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New charity ISCOS ReGen Fund launched at the ISCOS 30th Anniversary Charity Gala

Singapore, 5 September 2019 – A new milestone was achieved by the Industrial & Services Co-operative Society Limited (ISCOS) today with the official launch of ISCOS ReGen Fund (IRF), a charity fund that supports reformed offenders as well as their children and families.

Graced by Madam Halimah Yacob, President of the Republic of Singapore as the Guest of Honour, the launch took place during the ISCOS 30th Anniversary Charity Gala at Marina Mandarin this evening in the presence of over 360 guests.

The guests were mesmerised by the performances put together by talents within the reformed offenders' community alongside ISCOS Ambassadors (Clement Chow, Inch Chua, Masia One and Sara Wee) and Ding Yi Music Company. They were also treated to a sumptuous meal, including a main course specially created by Chef Benny Se Teo of Eighteen Chefs for this event.

During the dinner, there was also a live performance by Barry Yeow, a full-time artist and owner of 5seventeen art studio to create a unique painting with finishing touch by President Halimah. The art piece, titled 'Stand in the Gap' was subsequently put up for silent auction. All proceeds from the event go towards the programmes for children and families of reformed offenders.

The Charity Gala is part of the year-long celebrations to commemorate ISCOS' achievement in extending friendship and support to reformed offenders and their families for the past three decades.

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About Industrial & Services Co-operative Society Ltd (ISCOS)

Since 1989, ISCOS has been extending friendship and support to ex-offenders and their families so that they can lead meaningful and productive lives. Together with the CARE Network/Yellow Ribbon Project partners, ISCOS takes an active role in engaging the community to help ex-offenders and their families gain a foothold in the society.

As a social Co-operative for ex-offenders under the purview of the Ministry of Home Affairs, our programmes and services are geared towards enhancing the skills level of our beneficiaries, connecting them with supportive employers and providing social support through positive peer groups and mentors, so that they lead meaningful and productive lives.

For more information, please visit www.iscos.org.sg.

About ISCOS ReGen Fund

The ISCOS ReGen Fund is a charity fund set up by ISCOS to offer support to children of inmates or ex-offenders from low-income families. Through the Fairy Godparent Programme (FGP), the main objective is to prevent intergenerational offending by empowering the children with the opportunity of a complete education and the skills required to be employable and financially independent in future.

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About Fairy Godparent Programme (FGP)

FGP is anchored on three major components: Student Development, Family Support and Home Environment. Under the Programme, ISCOS provides academic assistance through bursary awards, sponsored tuition and mentoring to the children of ex-offenders. We place emphasis on the importance of building strong family units through family bonding activities and parenting workshops.

Backed by the support from volunteers, we also help create conducive study corners for the children at their own homes through home reorganisation and/or painting projects. Since its introduction, thousands of children from low-income families have benefited from the FGP initiatives over the years.

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