

# ANNUAL REPORT 2017



## A LETTER FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Last year we celebrated the 10-year anniversary of our Geylang clinic. Since its inception, Healthserve remains a community movement at heart. A movement about struggle, friendship and celebration, and we are determined to see the lives of every migrant worker lived in dignity.

Faced with a million low-wage migrant workers vulnerable to injury, alienation, and exploitation, we often find ourselves struggling in response to their everincreasing needs. Time and time again we hear heartbreaking stories of salaries withheld, injuries left untreated, and even physical abuse. Our services continue to expand to meet these needs.

We entered 2018 with much anticipation and excitement for what this next decade would bring. Although we had many dreams both big and small, little could we have foreseen being awarded 2017 Singaporean of the Year. What a surreal and humbling experience this has been. Thank you, to all of our volunteers, donors, and supporters, for playing your part in growing our organization over the years. We could not have done it without you. We look forward to the next ten years working hand in hand with you and our migrant brothers.

Dr Goh Wei Leong Chairman & Co-Founder

### ABOUT US

VISION A society where every migrant worker lives a life of dignity.

#### MISSION

- 1. To serve disadvantaged migrant workers in Singapore through healthcare, counseling, casework and social assistance.
- 2. To advocate for and raise awareness of the needs of migrant workers.
- 3. To bridge communities through meaningful partnerships and being a platform for effective volunteerism.

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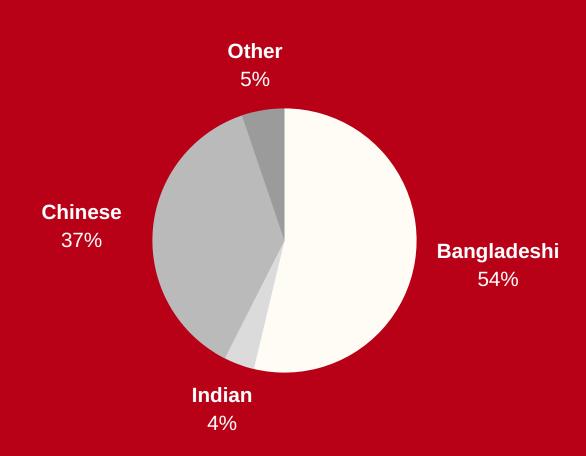
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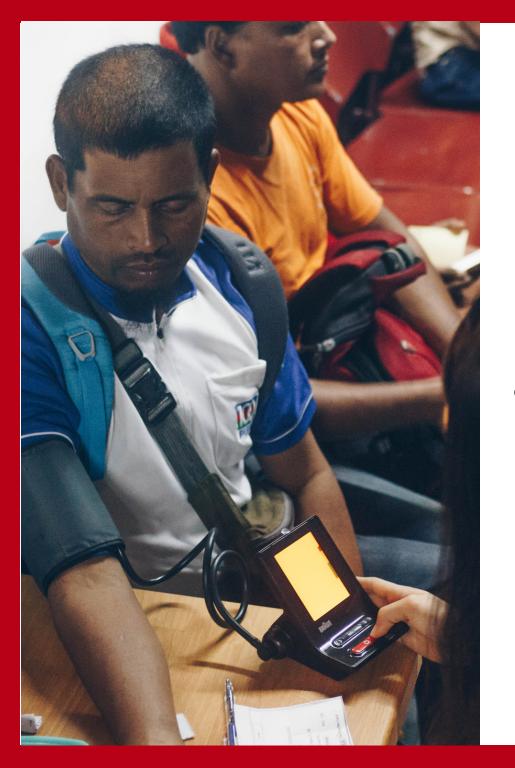
WEBSITE www.healthserve.org.sg

# A YEAR IN NUMBERS

- 10618 medical consultations in our clinics in Geylang, Jalan Papan, and Mandai
  - work-injury and salary and/or contractural cases
  - active volunteers supporting our clinics, casework team, and admin
- 26470 meals served at our Geylang and Desker Food Programs

