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**RUNNING FOR A GOOD CAUSE**

**- *Run & Raisin' 2015* by TOUCH Young Arrows raised funds for needy children**

SINGAPORE, 5 SEPTEMBER 2015 – TOUCH Young Arrows (TYA), a service of TOUCH Community Services, held its fifth edition of *Run & Raisin' (R&R) 2015*, a charity run and carnival on Saturday, 5 September 2015 at Gardens by the Bay.

Some 2,000 runners comprising the clients and their families, staff, volunteers and supporters of TYA attended this fundraiser. TYA raised S\$150,000 which will go towards helping TYA continue its programmes to help nurture some 480 needy and disadvantaged children aged six to 12. Funds were raised through cash donations from supporters and the public, registration fees for the run, and sales of coupons for the carnival, where there were food and game stalls as well as rides for people of all ages.

R&R consisted of a 2.5km Family Run, 5km Fun Run and 10km Competitive Run with the start and end point at Gardens by the Bay. Participants enjoyed an unparalleled view of Gardens by the Bay and the magnificent vistas of the Marina Barrage.

Some 250 TYA children, aged six to 12, attended the event. Some 150 of them and their parents participated in the run together, which also aims to promote a healthy lifestyle and family bonding within the community.

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**About TOUCH Young Arrows**

TOUCH Young Arrows (TYA) believes that children can be nurtured and sharpened like arrows to make a positive impact in society, and to be future leaders in the community. TYA aims to realise the potential of children from single-parent or low-income families through a series of activities such as tuition, mentoring and sharing, art and craft lessons, indoor and outdoor games, outings and camps. TYA runs these activities on Saturdays at 21 Clubs (20 locations) at various parts of Singapore, including Ang Mo Kio, Bedok, Bukit Merah, Bukit Panjang, Clementi, Geylang Bahru, Hougang, Marine Parade, Mountbatten, Queenstown, Serangoon, Tampines, Telok Blangah, Woodlands and Yishun. Some of the children who were in the pioneer programme some 25 years ago have returned to the club as volunteers to mentor the younger ones. *Youthphoria*, a youth outreach programme for graduated TYA children, was launched in 2008 to encourage them to return as volunteers to mentor other kids.

**About TOUCH Community Services**

TOUCH Community Services is a not-for-profit charitable organisation, dedicated to meeting the needs of children from low-income or single-parent families, youths at risk, needy families, people with special and healthcare needs, and the frail elderly. Through its network of 17 services, as well as an international arm, TOUCH is committed to serving people of all ages, races, religions and backgrounds. Each year, its programmes and services meet the needs of more than 29,000 clients and 156,000 service users. TOUCH's vision is to see families strengthened and communities transformed by planting and building institutions of values in and through a network of integrated community services. For more information on TOUCH, please visit [www.touch.org.sg](http://www.touch.org.sg)

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