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NTU Singapore pays it forward through volunteer service to the community

To commemorate its 30th anniversary celebrations, **Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore)**, has marshalled hundreds of students, employees and alumni, to give back to the community.

More than 300 volunteers from over 40 NTU schools, student clubs, departments, and alumni associations have pledged to work with over 30 community partners in service projects supporting a variety of causes. These projects will help more than 5,000 beneficiaries in Singapore and countries such as Cambodia and Malaysia.

The projects are part of **NTU Service Week** that runs from 22 to 29 January 2022.

Launched by Mayor of South West District, Ms Low Yen Ling earlier today, this is the first of three community engagement initiatives under **NTU's new "We Belong" campaign** that aims to encourage students, employees and alumni to give back and propel the community forward through volunteer service and fundraising.

NTU also launched a [new alumni magazine, U](#), at the event. The visually-bold magazine aims to raise greater awareness of NTU's developments among alumni and build a sense of pride in their alma mater. **U** also celebrates and inspires with stories of fellow alumni from Singapore and around the world and motivates them to stay connected with the University.

NTU President, Professor Subra Suresh, said, "Community engagement and support have been defining features of NTU's rich heritage and phenomenal growth since its inception, as it transformed from a local teaching university into an internationally renowned research-intensive university in a very short span of time.

"Over the past two years, the OneNTU family has come together to support those in need in response to the global pandemic. The NTU Service Week is another example of the community spirit that connects us all together through shared values."

Ms Low Yen Ling, Mayor of South West District, said, "South West CDC is delighted to partner NTU in this new initiative which will see the entire NTU family extending their time, expertise and support across a variety of projects to uplift vulnerable residents in the South West District. This strong spirit of giving back distinguishes NTU as a university with a heart

to care - all the way from its students and staff to its alumni. We look forward to continuing and deepening our partnership to build a more caring and inclusive South West community.”

Service to the community

This year’s inaugural NTU Service Week centres on the four focus areas of Digital Inclusion, Health and Well-being, Social welfare, and Sustainability.

Participants can volunteer in a variety of ways, from donating laptops, to providing social support to the seniors and underprivileged residents at South West District.

For a start, 300 pre-loved laptops are being donated to needy students and families in the South West District. The laptop donation aims to achieve the twin goals of recycling electronics and reducing digital inequality, especially during the pandemic where many activities have gone virtual.

NTU volunteers are assisting in the refurbishing of the donated laptops and conducting workshops for school-going children on how to use the laptops.

Mrs Nursafawati Binte Kamaruz'zani, a resident of South West District said, “I am very thankful for having received the refurbished laptop. My 8 year-old son does not have a laptop and it has posed some difficulties when he has online lessons where he resorts to using my handphone instead.”

Beyond Service Week, NTU will also be partnering South West CDC, one of the main partners to extend support to uplift the lives of vulnerable residents in the South West District through six initiatives such as distribution of festive cheers packs, and tele-befriending to prevent social isolation amongst seniors. Please refer to [Annex A](#) for more information on the programmes.

The We Belong campaign will stretch through the first quarter of 2022. Other community projects that have been lined up during NTU Service Week include a hot food distribution programme in Nanyang constituency, a community telehealth service in Bukit Gombak, and a household refurbishment project in Boon Lay.

In addition to NTU Service Week, the two other flagship events of We Belong are: **Best Foot Forward** – a virtual run that will take place in February – and **NTU Giving Day** in March, which will bring together the OneNTU community to raise funds for university-wide critical needs and school-specific priorities.

Individuals who would like to take part in these events can register via the [We Belong website](#).

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ANNEX A

South West CDC's Programmes for NTU Service Week

NTU students, faculty, staff and alumni are involved in the following South West CDC's programmes as part of its commitment for the NTU Service Weeks:

Programme	Description
Festive Cheers @ South West	Coordinated by the NTU University Advancement Office, about 150 NTU volunteers helped to pack and distribute South West Festive Cheers Packs to more than 3,200 vulnerable households in December last year and January this year. Festive Cheers @ South West is an annual initiative where the CDC rallies its community and corporate partners to organise a series of activities and celebrations during the festive seasons to bring cheers to everyone especially the vulnerable residents.
Adopt @ South West	Students from NTU's School of Humanities Student Club and School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering will provide after-school intervention enrichment sessions, from Hip Hop to STEM programmes (Robotics, Aerodynamics, 3D printing) for 32 students from Chua Chu Kang Primary School and Boon Lay Garden Primary School.
Adopt-A-Senior @ South West	About 40 students from NTU Welfare Services Student Club - Regular Service Project will be providing socio-emotional support and assistance through a three-month tele-befriending initiative for 30 identified seniors from NTUC Health SAC (Taman Jurong) from January to March 2022.
Community Telehealth Service	A group of NTU Graduate College students are bringing the Community Telehealth Services to Bukit Gombak for residents above 50 years old. At the specially constructed booths, residents can get free health screening such as eye checks and testing for diabetes and obesity.
Clean Up South West! 2022	NTU is taking part in the Clean Up South West! district-wide grocery recycling drive by setting up 7 recycling points across the NTU campus from 17 to 28 January 2022 to collect recyclables as part of its efforts to promote a greener and sustainable environment.
Laptop Donation Drive	About 300 beneficiaries from Brickland, Keat Hong, Nanyang divisions and South West CDC will benefit from the Laptop Donation Drive, coordinated by NTU University Advancement Office. This promotes digital inclusion for groups who do not have access to computer devices, and to support sustainability efforts by refurbishing pre-loved electronic devices.

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About Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

A research-intensive public university, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore) has 33,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students in the Engineering, Business, Science, Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences, and Graduate colleges. It also has a medical school, the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine, set up jointly with Imperial College London.

NTU is also home to world-class autonomous institutes – the National Institute of Education, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Earth Observatory of Singapore, and Singapore Centre for Environmental Life Sciences Engineering – and various leading research centres such as the Nanyang Environment & Water Research Institute (NEWRI) and Energy Research Institute @ NTU (ERI@N).

Ranked amongst the world's top universities by QS, NTU has also been named the world's top young university for the past seven years. The University's main campus is frequently listed among the Top 15 most beautiful university campuses in the world and it has 57 Green Mark-certified (equivalent to LEED-certified) building projects, of which 95% are certified Green Mark Platinum. Apart from its main campus, NTU also has a campus in Singapore's healthcare district.

Under the NTU Smart Campus vision, the University harnesses the power of digital technology and tech-enabled solutions to support better learning and living experiences, the discovery of new knowledge, and the sustainability of resources.

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