In Pursuit of Excellence – ONERHT Foundation Charity Gala Dinner 2023" in February 2023". A successful 3-day public exhibition on Chinese paintings and calligraphy was also held at Chui Huay Lim Club, ending with the gala dinner which was attended by our Guest-of-Honour Mr Ong Ye Kung, Minister for Health and over 400 other guests. The event raised nearly S\$500,000 in support of 3 local hospitals namely Singapore Thong Chai Medical Institution, Ren Ci Hospital and Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital.
- In its 6th edition this year, our annual GAIL Forum focused on global decarbonisation, the impact of green energy on businesses and exploring strategies for achieving sustainability goals. The event was honoured by the presence of Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies, Mr Heng Swee Keat, who gave the keynote speech and also officially launched the ethBe platform, grounded in G.R.A.C.E. principles.
- The Foundation hosted its 8th annual ONERHT Foundation Charity Golf on 29 September and 6 October 2023 at Orchid Country Club and Sentosa Golf Club respectively. The event also included a gala dinner which was attended by our Guest-of-Honour Mr Gan Kim Yong, Minister for Trade and Industry. This year, we successfully raised over S\$400,000 for 4 charities namely PCF Sparkle Care Centres, Life Community Services Society, Singapore Cancer Society and Singapore Road Safety Council. The event engaged more than 180 golfers, demonstrating the collective commitment of the business community to philanthropy.

This year, the Foundation also supported more than 20 external fundraising events organised by various charities and non-profit organisations. Some of these external events attended by our ONERHT colleagues are highlighted in this Annual Report.

On behalf of the Foundation, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all our sponsors, donors and business partners for your generous support and contributions, which hold immense significance for our beneficiaries. I would also like to extend my deep appreciation to our Patron Mr Ho Peng Kee, our former Chairman Mr Tan Chong Huat, our Board of Directors, and our ONERHT colleagues. In every step of this journey, your unwavering support and encouragement has been our greatest strength.

Thank you for your continuing support, and we look forward to another fruitful year of collaborations and shared success.

Leadership



Ho Peng Kee
Patron



Kaylee Kwok
Chairman



Tan Chong Huat
Chairman
(2015 - 2022)



Bernard Tay
Director



Seng Han Thong
Director



Evelyn Chng
Director



Yang Eu Jin
Director



Jayaprakash Jagateesan
Director



Erwan Barre
Director



Connie Chang
Honorary Treasurer



Jannie Loh
Secretariat



Evelyn Tan
Secretariat

Ageing RigHT

The Foundation is proud to be the driving force behind the Ageing RigHT Project (Project) which is primarily aimed at meeting the needs of our pioneer generation progressively over the next few years.

Phase 1

Phase 1 of the Project was rolled out in November 2017. This involved the initial publication of the eldercare guidebook, “As You Are, Now,” in English. The guide covers various topics such as basic first aid, health, financial, and personal estate matters, serving as a practical resource for the elderly, their loved ones, and caregivers. Distribution took place at Resident Committees, Community Clubs, Lions Befrienders Senior Activity Centres, and PAP Community Foundation (PCF) Sparkle Care Centres.

Phase 2



Photo Credit: Singapore Road Safety Council

Our eldercare guidebook was officially launched by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong at a public event on 11 August 2018 during Phase 2. This eldercare guidebook was published in 4 official languages i.e. English, Chinese, Malay and Tamil.

01 Signature Programmes

Phase 3

In Phase 3, supporting partners engaged with the elderly, their family members and caregivers by raising public awareness and providing education on essential topics such as basic first aid, dementia, and issues related to road and home safety issues affecting them:



Phase 4



Lastly, Phase 4 of the Project involved law students from Singapore Management University (SMU) Pro Bono Centre (supported by our Foundation) who assisted our elderly with their wills, lasting powers of attorney, and advance medical directives (with guidance from lawyers of RHTLaw Asia). We express gratitude for their timely and meaningful contributions.

01 Signature Programmes



ONERHT Foundation Patron Mr Ho Peng Kee interacting with residents of PCF Sparkle Care Centre @ Shunfu



Visit to PCF Sparkle Care Centre



Photo Credit: Singapore Red Cross Society

A team of committed professionals authored the guidebook, which was published in four official languages specifically for the elderly and their caregivers. The Foundation, in collaboration with key partners such as the Ministry of Social and Family Development, People's Association, PAP Community Foundation, Singapore Red Cross Society, SMU Pro Bono Centre, and Dementia Singapore Ltd, aims to impart essential knowledge to the elderly and their caregivers. The guidebook covers crucial topics including protection against physical, emotional, and financial abuse, lasting powers of attorney, advance medical directives, basic first aid, dementia, home safety, and road safety. Careful consideration has been given to addressing the challenges that aging may present.

