



## **SPEECH BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE YWCA**

A very good afternoon to Dr Robert Loh, Director, SPH Foundation, Ms Ginney Lim, General Manager, SPH Foundation, Ms Selina Lim, Manager, SPH Foundation, my fellow members and all our distinguished guests.

On behalf of the Young Women's Christian Association, I am pleased to extend a very warm welcome to all of you to the YWCA Outram Centre.

Young children need 3 nutritious meals daily to grow, be healthy and energetic. However, for most of our children on the Meals-On-Wheels Programme, they may not have enough to eat. Many a time they skip dinner, drink tap water and go to bed early to keep their hunger pangs at bay.

Hence, the YWCA started the Meals-On-Wheels Programme for Children on 31 July this year after reading about these children in a Saturday Special Report in The Straits Times. The programme aims to ensure that children from low-income families in the Outram area get hot, nutritious evening meals delivered to their homes for free daily. It is the first of its kind in Singapore.

Thus, today, we are very happy to have a new dedicated vehicle to deliver meals to these children. With this van, we hope to reach out to 100 needy children by December 2006 and 200 by the end of 2008.

We are very grateful to the SPH Foundation for making it possible for us to purchase the van. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of SPH Foundation for the generous donation of \$50,000/- for the van.

The YWCA is unable to do all the work alone. We have been working in partnership with members of the public, corporate organisations, social service agencies, Government bodies and schools to achieve our mission to serve the Community with love and compassion and provide quality programmes, facilities and services. The YWCA has also received a \$20,000/- donation from Lee Foundation, as well as donations totaling \$15,000/- from the public through its Adopt-a-Child Scheme since the programme began. Queenstown Primary School, Zhangde Primary School and Beyond Social Services have kindly helped us to identify the beneficiaries for the programme.

We are very thankful for your support and we look forward to receiving your continuing participation in this journey with us.

Our plans for the children on the programme do not just stop at providing free dinners. Our future plans for the children include the YWCA Kids' Club, a drop-in centre for the children, camps and workshops to help the children realise their potential through social, emotional and moral support.

Once again, on behalf of our beneficiaries, I would like to thank all our supporters and donors.

We wish you all a very pleasant afternoon with us today.

Thank you.

Tan Kee Leng (Ms)  
President  
YWCA of Singapore



**SPEECH BY MS GINNEY LIM, GENERAL MANAGER OF SPH FOUNDATION, AT THE YWCA KEY HAND-OVER CEREMONY ON 15 NOVEMBER 2006 AT YWCA NATIONAL CENTRE**

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Good afternoon,

Ms Tan Kee Leng, President of Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA),

Dr Robert Loh, Director of Singapore Press Holdings Foundation,

Ladies and gentlemen

On behalf of Singapore Press Holdings Foundation, I would like to applaud YWCA for their quick thinking in identifying and putting together a much-needed social service within such a short time.

When The Straits Times published a special report entitled "Poverty: Generation Next" on 27 May this year, YWCA recognised the pressing need and was able to adapt an existing idea and turn it into a much-needed service. A group of underprivileged children is now benefiting from this service, and would otherwise have continued to go hungry every evening till this day.

The SPH Foundation is very honoured to be a partner in this pioneer Meals-on-Wheels for Children programme. We certainly hope that with the sponsorship of a dedicated

delivery van, YWCA will be able to reach out to more needy children in other residential areas through this innovative service.

Children, at their young age, would require nutritious meals to help them grow and keep them alert for learning and for play.

The SPH Foundation's mission is to build a community that embraces lifelong learning, language enrichment, creativity, conservation, healthy living and sports. We hope that the children benefiting from this programme will be able to put their hunger woes aside so that they can concentrate better on their studies and have fun.

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish YWCA every success in their first Meals-on-Wheels for Children programme and for all their future plans for these children.

Thank you.