

#Champion120 for Good

About Children's Aid Society

Founded in 1902, Children's Aid Society (CAS) is one of the oldest secular philanthropic organisations in Singapore. For over a century, CAS, through its service **Melrose Home**, has been home to more than 6,000 children and youths, providing a safe environment for abused, abandoned and neglected individuals. With round-the-clock care and support, the residents are provided with a safe space to form safe relationships, as well as opportunities to build their resilience through our programmes and heal through emotional and psychological therapy.

In 2019, **Melrose Care** was set up as a community-based agency to offer subsidised therapeutic services to more families in the community. Today, Melrose Care offers specialised therapies such as Art Therapy, Play Therapy, and Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, serving an average of 200 children, youths and their families in the community at any one time.

What is #Champion120 for Good?

There is an increasing number of children and youths needing residential, psychological or specialised therapy services in Singapore with the rise in population coupled with child abuse and neglect cases.

In fact, most of the children and youths we support at CAS have had traumatic childhood experiences, with 100% of Melrose Home residents and 80% of Melrose Care clients presenting trauma symptoms due to abuse, neglect or other types of challenging life circumstances.

This growing social issue of child abuse and neglect and the need to do more for the affected children and youths have been constant pressing issues that we address at CAS. And while we want to serve more children and youths and provide quality care in line with international best practices, we are limited by the physical infrastructure of Melrose Home, which has served us for the past 50 years and has reached its limit of physical repurposing.

#Champion120 for Good, which ties in with our 120th anniversary, is the opportunity to rebuild Melrose Home and transform it into Melrose Village.

The new premise will offer more facilities for increased capacity and differentiated programmes, and a 60% space increase – from 2,200sqm within 50-year-old structures to 3,500sqm in a new building. Most importantly, the facilities will allow our staff to incorporate international best practices for working with traumatised children and youth.

When completed, Melrose Village will be equipped with:

- **A smaller group home-like setting for our residents as compared to the current large dormitory-like environment**
Practice-based evidence suggests a smaller group arrangement with a home-like setting (like small apartments) for delivering care is more appropriate and effective for children with severe trauma history.

- Proper facilities for family visitations, counselling and specialised therapies**
 Reintegration into the family and community requires continual support, and easier access to more advanced counselling and psychological services within the same compound will facilitate healing for our children and youths.
- More advanced counselling and psychological services, and conducive facilities for study, music, sports and recreational activities**
 The more complex nature of child welfare cases calls for more advanced counselling and psychological services such as art therapy, play therapy, personalised academic guidance and coaching for school curriculum, as well as conducive facilities for study, music, sports and recreational activities to enable holistic mental and physical development.
- Hostel facilities for older youths to provide a longer runway for more assured independence**
 While CAS strives to support older youths transitioning into adulthood to reintegrate into society, some youths are not fully ready to live independently in the community. Hostel facilities for these youths will allow them to experience having a space of their own while being in close proximity to the CAS staff for continuous support and guidance.

Become a part of #Champion120 for Good

To achieve our vision of Melrose Village, CAS needs to raise **\$22 million by 2024** and we are looking for your support to make a monetary donation. You can make a one-off donation or pledge to donate over a span of 1 to 3 years.

Entitlements	Platinum Partner ≥ \$250,000	Gold Partner ≥ \$100,000	Silver Partner ≥ \$30,000	Bronze Partner ≥ \$10,000
250% Tax Deduction on Cash Donations	●	●	●	●
Acknowledgements on Applicable Campaign Collaterals	●	●	●	●
Open House Tour of New Building	●	●	●	●
Invitation to Ground-Breaking Ceremony	●	●	●	●
Special Donor Appreciation Dinner	1 table (10 seats)	5 seats	2 seats	1 seat
Honour Roll of Donors	●	●		
Organisation Logo in Annual Report	●	●		
Organisation Logo in Melrose Village Rebuilding Project Video	●			

Join us in our journey to make Melrose Village a reality!

For **donations, corporate partnerships, support in fundraising efforts, or any other inquiries**, reach out to us by emailing Serlina at serlina.huang@childrensaidsociety.org.sg or calling us at 6970 0980.