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Art Exhibition by HCA Hospice Care (HCA) and Sound of Art, Fulfils Late Patient's Final Wish

HCA Hospice Care (HCA) has launched the ***Taking Flight*** Exhibition at i12 Katong to fulfil a late patient's final wish to showcase her works and share her passion for art. Jointly organised by HCA and local art gallery Sound of Art and supported by i12 Katong, ***Taking Flight*** showcases a selection of Mdm Annie Hoor Ngan Thye's favourite watercolour works.

The late Annie, 60, only formally took up watercolour classes in 2018 when she moved to Singapore from Malaysia to help her daughter care for her children. In the short span of a few years, the doting grandmother had completed numerous paintings, capturing precious memories of travel adventures and the interesting birds she would encounter on her walks.

"Despite the hardship she faced in raising her children, Annie never complained," says HCA Art Therapist Kimo Ong. "She was cheery and optimistic, and through her artworks, she hoped for people to see the best in life in spite of the adversities they may be facing."



On the HCA team's home visits to Annie prior to her passing at the end of last month, the affable lady readily shared about the narrative behind each painting.



When the HCA team broached the idea of an exhibition to showcase her works, as part of the "A Good Day" project, Annie was delighted.

HCA's "A Good Day" project explores what a good day means to HCA's patients, which often includes simple but heartfelt wishes.

"Sound of Art believes in using art for good and making it accessible to people. We are glad to be able to bring

Mdm Annie's works and her message of hope to the community through our collaboration at i12 Katong," says Galven Lee, Co-Founder and Director of Sound of



Art. “We hope that this will be a great encouragement to Annie’s family, as they remember a life well lived.”

“We are thankful for the opportunity to fulfil Annie’s wish and deeply appreciate Sound of Art and i12 Katong’s support for the exhibition,” says Ms Karen Lee, CEO of HCA Hospice Care. “Hospice care goes beyond caring for our patients physically – it also encompasses ensuring their psychosocial and emotional needs are attended to.”

The public can visit the ***Taking Flight*** exhibition at i12 Katong (Level 2), from 4-31 March 2022. Admission is free.

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ABOUT HCA HOSPICE CARE

HCA Hospice Care (HCA) is Singapore's largest home hospice provider and a registered charity since 1989. The organisation provides comfort and support to patients with life-limiting illnesses regardless of age, religion, ethnicity, nationality and financial status.

All of HCA’s services are provided at no charge, serving about 3,600 patients annually. HCA’s core service – home hospice care – provides medical care for patients, as well as psychosocial support for patients and caregivers. A 24/7 hotline ensures help is available round-the-clock.

HCA is also an NCSS Centre of Specialisation for palliative care, and conducts palliative care training for its patients’ caregivers. Its other services and programmes include day hospice care, paediatric palliative care (Star PALS), bereavement support and outreach programmes such as the Young Caregivers Programme (yCG).

Find out more at www.hca.org.sg.

ABOUT “A GOOD DAY”

The “A Good Day” project by HCA Hospice Care seeks to explore what a good day means to our patients as they approach the end of life. Each individual imparts a valuable lesson about life and what matters most at the end. For some, it may mean being able to eat their favourite food, or spending time with their loved ones. For others, it may mean holding firm to their faith or leaving behind a legacy. Each patient’s definition is unique yet interconnected by the desire to live life with dignity while dying. This project encapsulates the spirit of HCA that has anchored us for over 30 years – to add life to days for our patients.