

AN EVENING WITH SNOOPY AND CHARLIE BROWN — A CHARITY MOVIE EVENT



The Association of Women Doctors (Singapore) (AWDS), Singapore Film Society (SFS) and National University of Singapore Medical Society (NUS Medical Society) collaborated to raise funds at the charity premiere of "Snoopy And Charlie Brown: The Peanuts Movie" in aid of NUS Medical Society's community involvement projects. The premiere was held on Thursday, 10 December 2015 at Golden Village GVmax, VivoCity.

The premiere was attended by almost 600 guests, including underprivileged children from various organisations, whose seats were sponsored by generous donors. Guests were treated to a series of activities prior to the movie, including photo opportunities with the Medical Society Bear mascot, and free popcorn.

Booths had also been set up by medical students to showcase their community projects. The three NUS Medical Society flagship events featured at the premiere were the Neighbourhood Health Service, Public Health Service and Project Lokun.

Leaders of the AWDS, SFS and NUS Medical Society also gamely posed with guests who requested for photographs and answered questions about their organisations.

When asked about the role of AWDS, Dr Karen Soh, President of the AWDS, replied that AWDS has been pivotal in promoting women's rights in relation to health and career advancement in medical practice. Dr Soh also added that AWDS actively organises

seminars, forums and workshops relating to health concerns, particularly those pertaining to women and families.

In his welcome speech, Mr Kenneth Tan, Chairman of the SFS, explained that the film society is a non-profit organisation that promotes the appreciation of movies, as both an art form and a medium of popular entertainment. SFS curates and showcases a year-round programme of feature and short films from all over the world, many of which are otherwise not available to Singapore audiences.

Donors were thanked by Mr Wong Wen Kai, President of the NUS Medical Society, for their generosity. He described the society as Singapore's longest-lasting representative body for university students. He said that for 67 years, the NUS Medical Society has sought to create a learning community that supports the holistic growth of medical students, helping them to develop into ethical, empathetic and competent doctors. It does this through advocacy of student interests, administrative management of student activities and serving as the point of contact for external parties seeking to reach out to the medical students.

The evening ended on a high note as guests left the theatre chatting excitedly about the adventures of Charlie Brown while the movie's theme song, Meghan Trainor's "Better When I'm Dancing", played on. ♦

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1. Excited children mobbing the Medical Society Bear mascot.