# MIGRANT WORKERS SERVED IN 2017 BY NATIONALITY





### HEALTHCARE

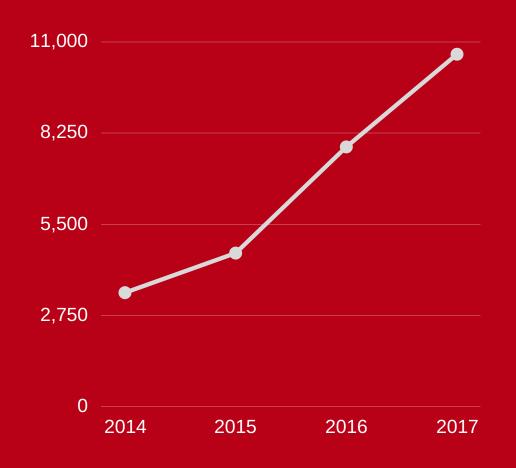
We continue to see demand for high quality, affordable healthcare continue to grow among migrant workers. In response, we lengthened our operating hours at our Geylang and Jln Papan clinics and opened new dental clinics at Jln Papan and Mandai. We are grateful for the hundreds of volunteer doctors. dentists, nurses, pharmacists, and clinic assistants who have stepped up to meet the needs of the migrant worker community.

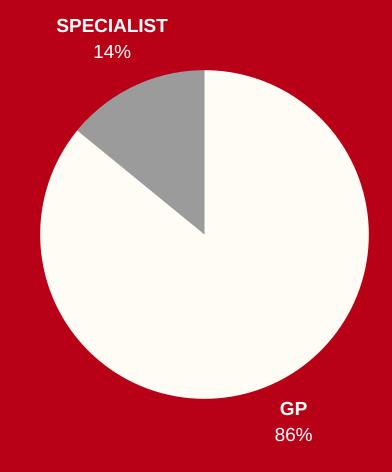
## HEALTHCARE BY THE NUMBERS

- 1497
- specialist consultations, including dental, dermatology, orthopaedic, physical and occupational therepy, and TCM
- 64%
- increase in new patients from the previous year, totalling 4388
- new dental clinics for a total of 3, one at each of our clinics in Geylang, Papan, and Mandai
- 105
- volunteer doctors and hundreds of nurses, pharmacists and assistants

# CONSULTATIONS OVER THE YEARS

# GP VS SPECIALIST CONSULTATIONS









## **CASEWORK**

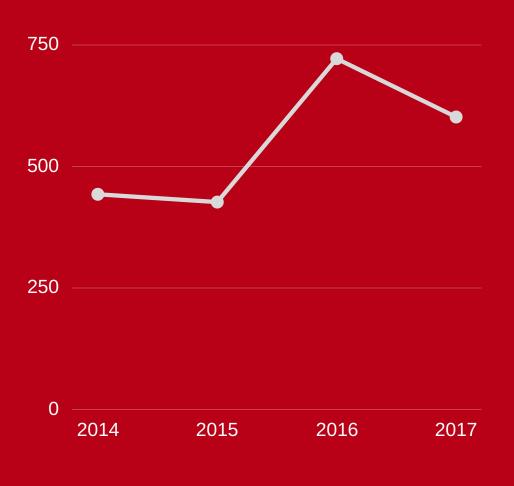
& social assistance

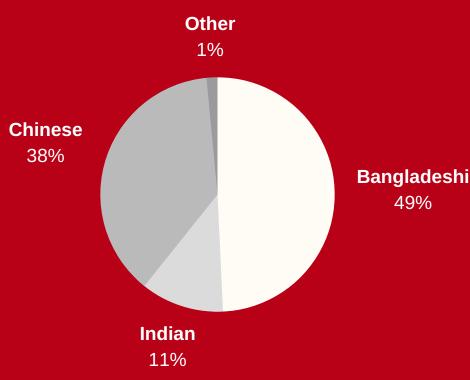
In 2017, our casework offices in Geylang and Little India served 389 injured workers and 212 workers with salary or contractural claims. In addition to advising clients on their disputes and providing social assistance, we accompany workers on their hospital appointments, plan outings to relieve their stress, and lend a listening ear. The friendship is real. Many former clients who return to Singapore drop by our office to say hello and join us for a meal.



