

# SSVP's nationwide Care Pack Projects

## Distribution – April 2022

SSVP's Friends-in-Need (FINs) received a wonderful surprise in April. Across Singapore, Vincentians and volunteers dropped off 2,550 Appreciation Care Packs from Temasek Foundation for FINs. Each pack contained a blood pressure monitor, disposable and reusable masks, sanitisers and mouthwash.

It was a mammoth logistics endeavour as each Care Pack was the size of a large sports shoe box and it took a large container truck three trips to deliver all the 2,550 Care Packs to the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, where

Vincentians and volunteers helped to unload and store them before they were picked up by the various Conferences for distribution.

Prior to the distribution, a test run was carried out to see the capacity of a regular sedan in loading the boxes. To our shock, each car could only carry 25 boxes, which meant that 100 carloads were required to distribute all the Care Packs! The 29 SSVP Conferences were quickly alerted to ensure they would have adequate transportation during collection and distribution!



We were thankfully blessed with good weather and collection on 2 April was “fast-food drive-through” style and proceeded smoothly with Vincentians and volunteers lending a hand.

We are grateful for the help of our many friends, community collaborators and most importantly Father Paul Ngo and the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for supporting this SSVP Project!

We would also like to thank Temasek Foundation for the generous donation to our FINs!



## Distribution – December 2021

In December 2021, the SSVP Gift of Love Project was launched to provide assistance to SSVP's low-income and disadvantaged single-parent families during the festive season. 260 such families received a care pack.

The packs contained daily essentials like milk, canned tuna, sardines, baked beans, pasta, a favourite of children and a sweet treat, Ferrero Rocher as well as special toiletries for the parent. With the start of the new school

year around the corner, each family also received FairPrice and Popular bookstore vouchers to help with childcare and school supplies needs.

The SSVP Gift of Love Project was made possible by the generous support of our benefactors Tapestry (a company which houses the Coach, Kate Spade New York, and Stuart Weitzman brands) and the Singapore Police Force's (SPF) Police Security Command, whose members spent the morning

packing and helping to distribute the care packs. Each care pack was packed with love and included Christmas ornaments lovingly made by SSVP Shop volunteers using recycled materials and messages of encouragement from the SPF volunteers.

Said one of our FINs on receiving the care pack: “Thank you, I am so appreciative and thankful for all these things! My son really enjoyed it, especially the chocolates!” 