



Media Invite

SINGAPORE ASSOCIATION OF THE VISUALLY HANDICAPPED (SAVH) DRINK TOWARDS A GREENER EARTH-CUM-CLAY IN-SIGHT EXHIBITION - Opening Ceremony, 21 April 2010 -

Friday, 16 April 2010 – 'DRINK TOWARDS A GREENER EARTH' was introduced at the Global Social Innovators Forum held at the Fusionopolis from 1-3 Oct 2009. Clay In-Sight's volunteers decided to participate in this project by initiating the SAVH Drink towards a Greener Earth-cum-Clay In-Sight Exhibition. It is also an initiative that allows anyone to support the Green Movement and the Visually Impaired.

'DRINK TOWARDS A GREENER EARTH-CUM-CLAY IN-SIGHT EXHIBITION' is SAVH's first ever exhibition showcasing specially-designed GREENER EARTH MUGS that are handcrafted by SAVH's visually-impaired potters.

These visually-impaired potters came for regular sessions to make the 150 GREENER EARTH MUGS with assistance from the Clay In-Sight's 24 volunteers, called Angels, who are of different nationalities. Today, these potters are very excited for their clay works to be appreciated, marketed and continued to be in good demand.

'DRINK TOWARDS A GREENER EARTH-CUM-CLAY IN-SIGHT EXHIBITION' Opening Ceremony will be launched at Millenia Walk on 21 April 2010, Wednesday, at 6.30 pm. Ms Denise Phua, MP for Jalan Besar GRC, is the Guest-of-Honour.

'DRINK TOWARDS A GREENER EARTH-CUM-CLAY IN-SIGHT EXHIBITION' will be held at the Millenia Walk from 20-25 April from 10 am to 9 pm.

Do your bit and come support the cause and the visually-impaired potters by ordering some of these uniquely made GREENER EARTH MUGS.

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About SAVH

The Singapore Association of the Visually Handicapped (SAVH), formerly known as the Singapore Association for the Blind (SAB), is the national voluntary welfare organization that serves and provides comprehensive rehabilitation services to the visually impaired. SAVH is founded on 6th November 1951 and is affiliated with the National Council of Social Service (NCSS) and is an approved Institution of Public Character (IPC).

SAVH serves Singapore citizens and permanent residents of all age groups who must be certified with low vision (partial sight) or blind by an eye specialist or ophthalmologist. This includes people who are born blind as well as those who have lost their vision through accidents, illnesses or ageing.

SAVH has over 3,100 registered clients ranging from infants to the elderly and has been providing these clients with eye care, rehabilitation, training, counseling, jobs and a place to belong to.

SAVH mission is 'To help the visually handicapped help themselves'. And SAVH vision is 'To promote the needs, interests and aspirations of the visually impaired'.

Our Services include:

- Low Vision Clinic
- Satellite Low Vision Clinic
- Skills Development Programme
 - Mobile Massage Team
 - HOPE Café
 - Touch Art Studio
 - Clay Works
 - Car Washing
 - Dining In The Dark
 - Telemarketing/Telephone Operator
- Vision Rehabilitation Programme
 - Orientation & Mobility Training
 - Activities of Daily Living Skills Training
 - Environment/Home Modifications
 - Sighted Guide Techniques
 - Caregiver Training
- Accessibility
 - Assistive Devices Centre
 - Braille Production Unit
 - Audio Production & Library
 - Advocacy
- White Cane Club
 - Therapeutic, Social and Recreational Activities

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About Clay In-Sight

Clay In-Sight is a voluntary educational-recreational pottery programme of SAVH to help the Visually Impaired learn the art of clay moulding for creative expression of their inner vision, and for recreational and therapeutic purposes. Clay In-sight allows the VIs to earn an independent and purposeful living based on their own ability.

SAVH started the Clay In-Sight in April 2009 led by volunteer, Mr Alvin Yong. It took off very well and Clay In-sight had its first exhibition in December 2009. Out of 120 clay works, 91 were sold at prices ranging from \$50 to \$100 each. The sales were excellent! Clay In-Sight would not have sustained had it not been for the dedication and commitment of a team of 24 volunteers whom we called "Angels". The "Angels" come from many nationalities (Singaporean, American, British, Indian, French, Myanmar, and others). They come together to bring care and love to one another and create a wonderful sense of oneness.

Currently, Clay In-Sight has 20 Visually Impaired participating. Through the rigorous training and support, Clay In-Sight is ready for its next exhibition - SAVH Drink towards a Greener Earth-cum-Clay In-Sight Exhibition.