# CASES OVER THE YEARS

# CASES BY NATIONALITY







# AMIR'S STORY\*

"HealthServe help me with everything,

always giving me advice and aid."

\*name changed

In August 2016, Amir was injured when a 6m steel pipe slammed into his back, causing him to lose consciousness. Amir was taken to a private doctor and sent back to his dormitory. When his pain became unbearable, Amir went to NUH on his own, where the doctor deemed his injury serious enough to warrant 22 days of MC. Amir came to HealthServe's Desker Centre for help in September 2016, devastated and unsure of what to do. To add to his stress, his first daughter was born during this period. Amir became a regular recipient of our social assistance programs and also attended our free physiotherapy and TCM sessions. He credits these sessions in helping his pain management and recovery.

After 9 months, Amir received his notice of assessment and learned that he was awarded \$8,000. This was not enough to cover his expenses back home, much less help him start a new life now that he was unable to do most manual labor. After consulting his options with HealthServe's caseworker, Amir realized he could file a common law claim and return to Bangladesh. Over the subsequent months, Amir called HealthServe regularly to update us on his injury claim. 5 months later, Amir was informed that his case had successfully concluded, with the judge awarding him \$50,000. With this sum, Amir was able to open a small dairy farm and place the remainder in an investment fund. One year after his injury, Amir flew back to Singapore to collect his injury claim. He dropped by HealthServe's office to thank us. He said, "HealthServe help me with everything, always giving me advice and aid." Most importantly, the staff of HealthServe gave him assurance when he felt helpless, and gave him support when he had no one else to turn to. "I pray to God to protect all those people at HealthServe."

## SOCIAL ASSISTANCE BY THE NUMBERS

26478 meals served at our Food Programmes

meals served at our Geylang and Desker Food Programmes

2011

MRT top-ups given for workings to attend to appointments with MOM, ICA, their employers and lawyers

73

individuals helped by our emergency assistance funds, totalling \$19,182.

42

individuals housed in our two shortterm emergency shelters.



# EVENTS & OUTINGS

In 2017, over 850 volunteers organized activities and outings for nearly 2,400 migrant workers.





### RESEARCH & ADVOCACY

In 2017, HealthServe staff and volunteers published the following research papers and resources:

"Healthcare-seeking behaviour, barriers and mental health of non-domestic migrant workers in Singapore" by Jia Wei Ang, et al

"Health is my capital: a qualitative study of access to healthcare by Chinese migrants in Singapore" by Wai Jia Tam, et al

"Practical Advice for Doctors Treating Foreign Workers" by Dr Joanna Chan and Dr Dennis Chia

"Practical Advice for Doctors Treating Foreign Workers\* served as a platform for HealthServe to facilitate discussion sessions at 2 local hospitals as well as conduct a Migrant Health Forum. The Ministry of Manpower came alongside HealthServe to support these efforts which will continue in 2018.



## **EDUCATION & ADVOCACY**

### **NUS Selective**

In 2017, approximately 150 students from NUS visited HealthServe to spend four days gaining insight into the migrant worker experience and understanding the personal side of medical care.

"I knew that many had construction jobs. I knew they travelled seated at the back of trucks. But knowing was superficial, I never really knew migrant workers at all. I also did not know that migrant workers could be our friends."

-2017 NUS Selective Participant

### Singapore Chief Residency Programme

In 2017, approximately 30 young doctor-leaders participated in this collaboration between Healthserve and MOH Holdings. The aim is to broaden their perspectives to include narratives and experiences of the underserved.



BRAVING LIFE
HealthServe published
Bangladeshi construction
worker, MD Mukul Hossine's,
second poetry book in
November. The poems were
written in Bengali, translated
to English by Swagata Sen
Pillai and transcreated by Cyril
Wong.

### **VOLUNTEERS & INTERNS**

The number of HealthServe volunteers and interns grew exponentially in 2017 to support the expansion of our work. We are grateful to the hundreds of medical professionals, students, and volunteers from all walks of life who commit time regularly to serve and bless the migrant worker community alongside us.

