



CARITAS SINGAPORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

# STEWARDSHIP REPORT 2009

Today we present a summary of Caritas Singapore's work for the financial year ending 30 Sept 2009, and a preview of plans for the 2010 calendar year. Despite the difficult economic environment of the last year, we achieved much because of the support from Catholics and the broader community, including many who gave their time, talent and money. We are grateful to God for His providence through each of you.

## AT A GLANCE

### Our Mission

To provide leadership to the Catholic community in Singapore in fulfilling the Church's social mission for the benefit of the broader community.

### Our Vision

To be the hub of a vibrant Church's social outreach to the broader community and a model of social innovation and Christian leadership.

### Those Involved

15 Board Members  
50 Committee Members (excluding board members)  
7 Staff  
22 Member Organisations  
>50,000 Beneficiaries

## Member Organisations

### Affiliates

- acts 29
- Archdiocesan Crisis Coordination Team
- Archdiocesan Commission for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People
- Assisi Hospice
- Boys' Town Singapore
- Canossaville Children's Home
- Catholic AIDS Response Effort
- Catholic Business Network
- Catholic Lawyers Guild
- Catholic Medical Guild
- Catholic Nurses Guild
- Catholic Welfare Services
- Christian Family and Social Movement
- Family Life Society
- Jesuit Refugee Service Singapore
- Marine Parade Family Service Centre
- Morning Star Community Services
- Roman Catholic Prison Ministry
- Society of St Vincent de Paul

### Associates

- Catholic Research Centre Singapore
- Faith and Light Community
- Singapore Pastoral Institute



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## Key Financials<sup>1</sup>

### Income & Expenditure

	FY 2009	FY2008
Donations and Fees	\$5,738,607	\$5,780,448
Sponsorships	\$ 280,302	\$ 818,126
Others	\$ 30,557	\$ 34,018

Total Incoming Resources \$6,049,466 \$6,632,592

Costs of Charitable Activities	\$3,568,137	\$2,889,697
Fundraising and Sponsorship Costs	\$ 273,965	\$ 235,782
Governance Costs	\$ 194,998	\$ 178,645

Total Resources Expended \$4,037,100 \$3,304,124

Net Incoming Resources \$2,012,366 \$3,328,468

### Ratios

Funds Raised	\$6,018,559	\$6,254,981
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 273,965	\$ 235,782
Fundraising Ratio <sup>2</sup>	4.6%	3.8%
Grants Given	\$3,129,326	\$2,423,525
Other Charitable Expenses	\$ 438,811	\$ 466,172
Programme Ratio <sup>3</sup>	88%	87%

### Notes:

1. The income and expenditure items have been described in simpler terms than those used in the formal financial statements found in the Governance and Financial Report 2009. The equivalent terminology used in the report is shown in the brackets:-
  - Donations and Fees (Voluntary Income)
  - Sponsorships (Activities for Generating Funds)
  - Fundraising and Sponsorship Costs (Costs of Generating Voluntary Income and Costs of Activities for Generating Funds)
2. Measures fundraising efficiency. Computed based on the formula: Fundraising Expenses ÷ Funds Raised.
3. Measures funds deployed on charity programmes vs fundraising and overheads. Computed based on the formula: Expenses Spent on Charity Programmes (including Grants) ÷ Total Expenses.

## Caritas Singapore Annual Reports

Further information of Caritas Singapore's activities and progress for FY2009 can be found in the detailed Annual Report 2009 and Governance & Financial Report 2009. The theme of the reports is "faith, hope and love," the basis of our formation and work.

You may receive these reports by one of the following means:

- Download a soft copy from our website at <http://www.caritas-singapore.org/aboutus/annualreport.html>
- Email us your request for a hardcopy at [annualreport@caritas-singapore.org](mailto:annualreport@caritas-singapore.org) and we will mail it to you.
- Collect a copy from our office at 55 Waterloo Street #09-03, Catholic Welfare Centre, Singapore 187954.



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“Now in its third year, Caritas Singapore has come far in achieving the aims for which it was established.”

