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FRIENDS' TRIBUTE TO REN CI CHARITY DINNER 2009

Singapore, 20 March 2009 – Ren Ci Hospital & Medicare Centre (“Ren Ci”) is pleased to organize the ‘Friends’ Tribute to Ren Ci’ Charity Dinner. The Dinner will be held tonight, Friday, 20 March 2009 at 8pm, at the Orchid Country Club. We are privileged to have Mr Khaw Boon Wan, Minister for Health as our Guest-of-Honour.

On the ‘Friends’ Tribute to Ren Ci’ Charity Dinner, Mr Chua Thian Poh, Chairman of Ren Ci said: “This event was made possible through the tremendous support from the Management Committee members, staff, volunteers, supporters, donors and friends. It is heart warming and honoured to receive such generous support to help the needy patients”.

The initial target was to raise \$0.5million but to-date, a total of \$1m has been raised. The funds raised will be used for patients’ care.

The sumptuous 7-course vegetarian menu, specially created and prepared by chefs from the Society of Chinese Cuisine Chefs Singapore, will add exclusiveness to the Dinner. Using exquisite variations of greens, mushrooms and other ingredients, the fusion cuisine will leave the 700 diners unforgettable.

Another highlight of tonight’s Dinner would be the handmade lotus. The lotuses are specially made by our patients, volunteers and staff. It is a token of appreciation for the generous support that Ren Ci has received for this Charity Dinner and will be given out to everyone attending the Dinner.

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About Ren Ci Hospital & Medicare Centre

Established as a charity in 1994, Ren Ci Hospital & Medicare Centre provides medical, nursing, allied health, psychosocial support and counselling to patients, regardless of race, religion or background.

ISO certified since 2002, Ren Ci is one of the few charities in Singapore that provides high quality and affordable intermediate & long-term care services for the community based on the principles of loving kindness and compassion. The spectrum of care encompasses the new Ren Ci Community Hospital, Ren Ci Long-Term Care (chronic sick), Ren Ci Nursing Home and Ren Ci Community Services (comprising Home Medical, Home Nursing & Home Physiotherapy), and 2 Day Rehabilitation Centres (Ren Ci Day Care for the Elderly and Ren Ci Wan Qing Lodge). It has a total of 571 inpatient beds.

About Ren Ci Community Hospital

The Ren Ci Community Hospital is located at the heart of Singapore next to Tan Tock Seng Hospital. It commenced operations in December 2008 to provide rehabilitation and subacute care for patients who require a period of inpatient stay in a step-down setting before returning home.

The hospital has a total of 277 beds of which 123 are community hospital beds and 154 are chronic sick beds. In addition, the new hospital is equipped with a Rehabilitation Centre for both inpatients and outpatients, a TCM Clinic (operated by the Singapore Chung Hwa Medical Institution), training facilities for caregivers, volunteers and staff.

Our Charity Status

Charity Regn No:	1060
Charity Regn Date:	23 December 1994
Constitution:	Society
Date of Establishment:	12 October 1994
ROS/RCB Regn No:	ROS 132/94 WEL

Our IPC Status

Effective Date:	Since 1995
Central Fund:	A Member of the Health Endowment Fund Scheme (Ministry of Health)

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Friends' Tribute to Ren Ci Charity Dinner 2009
Speech by Mr Chua Thian Poh
Chairman of Management Committee
Friday, 20 March 2009, 8pm
Grand Ballroom of Orchid Country Club

Honorable Minister for Health, Mr Khaw Boon Wan
Distinguished guests and donors
Friends from media
Management Committee Members
Ladies and gentlemen

Good evening and a big welcome to the Friends' Tribute to Ren Ci Charity Dinner 2009. It is really wonderful to see so many of you here this evening. Despite the economy situation, we are indeed touched and honoured by the tremendous support from each and every one of you. We are pleased to announce that we have surpassed our initial target of raising \$500,000 for tonight's charity dinner. To-date, a total of one million dollars have been raised. This is only made possible because of your generosity and donation. Thank you friends!

Ren Ci was set up to provide quality medical and nursing care for needy patients. From our humble beginning in September 1994, we started off by taking over the 174 beds in the chronic sick unit of the former Woodbridge Hospital. With the opening of the new Ren Ci Community Hospital in December last year, and coupled with other existing facilities, Ren Ci now has a total of 571 beds to cater to the various needs of our patients.

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With the expanded facilities, our yearly operating cost is about \$28 million. After subvention from MOH and collections from patients, we still need to raise at least ten million annually in order to provide adequate care for our needy patients. Besides this Charity Dinner, we will also be organizing the Ren Ci Vegetarian Food Fiesta and a “Flag Day” this year. In January 2010, we will be staging our Ren Ci Charity show. We look forward to your continued support in these events. We would like to assure our supporters and donors that Ren Ci is committed to fulfilling its mission and the funds raised will be used for patients’ care.

On behalf of the Management Committee, I would like to express our sincere thanks once again to Minister Khaw for gracing this dinner as well as to thank all the donors, sponsors and volunteers for your contributions. For your information, the vegetarian dinner tonight is specially prepared by 60 chefs from the Society of Chinese Cuisine Chefs. They are all volunteers and have worked past many midnights to create this menu for the dinner. Thank you chefs!

Last but not least, I would like to thank the Management Committee, the Dinner Organizing Committee and secretariat staff for their time and efforts in making tonight’s event a success.

I wish everyone a pleasant and memorable evening.

Thank you.

尊敬的许文远部长，

各位嘉宾，

大家晚上好！

欢迎大家拨冗出席“致仁慈——朋友的献礼”慈善晚宴。当前的经济正处于非常时期，我们为这场慈善晚宴设立的目标原本是五十万元善款，由于得到各界朋友的鼎力支持，筹款总额超过了一百万，我谨代表管委会成员、病患和他们的家属，衷心感谢大家的慷慨解囊。

仁慈的成立宗旨，是为贫苦病患提供优质的医疗和护理服务。1994年9月，仁慈接管了板桥医院属下的慢性病部门，当时共有174张床位。自去年12月仁慈新社区医院开始启用后，现在一共拥有571个床位。多年来，仁慈不断竭尽所能，提高医疗能力，全心全力地为病患服务。

目前，仁慈每年的运作费为2,800万元，在扣除政府津贴和病患的部分收费后，每年需要至少一千万元的善款填补运作费用，受惠病患大约两千名。因此，我们非常珍惜社会各界的捐献，确保每一分善款都有效地用在病患身上。

今年，除了这场慈善晚宴，我们也会主办仁慈素食会和售旗日活动；预计明年 1 月将再次举办“仁心慈爱照万千”电视筹款节目。希望通过这些项目，能够筹集更多善款。我谨此呼吁社会各界继续支持仁慈，支持我国的慈善事业。

在此，我谨代表管委会全体成员，衷心感谢许文远部长拨出宝贵的时间出席今天的慈善晚宴，感谢各位捐献者和赞助商对这项活动的全力支持。

同时，我也要特别感谢来自新加坡厨师协会的 60 位著名厨师，精心为我们设计素食佳肴，感谢全体义工和秘书处职员，不但用心策划今晚温馨的节目，而且在现场分担服务生的工作，谢谢大家！

最后，我要感谢管委会全体成员和慈善晚宴筹备委员会，积极为今天的晚宴献计献策，因为有大家的共同努力，晚宴筹集的款项才能远远超过预订的目标。

公益促进和谐，慈善温暖人间！希望大家能够度过一个充满关爱的夜晚。

谢谢大家！