

SBS TRANSIT ORGANISES OUTING FOR 33 ELDERLY FOLK – GIVES FREE NEL RIDES, LUNCH AND HAIRCUTS

It has been years since Mdm Ow Lai Kwun last took the MRT.

Today, the sprightly 82-year-old and 32 of her friends from Sunlove Home, Sunlove Dementia Daycare and the Sunlove-Hougang Eldercare Centre were not only treated to free rides on the North East Line (NEL) and the Light Rail Transit (LRT), but also lunch and free haircuts at a newly-opened salon in the Sengkang Interchange.

The outing, affectionately called “Hair-ppening Day”, was organised by SBS Transit as part of its community engagement programme.

Ms Patricia Khor, who is Head for Social Work at Sunlove, said: “Outings, especially those like this one, which combine new sensory experiences of sight, sound & taste, are invaluable stimulation for people with dementia, who need a fair amount of group activities to enhance their sense of well-being.”

Indeed, 87-year-old Mr Anthony Samy was visibly excited by the day trip.

He said: "I am looking forward to the trip, especially the makan!"

Mr Gan Juay Kiat, SBS Transit Chief Operating Officer, was cheered by the happy faces all around.

He said: “We are very happy to do our part in bringing cheer to the elderly. We hope they have enjoyed what we put together for them and also look forward to more of such activities with Sunlove and other community groups.”

The “Hair-ppening Day” was supported by Yoshinoya Singapore and QC House Hair Salon.

About SBS Transit

SBS Transit is Singapore's largest public bus operator with 256 services and a fleet of more than 2,800 buses. Every day, its buses serve some 2.3 million passengers. SBS Transit also operates the North East Line (NEL), the world's first driverless heavy metro system as well as the Light Rail Transit (LRT) system in Sengkang and Punggol.

About Sunlove Home

Sunlove Dementia Daycare & Sunlove-Hougang Eldercare Centre are programmes offered by Sunlove Abode for the Intellectually Infirm. Sunlove had its beginnings on a disused chicken farm in 1987 but over the years, it has grown to be one of the few charitable homes in Singapore to provide residential care to some 400 mentally ill individuals aged 22 to 75 years. Sunlove has in recent years expanded its scope of services to include care for the elderly with the aim to enable them to live meaningfully and as independently as possible in their twilight years.

About Yoshinoya Singapore

Yoshinoya Singapore is a subsidiary of Wing Tai Holdings Limited with 13 outlets island-wide. The first outlet was opened in 1997.

About QC House Hair Salon

Conveniently located at Sengkang Interchange, QC House Hair Salon provides high quality haircut and professional styling services with minimal hassle and fuss for people on the go.