02 Signature Programmes



Greening ASEAN: Initiatives and Leadership (GAIL)

Acknowledging the importance of sustainability to address climate change, adverse social and community impact and corporate concerns, the Foundation took proactive steps by commissioning sustainability initiatives. One such initiative, named **GAIL (Greening ASEAN: Initiatives and Leadership)**, was officially launched during the fourth annual ASEAN Summit in 2018. GAIL's aim is to

facilitate relevant expertise, knowledge, and practical measures to enable ASEAN companies to respond to the region's growing call for sustainable development.



ARHTPhil



ARHTPhil, an initiative spearheaded by RHTLaw Asia, aims to seamlessly blend Art and Philanthropy into a cohesive, compelling, and credible proposition. This signature programme is strategically designed to benefit various stakeholders such as museums, insurers, banks, collectors and general public. The purpose of ARHTPhil is to facilitate more artists, museums and private collectors to monetise their artwork and thus allowing more of such works to be exhibited for public enjoyment. In addition, they may also consider converting their artwork into non-fungible tokens (NFTs) with assistance from the dedicated expert team at AIDigi Technologies, a member of our ONERHT Group.

04 Signature Programmes

EduRigHT

Subhas Anandan Bursary/Scholarships

Established in 2017 through collaborative contributions to the Subhas Anandan Legacy Fund, the Subhas Anandan Bursary/Scholarships offer financial support to full-time undergraduates enrolled in the School of Law at Singapore Management University. The aim is to encourage these students towards achieving higher levels of excellence.



RHTLaw Asia Subhas Anandan Pro Bono Grant

The late Subhas Anandan (1947-2015) was renowned for his dedication to pro bono work, notably as a champion of pro bono assistance in criminal matters. His contributions included the establishment of the Association of Criminal Lawyers of Singapore, as well as the implementation of free legal clinics and legal representation through the association. To continue his work, RHTLaw Asia established this award in honour of their founding partner, Mr. Subhas Anandan.

04 Signature Programmes



Photo Credit: SMU Pro Bono Centre

Sponsorship to Singapore Management University Pro Bono Centre

Through a five-year commitment from Academic Years 2017 to 2022, the Foundation had supported Singapore Management University Pro Bono Centre to foster pro bono ethos within the legal community.



RHT G.R.A.C.E. Institute

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RHT G.R.A.C.E. Institute, a social enterprise under ONERHT Foundation, was officially launched on 5 November 2020. The Institute aims to promote an organisational culture anchored on the five core principles of Governance, Risk Management, Anti-money laundering, Compliance, and Ethics (G.R.A.C.E.).

ASEAN+ Outreach Programme Building Sustainable Communities

Project Bridge (Lombok, Indonesia)

In a rural village in Lombok, Indonesia, residents faced the challenge of relying on makeshift bridges to traverse different river sections between their village and the mainland. These makeshift bridges were unstable and regularly collapsed during the monsoon seasons, posing significant risks to both adults and children.

Following extensive discussions with contacts in both Singapore and Indonesia, the Foundation took a proactive role in supporting the construction of three bridges totalling 49 meters. This initiative has greatly benefited 15 farmers and their families, totalling 75 individuals. These families, reliant on income derived from farming chillis, vegetables, and rice, now have safer and more stable access to the mainland.

Notably, this project marks the Foundation's inaugural corporate social responsibility project beyond Singapore.



05 Signature Programmes

Project Earthquake (Lombok, Indonesia)

In 2018, the Indonesian island of Lombok experienced a series of devastating earthquakes and tremors, resulting in the loss of over 460 lives, widespread destruction of homes and buildings, and the displacement of hundreds of thousands of people. In response to this crisis, the Foundation extended humanitarian aid to the affected communities in Lombok. This assistance included the provision of 50 tentages and essential food supplies to alleviate the immediate needs of the impacted population.



Project School (Long An, Vietnam)

As part of its ASEAN+ Outreach Programme, the Foundation made a donation and contributed towards a renovation project for the school kitchen/canteen at VietLam Primary school on December 16, 2018.

