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**Coming together (finally) for an amazing family
time with ISCOS ReGen Fund**

Singapore, 18 June 2022 – For the first time since 2019, over 350 children and families were excited to come together at the annual ISCOS ReGen Fund (IRF) Family Day. Held at the Lower Seletar Water Sports Centre this year, it was a great time of family bonding and a meaningful affair for IRF, a registered charity dedicated to empowering children and families of reformed offenders.

In his opening speech, Mr Joshua Tay, Chairman of IRF Management Board encourage all to treasure every opportunity for family bonding, **“Parents, you can watch and learn how fast your kids have grown; be amazed by their much-improved communication and social skills through the years. Children, we hope you can appreciate that your parents or grandparents (despite their busy schedule at times) are always watching you, loving you, and will always be there for you.”**

The event was graced by Guest-of-Honour Ms Low Yen Ling, Minister of State for Culture, Community and Youth and Trade and Industry.

Having organised the Family Day virtually in the past two years, this is the first large-scale physical Family Day by IRF after the easing of COVID-19 related measures. Attendees thoroughly enjoyed the free and easy craft stations and treasure hunt, followed by water sports such as dragon boat and kayaking activities. For those feeling competitive and looking for the adrenaline rush, they went all out to emerge as the first few families to clear all stations within the shortest time and won the top prizes.

Sponsored by T-Touch and Baker McKenzie Wong & Leow (BMWL) and supported by volunteers, the annual Family Day is one major highlights under the Fairy Godparent Programme (FGP) to promote the importance of family bonding.

IRF supports children and families of reformed offenders with the main aim of preventing intergenerational offending. This is achieved through the provision of educational initiatives, family workshops, home improvement projects and other pro-social engagements throughout the year.

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About ISCOS ReGen Fund

The ISCOS ReGen Fund is a charity fund with origins from ISCOS to offer support to children and families of reformed offenders. Through the Fairy Godparent Programme (FGP), the main objective is to prevent intergenerational offending by empowering the children with the opportunity of a complete education and the skills required to be employable and financially independent in future.

About Fairy Godparent Programme (FGP)

FGP is anchored on three major components: Student Development, Family Support and Home Environment. Under the Programme, ISCOS provides academic assistance through bursary awards, sponsored tuition and mentoring to the children of ex-offenders. We place emphasis on the importance of building strong family units through family bonding activities and parenting workshops.

Backed by the support from volunteers, we also help create conducive study corners for the children at their own homes through home reorganisation and/or painting projects. Since its introduction, thousands of children from low-income families have benefited from the FGP initiatives over the years.

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