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Independent Auditor's Report on the Statement of Receipts and Payments for President's Challenge 2019 for the period from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts and Payments of President's Challenge 2019 prepared by National Council of Social Service (the "Council") for the period from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 (the "Statement"). The Statement has been prepared by the management of the Council based on the terms and conditions on the use of funds contributed by Singapore Totalisator Board ("Tote Board") as provided for in the letter from Tote Board dated 21 November 2017 and addendum letter dated 10 January 2020 and on the basis set out in Note 2 to the Statement (the "Guidelines").

In our opinion, the amounts shown on the attached Statement of Receipts and Payments of President's Challenge 2019 for the period from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Guidelines, and:

- (a) the Statement of Receipts and Payments are prepared based on proper accounts and records;
- (b) the expenditures are incurred for President's Challenge 2019 and in accordance with the Terms and Conditions On Use Of Funds Contributed by Singapore Totalisator Board specified by Singapore Totalisator Board; and
- (c) the expenditures are properly authorised and supported by appropriate source of documents.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing (SSAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Statement* section of our report. We are independent of the Council in accordance with the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA) *Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Public Accountants and Accounting Entities* (ACRA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the Statement in Singapore, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the ACRA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution and Use

We draw attention to Note 2 to the Statement, which describes the basis of accounting. The Statement is prepared to assist the Council to meet the requirements of Tote Board. As a result, the Statement may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the management of the Council and Tote Board and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than the Council and Tote Board. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation of the Statement in accordance with the Guidelines and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the Statement that is free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Council's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this Statement.

As part of an audit in accordance with SSAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Statement, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the Statement or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Council to cease to continue as a going concern.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Statement (Continued)

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

of
Assurance Partners LLP
Public Accountants and Chartered Accountants

Singapore

Date: **30 SEP 2020**

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

President's Challenge 2019

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

For the period from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019

	Notes	S\$
Donations Received for President's Challenge 2019	3(a)	14,223,241.62
Matching Grant Received from Ministry of Finance	3(b)	2,496,080.37
Funding Received from Singapore Totalisator Board	3(d)	700,000.00
Interest Received	3(e)	41.49
Add: Advances from NCSS for fundraising expenses (to be reimbursed under a pledge from the Singapore Totalisator Board)	4	67,275.14
Less: Administrative Costs and Fundraising Expenses	4	<u>(767,275.14)</u>
Net Proceeds		16,719,363.48
Less: Disbursements to President's Challenge 2019 Beneficiaries	5	<u>(12,565,403.35)</u>
Balance	7	<u><u>4,153,960.13</u></u>



Tan Li San
Chief Executive Officer
National Council of Social Service

Date: **30 SEP 2020**



Jestine Choo
Director, Finance
National Council of Social Service

Date: **30 SEP 2020**

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the Statement of Receipts and Payments.