A ceremonial launch took place at the school on February 26, 2019, with Mr. Benjamin Yap, Senior Partner of RHTLaw Vietnam, representing the Foundation at the event. VietLam Primary School, situated in Long An Province, Vietnam, accommodates 110 students.

Highlights of the Year 2023

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In Pursuit of Excellence –
ONERHT Foundation
Charity Art Exhibition
and Gala Dinner 2023



02

ONERHT Foundation
GAIL Forum 2023



03

ONERHT Foundation
Charity Golf 2023



01 Highlights



Guest-of-Honour Mr Ong Ye Kung, Minister for Health, (7th from left) onstage with Organising Committee members and advisors, generous donors and the esteemed artists at the event.

In Pursuit of Excellence – ONERHT Foundation Charity Gala Dinner 2023

ONERHT Foundation, in collaboration with Chui Huay Lim Club and Ee Hoe Hean Club, raised nearly S\$500,000 during their charity gala dinner, themed “In Pursuit of Excellence – ONERHT Foundation Charity Gala Dinner 2023.” The funds supported three local healthcare institutions: Singapore Thong Chai Medical Institution, Ren Ci Hospital, and Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital, enabling them to expand their medical and healthcare services for Singapore’s ageing population. The event, attended by our Guest-of-Honour Mr Ong Ye Kung, Minister for Health and over 400 other guests, also featured a successful public auction of Chinese artworks.



02 Highlights



Guest-of-Honour, Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies Mr Heng Swee Keat and ONERHT Foundation Chairman Ms Kaylee Kwok at the GAIL Forum.

ONERHT Foundation GAIL Forum 2023

ONERHT Foundation hosted its 6th GAIL Forum, which focused on decarbonisation strategies. Over 150 delegates gathered to discuss global decarbonisation, the impact of green energy on businesses, and sustainability goals. The forum also addressed key themes of energy, strategy, and finance, emphasizing alignment across companies, financial markets, consumers, employees, and communities for sustainability. In addition, Guest-of-Honour Deputy Prime Minister Heng Swee Keat launched the ethBe platform, a professional network promoting ethical leadership.



03 Highlights



(L-R) Mr Azman Jaafar, Managing Partner of RHTLaw Asia, Mr Erwan Barre, Board Director of ONERHT Foundation, Ms Kaylee Kwok, Chairman of ONERHT Foundation, Guest-of-Honour Mr Gan Kim Yong, Minister for Trade and Industry, Mr Ho Peng Kee, Patron of ONERHT Foundation, and Mr Bernard Tay, Mr Jayaprakash Jagateesan, Mr Yang Eu Jin, Board Directors of ONERHT Foundation.

ONERHT Foundation Charity Golf 2023



ONERHT Foundation successfully raised over S\$400,000 for disadvantaged groups at its Charity Golf 2023 event. With the participation of more than 170 golfers over two days at Orchid Country Club and Sentosa Golf Club, the event concluded with a gala dinner attended by Guest-of-Honour Minister for Trade and Industry Mr Gan Kim Yong and over 200 guests. The event was held in support of beneficiaries including PAP Community Foundation Sparkle Care Centres, Life Community Services Society, Singapore Cancer Society, and Singapore Road Safety Council.

Our Support at Various Beneficiaries' Events



CaringSG's i Care! Campaign Gala Dinner



Make-A-Wish Charity Golf 2023



Life Community Services Society Golf For Life 2023



Singapore Press Club Golf Classic 2023



SIET Charity Golf 2023



Jazz Association (Singapore) Benefit Gala 2023



14th KOCHAM Annual Charity Golf & Networking Gala Dinner 2023



27 Oct

36th MGR Deepavali Golf Classic & Dinner



8 Nov

Singapore Cycling Federation Charity Gala Dinner 2023



10 Nov

Casa Raudha 15th Anniversary Charity Dinner



5 Nov

SGA President's Cup 2023



Inaugural Singapore Golf Association Annual Gala & Awards Dinner 2023



Singapore Road Safety Council Fundraising Gala Dinner 2023



Warren's Captain & Lady Captain's Cup 2023

THANK YOU!

The Foundation is making a difference in our community and we could not have done it without the strong support of the following people:

- Our Supporting Partners, Sponsors and Donors
- Our Patron and Board of Directors of the Foundation
- ONERHT Colleagues

We thank you for changing lives.





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