105 Doctors

octors Dentists

28 Nurses

38

Pharmacists

**48** Interns

**253**Other Volunteers





## DONATIONS

RAFFLE ITEM 2 & 3: SAINT PIERRE SET LUNCH FOR 2

\$1,467,817

Total amount from donations & fundraising received in 2017, coming from 462 individual donors and 47 institutions/corporates

59%

Percentage of donations from individuals

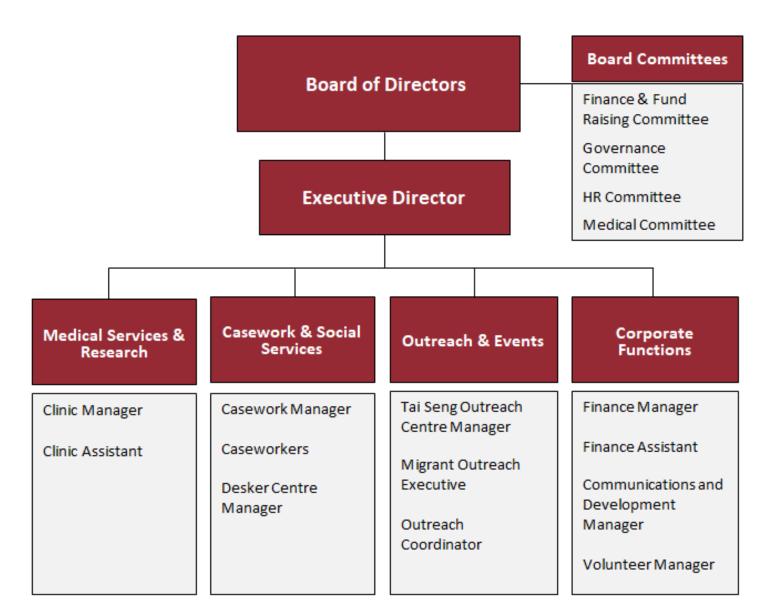
41%

Percentage of donations from corporations, churches, foundations, and others.

\$628,591

Funds raised at HealthServes's 10th Anniversary Gala Dinner, attended by 360 individuals.

## ORGANISATION STRUCTURE



### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Name	Date of First Appointment	Occupation
Dr. Goh Wei Leong*	17 Oct 2006	General Practitioner,
Chairman & Co-Founder		Manhattan Medical Centre
(Chairman, Medical Committee)		
Matthew Saw	1 March 2012	Partner, Lee and Lee
(Chairman, HR Committee)		
Chan Kum Kit	20 June 2013	Partner, Verity Partners
(Chairman, Governance		
Committee)		
Chan Chia Lin	1 Aug 2014	Director, Holywell Private Limited
(Chairman, Finance &		
Fund Raising Committee)	47.0	0 1 0 10 11 0 1 11 11
Dr. Soh Ling Ling	17 Oct 2006	Senior Staff Registrar, Sengkang Hospital
Do Chan Lat Cours	(Through 1 Aug 2017)	Consultant Too Tools Consultant
Dr. Chan Lai Gwen	5 May 2011	Consultant, Tan Tock Seng Hospital
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Dr. Calvin Koh	5 May 2011	Consultant, NCIS & NUH
Dr. Calvin Chang	(Through 26 Dec 2017)	Accos Professor Singapore Pible College
Dr. Calvin Chong	1 Aug 2014	Assoc. Professor, Singapore Bible College
Susan Kong	17 Aug 2017	Director, QED Law Corporation
Dr. Jeremy Lim	17 Aug 2017	Partner, Oliver Wyman

\*HealthServe's Board of Directors has undertaken a renewal process. In 2017, 3 board directors retired and 2 new board directors were appointed. The Directors are satisfied that the Board is currently well represented both in terms of diversity and professional skill set. Because of his medical background and years of building relationships with the migrant worker community, our co-founder Dr. Goh Wei Leong remains uniquely qualified to advance the migrant worker cause. In the circumstances, the Board is of the unanimous view that he continues to serve as Chairman of the Board.