– His Grace, Archbishop Nicholas Chia



Welcoming Our New Member Organisations (26 Jun 2009)

## 2009 Key Events

- 22 Aug 2009 – Social Mission Alive 2009
- 18 Aug 2009 – CBN Golf for Charity 2009
- 16 Aug 2009 – Lay Apostolate Sunday: Launch of *Salt & Pepper* - Readings on the Catholic Social Teachings
- 31 Jul 2009 – Members' Talk: Code of Governance for Charities
- 09 Jul 2009 – Launch of *Salt of the Earth*: A Group Study Guide on the Basic Principles of Catholic Social Teachings, Chinese Edition
- 03 Jul 2009 – Caritas Singapore Parish Ambassadors' Briefing
- 26 Jun 2009 – Members' Session: Welcoming our New Member Organisations
- 28 May 2009 – Members' Talk: How to Engage the Media with Effectiveness
- 15 May 2009 – Launch of In Tune with Mission Song Writing Competition
- 25 Apr 2009 – 3rd Members' Forum
- 27 Mar 2009 – Members' Talk: Economic Crisis? Help is Available!
- 07–15 Mar 2009 – Launch of *Giving Hope* booklet in conjunction with Charities Week 2009
- 13 Feb 2009 – Members' Talk: Servant Leadership
- 06 Feb 2009 – Caritas Singapore Parish Ambassadors' Briefing
- 27 Dec 2008 – Caritas Singapore Retreat: Living Simply, Solidarity with the Poor
- 24 Oct - 14 Nov 2008 – Social Teachings Talk: What Would Jesus Do?



Code of Governance for Charities (31 Jul 2009)



3<sup>rd</sup> Members' Forum (25 Apr 2009)



Social Mission Alive 2009 (22 Aug 2009)

## Calendar 2010 Plans\*

### Major Events

- Charities Week 2010 27 February 2010
- A Big Day Out 2010 18 July 2010 (Food & fun fair for beneficiaries)
- The Social Mission Conference 21 August 2010
- Developing Together 5, 12, 19 & 26 October 2010
- 4 talks by Rev Fr David Garcia, OP on Catholic Social Teachings

### Formation Highlights

- *Salt of the Earth*: A Group Study Guide on the Basic Principles of Catholic Social Teachings (in English)

#### Briefing Dates

- 26 Jan 2010
- 25 Mar 2010
- 24 May 2010
- 22 July 2010
- 20 Sep 2010
- 25 Nov 2010

For more information, contact Caritas Singapore at 6337 3711.

- *Salt of the Earth*: A Group Study Guide on the Basic Principles of Catholic Social Teachings (in Chinese)

For more information, contact Christina Cheong at 9695 9287.

- Publications for the Liturgical Year

- Lenten Reflection Booklet 21 February 2010
- Lay Apostolate Sunday Reflection 22 August 2010
- Advent Reflection Booklet 28 November 2010

- Catholic News – “Our Social Mission” Page

Fortnightly series on reflections on current issues based on our social teachings.)

- Other formation materials being developed for 2010:

- Tamil edition of *Salt of the Earth*
- *Labourers of the Harvest*: A Group Study Guide on Catholic Social Teachings for Working Catholics
- *Tent Makers*: A Guide for Overseas Mission Trips.

\* Dates may change - please confirm them at our website.

## Continuing: Existing Programmes

### Community Strategy

Coordinate the implementation of the Archdiocesan strategy for meeting community needs (see “New and Enhanced Programmes” below).

### Formation

Make Catholic Social Teachings more accessible (see “Formation Highlights” above).

### Volunteering

Promote volunteering and match volunteers to opportunities with member organisations. Conduct volunteer management training for member organisations.

### Fundraising

Raise a common pool of funds through Charities Week, Living Water and Many Helping Hands from the community.

### Grant Making

Channel funds raised to member organisations through a formal grants process.

### Communications

Communicate the charitable work of member organisations and their events through the Caritas Singapore online portal, Catholic News and monthly e-Newsletter.

### Membership and Capacity Building

Organise regular networking and learning sessions for members. Engage and support them in building up their organisations.

### Shared Services

Synergise resources across the Catholic groups through clustering, pooled donations-in-kind and central meeting facilities.

## Upcoming: New and Enhanced Programmes

Arising from the Community Strategy, the following programmes are being planned for next three years in conjunction with our member organisations:

- Public education for Catholics, starting with “Dignity of the Elderly”
- New parenting education
- Coordination of social response
- Pilot for community-based services for the elderly
- Best practices for parishes
- New group for disabled
- New group for mental health
- Caregiver services
- Employment opportunities for the marginalised
- Study on shelters for the marginalised
- Reviews of member organisations
- Follow through on “Study of the Poor” project
- Coordination of overseas humanitarian work