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An Enchanting Night of Giving and Glamour: NeuGen raises \$793,096 for children and families of reformed offenders

SINGAPORE, 30 MAY 2024 – Furthering the cause of empowering children and families of reformed offenders, NeuGen Fund (“NeuGen”) achieved its record-breaking amount at the *NeuGen Charity Gala 2024: Enchanting Dreams* this evening, raising an incredible \$793,096 in support of the beneficiaries in need. The gala dinner event, held at the prestigious Ritz-Carlton, Millenia Singapore, brought together kindred spirits from various walks of life for an evening of compassion and enchantment.

Aligned with the theme of “Enchanting Dreams” where every child deserves the opportunity to realise dreams regardless of family circumstances, guests immersed themselves in the thoughtfully curated programme for the night. From the premiere screening of the “My Dreams” video to the captivating performances by the Crescent Girls' School Choir, Sara Wee, and beneficiaries from the Mothers' Support Group, the event underscored the transformative power of collective action in fostering positive change and empowerment.

"It creates a void in a child's world when a parent gets incarcerated. We must give each of these children constant support and encouragement, and never leave their lives to chance." said Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, President of the Republic of Singapore who was the Guest of Honour for the event.

During the highly anticipated auction segment, a standout feature was the "Unbroken" collection featuring eight meticulously crafted rice bowls by local potter Kim Whye Kee, broken and restored using the Japanese kintsugi technique. Enhanced by a finishing touch by President Tharman and Ms Jane Ittogi, these bowls reflect the journey of NeuGen's beneficiaries - just as they were mended and transformed into something beautiful, individuals facing challenges can also emerge with strength and grace.

"We are incredibly grateful to everyone who contributed to the success of the gala," said Mr Joshua Tay, Chairman of NeuGen Fund Management Board. **"Together, we hope to make dreams a reality for families affected by incarceration and more importantly, prevent intergenerational offending. Join us in our mission to bring hope and transformation – your contribution can truly make a difference."**

Funds raised through the NeuGen Charity Gala 2024: Enchanting Dreams will go towards supporting NeuGen's comprehensive programmes and initiatives under its Neu Empowerment Model to offer vital guidance, and support to children and families in need.



About NeuGen Fund

Founded in 2018, NeuGen Fund is a registered charity with an Institution of a Public Character (IPC) status, dedicated to serving children and families of reformed offenders. Through the Neu Empowerment Model, NeuGen engages beneficiaries meaningfully in various academic and pro-social initiatives with the primary goal of preventing intergenerational offending.

Addressing intergenerational offending poses significant challenges. When a family member commits an offense, the impact extends beyond livelihoods and discrimination. Such situations can exert a strong influence, potentially perpetuating cycles of crime for children.

NeuGen believes that every child deserves a chance in life. We aim to expand impact by reaching out to more children and families in these situations, striving to realise the vision of a caring and inclusive society where lives are productive and self-reliant. Individuals or organisations sharing our vision are invited to connect with us at hello@neugen.org.sg to explore how they can contribute to our cause.

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