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HCA Launches Virtual Charity Exhibition, Fulfils Dying Wish

HCA Hospice Care (HCA) has launched **The Seasons of Art** Virtual Charity Exhibition to fulfil a patient's final wish to showcase his works. For HCA patient Lee How Son, 67, art is a great source of joy that has accompanied him through the trials of life.

Despite battling cancer four times, the former lecturer has chosen to channel his reflections into his artistic pursuits, instead of dwelling on life's adversities. Over the last two decades, How Son has completed thousands of calligraphy works and paintings, spanning diverse themes such as landscapes, animals and fruits.



On one of the HCA team's first home visits late

last year, How Son happily shared in writing about his extensive art collection. Despite not being able to speak due to a tracheostomy, his joy was palpable and infectious. "He smiles readily and his spirit is simply amazing," says HCA Nurse Educator Amy Lim.

As part of the "A Good Day" project, HCA has put together a virtual charity exhibition for How Son, titled "**The Seasons of Art**". The "A Good Day" project is a sincere exploration of what a good day means to HCA's patients, which often includes simple but heartfelt wishes.

The Seasons of Art showcases 24 of How Son's masterpieces, which he has generously donated to HCA for



fundraising purposes. Segregated into four distinct themes: Mother Nature, Tropical Fruit Paradise, Life's Virtues and Poetic Strokes, each embodies great personal significance for How Son.

"We are thankful for the opportunity to fulfil our patient's wish, against the challenging backdrop of safe distancing restrictions," says Ms Angeline Wee, CEO of HCA Hospice Care. "We hope that members of the public will support the exhibition by visiting and sharing with their friends, or even purchasing a painting."



The public can visit the exhibition at hca.org.sg/exhibition from today till 30 June 2021. Ms Lee Peilin, How Son's daughter, is available for an interview should the media be keen to feature his story.

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ABOUT HCA HOSPICE CARE

HCA Hospice Care (HCA) is Singapore's largest home hospice provider and we are 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 3,100 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 <u>www.hca.org.sg</u>.