



**Girl Guides
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Girl Guides celebrates SG50 with Residents of Sree Narayana Home for the Aged Sick

In 2011, Girl Guides Singapore's (GGS) North Division 'adopted' the Sree Narayana Home for the Aged Sick as its community service project. Over the last three years, in keeping with their long-term commitment as a community partner, Brownies and Guides from schools in the North Division have taken turns to visit the Home on scheduled Fridays.

The girls are actively engaged in planning and running the programme for each visit, ensuring that the activities are meaningful for the residents. They organised games, activities and even outings for the residents. The girls have brought the residents to places such as the Botanic Gardens and Bottle Tee Park to enjoy nature and the outdoors.

At the Home, the girls bring fun and laughter when they play games like Bingo, fishing, and knocking-down-the-cans. At the end of every year, the highlight of the residents' get-together is an entertaining programme of performances by the Brownies and Guides along with a party.

"GGS believes that girls of all ages can play an active role in improving our community and nation. To do this, GGS partnered with many different organisations over the years to create opportunities for community service. This project with the Sree Narayana Home has enabled Brownies and Guides, aged between 9-17 years, to understand the needs of the elderly. The girls have developed a deeper sense of empathy and responsibility for others around them."

Ms Kim Lay Eng, Chief Commissioner, Girl Guides Singapore.

"Sree Narayana Mission Home greatly values the community partnership with the Girl Guides and are thankful to them for being able to spare their time, efforts and passion in organising various events for our elderly residents in the Nursing Home. Through this partnership, we are also glad to provide a meaningful opportunity for them to engage and gain knowledge about our Pioneers who have helped shaped our Nation. We also hope to provide an avenue to promote the culture and awareness on "Care and Share" that will certainly make a difference in the lives of the many needy and aged seniors in our community."

Mr K V Miyapan, Chief Executive Officer, Sree Narayana Mission Home for the Aged Sick.

To celebrate Singapore's 50th year of independence with the Pioneer Generation at the Sree Narayana Home for the Aged Sick, Mrs Mary Tan, Patron of GGS, will be joining the girls to visit the Home on Friday, 17 April 2015. Girl Guides Singapore will present to each resident with a tin of the "Celebrate Singapore" cookies – this special edition tin has been produced to commemorate SG50.

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The programme:

- 3.30pm : Arrival of Mrs Mary Tan, Patron, Girl Guides Singapore
- 3.35pm : Dance performance by Girl Guides of Seng Kang Secondary School
Sharing of service project – Partnership between Girl Guides Singapore and Sree Narayana Home for the Aged Sick by Girl Guides of Yishun Town Secondary School
Presentation of the SG50 Girl Guides cookies to Sree Narayana Home for the Aged Sick by Mrs Mary Tan
Viewing of the Craft and Games Stations put up by Brownies of Marsiling Primary School and Girl Guides of Seng Kang Secondary School
- 4.20pm : Tea reception

Girl Guides Singapore

Started in 1917, Girl Guides Singapore (GGS) is a non-profit Uniformed Group that is part of the World Association of Girl Guides and Guide Scouts (WAGGGS). It has over 9,000 members in Singapore and is the largest and choice Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) group for girls. There are more than 10 million Girl Guides and Guide Scouts in 145 countries today.

GGS teaches leadership, promotes resourcefulness and supports cultural diversity in today's world, for today's girls. We offer opportunities and challenges that shape each girl into a leader of courage, confidence and character. As she takes her place and makes her mark in the world, the Girl Guides experience is something a girl will carry with her for life.

Sree Narayana Mission (Singapore)

Sree Narayana Mission (Singapore) is a charitable organisation named after the great saint philosopher and social reformer from Kerala, South India, Sree Narayana Guru. Since its Inception in Singapore in 1948, it has grown into a leading welfare organization in the welfare of elderly. It is affiliated to the National Council of Social Services (NCSS) and the Ministry of Health (MOH)

The SNM Welfare Services is the welfare arm of the Mission. The Mission currently manages two Homes - Sree Narayana Mission Home for the Aged Sick and Meranti Home @ Pelangi Village; and two Multi-Services Centres - Enhanced Eldercare Programme (EEP) @ Yishun and EEP and Dementia Social Day Care Centre @ Woodlands with over 400 residents which include mentally burned out people as well as people who are aged and sick.

The Mission also runs various welfare programs such as Food Relief, Financial Assistance, Bursary and Home Nursing Services. The generosity and support of government agencies, companies, organizations and individuals play a vital role in our mission of providing quality nursing care to our residents and clients.

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