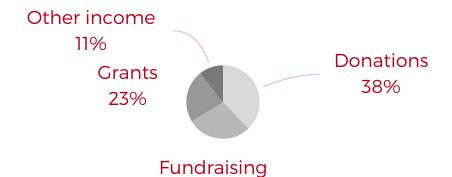
### **OUR TEAM**

COLIN CHIA, Executive Director (through 10/17) JEFFREY CHUA, Casework Manager YVONNE LOO. Caseworker REUBEN YUE, Caseworker (through 4/17) TIMOTHY CHEONG. Caseworker (Part-time) JANNA BENARES, Clinic Manager (through 2/17) DAWN CAPAQUE, Clinic Manager KAY THOMAS, Clinic Assistant (Part-time, through 11/17) ERIC LEE, Desker Centre Manager (through 6/17) DANIEL YEO, Desker Centre Manager YIMSUNG KEKHRIESILIE, Tai Seng Centre Manager DANIEL LI, Migrant Outreach Executive GREGORY LIM, Outreach Coordinator (Part-time) PEARL QUEK, Finance Manager (Part-time) VINA SIEW. Finance Assistant NHACA LE SCHULZE, Communications & Development Manager WILLY LAU, Volunteer Development Manager

## FINANCIALS

### INCOME

Donations	839,226
Fundraising	628,591*
Government grants	513,071
Other income	234,534
Total Income	2,215,422



28%

### **EXPENSES**

Programmes	1,059,310
Fundraising & publicity	75,492*
Administration	203,102
Total Expenses	1,337,904

Administration	
15%	
Fundraising 6%	
	Programmes
	<b>79</b> %

\*Fundraising Efficiency Ratio: 12%

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY STATEMENT

HealthServe Ltd has put in place its Conflict of Interest Policy (COI) to protect the Organisation's welfare and best interests over and above all priorities and objectives. The COI mandates that no staff or Board Director may engage in any external interest or business that may undermine or conflict with the Organisation's overall welfare. Annual declaration of interests by members of key management personnel and the Board is required.

#### WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY STATEMENT

HSL promotes an open, transparent, no-rank culture where employees are encouraged to whistleblow about any possible corporate or employee improprieties. HSL's whistleblowing policy is adopted to protect employees from any potential negative consequences for raising these improprieties.

#### RESERVES POLICY

The reserves that we have set aside provide financial stability and the means for the development of our work. HealthServe's reserves policy targets 2 years of operating expenditure. Our higher reserve ratio in 2017 was boosted by revenue from the Gala Fundraising Dinner which is held only once every 3 years. The reserve ratio is expected to decline over the next 2 years as expenditure is likely to increase with the expansion of our services.

#### CODE OF GOVERNANCE FOR CHARITIES

HealthServe is committed and adheres to the Code of Governance for Charities & Institutions of a Public Character (IPCs) issued by the Charity Council.

### HealthServe Head Office Geylang Medical & Dental Clinic

1 Lorong 23 Geylang #01-07 Building 4 Singapore 388352

Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 10am - 7pm
Office Tel: 6743 9774
Clinic Hours: Tues & Wed

6:30pm - 9:30pm Sat 3pm - 5pm

Services Offered: GP, dental,

Clinic Tel: 9487 1377

orthopaedic, dermatology, OTPT, casework, social assistance,

food programme

#### **Little India Office**

85A Desker Road
Singapore 209646

Office Hours: Wed, Thurs & Fri 10am - 10pm

Office Tel: 6493 3282

<u>Services offered:</u> Casework, social assistance, food programme

### **Jurong Medical Clinic**

5D Jalan Papan, #01-34/36
Aspri Westlite Papan
Singapore 619421
Clinic Hours: Sun 3:30pm - 7:30pm
Clinic Tel: +65 9487 1377

Services offered: GP & dental

### Mandai Medical Clinic

Westlite Mandai Dormitory
34 Mandai Estate, #01-15
Singapore 729940
Clinic Hours: Sat 7pm - 9pm
Clinic Tel: 9487 1377

<u>Services offered:</u> GP & dental

### Tai Seng Community Centre

#03-01A 8 Pereira Road
Singapore 368026
Centre Hours: Mon - Fri, 7pm - 10pm
Tel: 9384 8556
Services offered: English and

computer classes, health talks, life skills training & outings

# HEALTHSERVE

healing, inspiring & bridging communities