



## **Media Invite**

### **SINGAPORE ASSOCIATION OF THE VISUALLY HANDICAPPED (SAVH) HOSTS CHARITY GALA DINNER TO RAISE FUNDS - His Excellency, President S R Nathan, is Guest-of-Honour -**

**Friday, 19 March 2010** – The Singapore Association of the Visually Handicapped (SAVH) is hosting 'SAVH Charity Night', a charity gala dinner, that aims to raise funds for SAVH. His Excellency, President S R Nathan is the Guest-of-Honour at this gala dinner which will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Millenia Hotel Singapore, Grand Ballroom, on 26 March 2010 (Friday).

About 500 guests, including SAVH's Patron Professor Tommy Koh, distinguished guests such as Ms Denise Phua, Member of Parliament for Jalan Besar GRC, prominent blind artist Ms Chng Seok Tin and foreign dignitaries will be attending this gala dinner. The evening will showcase the special talents of the Visually Impaired through performances and their artwork. It is also a reunion for Mrs S R Nathan and her three former blind students. Mrs S R Nathan was their teacher at the Johor Convent School in 1965.

SAVH is raising funds through the *SAVH Charity Night* to serve 3,100 visually impaired clients who require our rehabilitation and aftercare services. SAVH is the national voluntary welfare organization which provides such services in Singapore and needs S\$150,000 monthly to run its programmes.

You and your photographer/camera crew are cordially invited to join us at this *SAVH Charity Night* event. Details of the event are as follows:

**Venue:** Ritz-Carlton Millenia Hotel Singapore  
Grand Ballroom  
7 Raffles Avenue  
Singapore 039799  
**Date:** Friday, 26 March 2010  
**Time:** 6:30 pm to 10:15 pm

For security reason, please contact Ms Fauziah Hanim of SAVH at 9247 4424 (mobile) for invite cards if you would like to attend this gala dinner.

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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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