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NeuGen spreads the goodness of Ramadhan to 140 families of reformed offenders

Singapore, 12 April 2023 – During the Holy month of Ramadhan, other than just fasting, Muslims all around the world see this as a time for unity - giving the needy more attention and charity and spending time with loved ones. In the spirit of togetherness and community bonding, NeuGen Fund ('NeuGen') hosted an Iftar Celebration this evening with close to 500 attendees from low-income families of reformed offenders. Held at Home Team NS @ Khatib, this is the charity's first in-person Ramadhan event post-pandemic to gather everyone, young and old for a time of celebration.

In his opening remarks, Guest-of-Honour Assoc Prof Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs & Ministry of National Development, thanked NeuGen for their continuous efforts to promote family bonding and togetherness, and for organising events for the community.

The children and families thoroughly enjoyed performances and fun games such as 'Guess the kueh' to celebrate the joyous occasion and were happy to bring home goodie bags inclusive of yummy snacks and confectioneries.

The event was made possible with the generous sponsorship from ONERHT Foundation and Warees Halal Limited, not forgetting the support given by volunteers from the Singapore Prison Service who helped to ensure smooth running of the event.

Since 2018, NeuGen supports children and families of reformed offenders with the main aim of preventing intergenerational offending. This is achieved through a holistic approach and proactive interventions through the pillars of education, personal voice, growth and nurturing environment.

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About NeuGen Fund

Established in 2018, NeuGen Fund ("NeuGen") is a registered charity with an Institution of a Public Character¹ status established to serve children and families reformed offenders. Through the Neu Empowerment Model, NeuGen engages beneficiaries through various academic and pro-social initiatives with the long-term objective of preventing intergenerational offending.

Intergenerational offending is not an easy challenge to crack. When a family member commits an offence, family members are not only affected in terms of livelihoods and discrimination, but such situations can result in a gravity pull to keep the children within vicious cycles of crime.

NeuGen seeks to amplify its impact by reaching out to more children and families in such situations and fulfil its vision of shaping a caring and inclusive society where lives are rebuilt to be productive and self-reliant. If you are an individual or organisation who believes in our cause, reach out to us on how you can help at <u>hello@neugen.org.sg</u>.

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