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COMPASSION 8888

AMP and FFFA to Distribute 8,888 Free Meals to the Underprivileged to Raise Awareness of and Bridge Socio-Economic Divide

1. The Association of Muslim Professionals (AMP) and Free Food For All (FFFA) will be organising a national meal distribution event for the underprivileged on **Saturday 11 February 2017**. With the aim of raising awareness of and bridging the socio-economic divide amongst Singaporeans, the event, *Compassion 8888: A Community Celebration*, will see some 500 volunteers with 200 cars involved in preparing and distributing 8,888 meals to the underprivileged all around Singapore. The effort will also be lodged by FFFA to enter into the Singapore Book of Records for the largest numbers of cooked meals prepared and distributed by a charity.
2. The recipients of the meals will include low-income families, and elderly living in rental flats, homes or shelters, as well as migrant workers, who may not able to afford nutritious meals.
3. The meals will be prepared from **8.00 am to 11.00 am** at **Angullia Mosque (265 Serangoon Road)**, where Mr Amrin Amin, Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Home Affairs, will attend as Guest of Honour. The meals will then be delivered to **Carpark 5 along Stadium Walk (in front of Kallang Leisure Park)**, where Mr Zainul Abidin Rasheed, Singapore Non-Resident Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, will flag off the cars carrying the meals to the beneficiaries at **noon**.

4. On the event, Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim, Vice-Chairman of AMP, says, “AMP, through collaborations with other organisations, is extending our reach to serve the wider Singaporean community. We have had previous success in organising a national youth convention, CommaCon 2016, in October last year; attracting over 400 attendees. As part of the CommaCon campaign this year, Compassion 8888 aims to galvanise youths and individuals from various races and faiths to come together and raise awareness to bridge the socio-economic divide in Singapore.”
5. Founder and Director of FFFA, Mr Nizar Shariff, shares, “It is important that the community bands together in solidarity to show support for the less fortunate. Being almost 100%-volunteer driven, FFFA looks forward to opportunities to work with like-minded organisations such as AMP to spread the message of compassion.”
6. Members of the public who are keen to volunteer and donate to the Compassion 8888 can visit www.commacon.sg/events/compassion/. For further enquiries, they may contact 6517 4984 or email hello@commacon.sg.

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About FFFA

FFFA is a registered charity which has distributed more than 220,000 cooked meals to the less fortunate since November 2014.

About CommaCon

CommaCon is a first-of-its-kind national youth convention held in October 2016 by AMP, which aims to encourage youths to be actively involved in maintaining and strengthening social cohesion and harmony in Singapore.

The inaugural convention provided a platform for youths to have honest and meaningful discussions on sensitive issues such as racism, terrorism, national identity and socio-economic divide. About 400 youths participated in four different engagement sessions, each preceded by a trigger activity, which comprised stand-up comedy sets and plays.

Following the meal distribution event, another engagement session, *Amber Bus*, will be held on 11 March 2017 to provide an experiential learning journey for participating youths to further understand the socio-economic divide in Singapore.