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# SHELL VOLUNTEERS SURPASSED TARGET WITH MORE THAN 180 HOURS OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMME AND RAISED MORE THAN \$80,000 FOR LAKESIDE FAMILY SERVICES IN THE AMAZING 'RAISE'

*The Shell iVolunteers' Amazing 'Raise', an inaugural fund-raising event involving Shell community partners, raised S\$80,000 for Lakeside Family Services and capped a full year of giving back, exceeding 180 hours of community programmes.*

**SINGAPORE, 5 DECEMBER 2017** – Shell Singapore completed its full year of giving back to the community with more than 180 hours of community programmes aimed at supporting children and youth from low-income families or with special needs. Shell iVolunteers, an employee-driven volunteering network, marked this milestone with a fund-raising event called *The Amazing Raise*, which raised S\$80,000. Apart from funds, this event also aimed to raise awareness of the social causes supported by Shell Singapore, as well as fun in volunteering.



**Shell iVolunteers purchasing daily necessities for low-income families**

All three key community partners of Shell Singapore; namely Lakeside Family Services (LFS), Southwest Community Development Council (SWCDC) and the Institute of Technical Education (ITE), pitched in to organise this inaugural event. Designed like the popular U.S TV series, the Amazing Raise required more than 100 Shell employees to race around the partners' locations and complete challenges designed to simulate the daily struggles faced by the beneficiaries. For example, participants experienced the dilemma of a low-income family choosing daily necessities with limited money. Kaushik Burman, Shell Commercial Fleet Manager, remarked after the event, "It's a very humbling experience and one feels very grateful for whatever one has."

Minister of Social and Family Development, Mr. Desmond Lee, who flagged off the exciting event with Ms. Goh Swee Chen, Chairman of Shell Companies in Singapore, and Mr. Teo Tee Loon, Executive Director of Lakeside Family Services, urged the volunteers to focus on helping the beneficiaries find their own feet. He said, "[Let's not] treat them as cases but to treat them as individuals and families who need that extra support to stand on their own two feet again. Often, the dignity and respect that we provide to them allow them to recover and to come back, hopefully in the future, to also make a difference." The event was also attended by representatives from SWCDC and ITE College West.



**(From left) Ms. Goh Swee Chen, Chairman of Shell Companies in Singapore; Mr Desmond Lee, Minister of Social and Family Development and Mr. Teo Tee Loon, Executive Director of Lakeside Family Services, attending the Amazing Raise.**

Together with funds from The Amazing Raise, Shell raised a total of \$110,000 in 2017 for Lakeside Family Services. Mr. Teo Tee Loon expressed his gratitude to the Shell volunteers, saying "Shell is lucky to have employees like you who have a heart for the community, what you're doing today, it builds the hearts; it builds the culture of kindness and love."

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**About Shell iVolunteers**

Shell iVolunteers is an employee-drive network that connects enthusiastic Shell volunteers from all the offices and sites in Shell Singapore. Shell iVolunteers aims to support children, youth and their families with less privileged background. Since its formation in July 2015, Shell iVolunteers membership has grown from 15 to 450. Shell iVolunteers fund-raise and co-design programmes with its community partners to bring hope and inspirations to children and youth. In 2016, Shell iVolunteers completed more than 150 hours of community programmes.

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