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Marina Bay Sands cooks up a storm with Willing Hearts

*Integrated resort's Team Members prepare 9,000 meals
for Singapore's underprivileged*



Sands for Singapore volunteers cooking up a storm with Willing Hearts 14 – 16 June

Singapore (17 June 2013) – As part of **Sands for Singapore**, Marina Bay Sands' Corporate Social Responsibility programme, 170 Marina Bay Sands team members prepared and delivered approximately 9,000 meals for needy Singaporeans over three days. The collaboration between Marina Bay Sands and local charity Willing Hearts took place from 14 – 16 June.

Over the three days, Marina Bay Sands' volunteers contributed 1,000 hours at Willing Heart's Soup Kitchen where they cooked, packed and delivered the food packs to 35 distribution points across Singapore, benefitting nearly 3,000 children and elderly daily.



(L – R) Team members chopping and washing of vegetables, One of Marina Bay Sands’ chefs volunteering his weekend to cook 3,000 meals for needy Singaporeans

Team Members also raised funds from an internal fund-raising drive which **Sands for Singapore** matched dollar-for-dollar. A total of S\$7,500 was raised and donated to Willing Hearts. On top of the proceeds from the fund-raising event and in conjunction with World Hunger Day on 28 May, Marina Bay Sands’ Team Members donated and collected canned and dried food. Some of these were used as ingredients at the Soup Kitchen while others were packed and will be distributed as Care Packs during the three-day volunteerism event.

Mr. George Tanasijevich, President and Chief Executive Officer of Marina Bay Sands, said, “**Sands for Singapore** is committed to give back to our community in meaningful ways. We reach out to the local community to make positive differences to those in need. This collaboration with Willing Hearts has opened up not just our minds but also our hearts as our Team Members interact and service those in need. By engaging our large and motivated workforce, Marina Bay Sands will continue to help and support the Singapore community.”



President & Chief Executive Officer of Marina Bay Sands, George Tanasijevich and Team Members distributing food and care packs to elderly at Telok Ayer

Willing Hearts was established in 2005 and the organisation depends entirely on volunteers to fulfil its daily tasks. The organisation prepares about 90,000 meals per month. Other than cooking for the marginalised members of the community, Willing Hearts further takes care of some children within their distribution centres by providing them their daily meals, bursary, stationery supplies and organising educational tours during the school holidays.

“We firmly believe that when the heart is willing, the help extended will be genuine. Both the time and monetary contributions we received from **Sands from Singapore** volunteers was very heart-warming and demonstrative of the essence of giving back to society, and we hope that this will encourage others to give with a willing heart,” said Mr Tony Tay, Founding Chairman of Willing Hearts.

During the March holidays, as part of **Sands for Singapore’s** quarterly volunteerism events, 200 Team Member volunteers applied a fresh coat of paint to the Mountbatten Vocational School, an affiliate school of its designated charity, the Singapore Association for the Deaf (SADeaf). Aside from SADeaf, Marina Bay Sands also works together with four other designated charities^[1] as well as other charities and organizations, to help communities in need.

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Sands for Singapore is Marina Bay Sands’ corporate social responsibility programme, committed to help Singapore in meaningful ways – using our unique resources and leveraging on our active volunteerism to make a positive difference in the lives of Singaporeans. Our designated charities, including Metta School, the Singapore Association for the Deaf (SADeaf), OSchool and City College, WECARE Community Services and Art Outreach Singapore have benefitted from our continuous support and engagement. Besides working with our designated charities, we further support beneficiaries including those related to youth and education.

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^[1] The four other designated charities are Metta School, OSchool, City College, WECARE Community Services and Art Outreach Singapore.