



COMFORTDELGRO CABBIES SPREAD FESTIVE CHEER TO THE OLD AND NEEDY

1 February 2009 – Madam Ong Pek Cho, who lives in a one-room rental flat in Bendemeer, doesn't usually have many visitors. But on the late afternoon of the seventh day of the Lunar New Year (traditionally known as "Ren Ri"), the 79-year-old opened her door to a ComfortDelGro cabby bearing food and an "ang bao". The cabby was David Sim, a member of the CabbyCare Charity Group ("CabbyCare"), an independent volunteer group formed by ComfortDelGro cabbies.

Together with three of his fellow "colleagues", Cabby Sim had taken three hours off plying the roads to visit 40 elderly clients from TOUCH Home Care to spread festive cheer. The elderly each received a dinner pack, mandarin oranges and a \$20 red packet.

Said Madam Ong: "The cabbies have been so willing in giving their time to deliver food to me. I certainly didn't expect them to give me an 'ang bao' too. It's very heartwarming to know that there are people who care about us."

CabbyCare's members have been volunteering with TOUCH Home Care's Meals-on-Wheels programme – which involves the delivery of food to the elderly twice a week – since 2006. It recently started providing free taxi trips for the delivery of library books with the National Library Board's newly launched "Deliver Me" project.

Background

ComfortDelGro Corporation Limited

ComfortDelGro is the world's second largest land transport company with a total fleet size of 41,500 buses, taxis and rental vehicles. Headquartered in Singapore, the Group also has operations in China, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, Vietnam and Malaysia. Currently, overseas ventures account for 42% of Group turnover. The Group aims to derive 70% of its total turnover from overseas within the next five to seven years. In Singapore, it is the largest taxi operator with 15,000 Comfort and CityCab taxis.

CabbyCare Charity Group

CabbyCare Charity Group was initiated and formed in February 2000 by eight CityCab cabbies who wanted to spend their time more productively by helping the less fortunate. It then grew to its current size of 100 members and is very active in various community projects. CabbyCare was given the Outstanding New Volunteerism Initiative Award by the National Volunteer Centre in November 2002 and the President's Service Social Award in August 2003.

TOUCH Home Care

TOUCH Home Care (THC), a service of TOUCH Community Services, aims to help the frail elderly live with dignity, and enjoy greater independence and quality of life at home. Each elderly client is served in their home by a multi-disciplinary team comprising doctors, nurses, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, home care assistants and befrienders. Besides home medical and nursing services, THC's team also helps with meal delivery, housekeeping, personal hygiene and escort services to hospitals for appointments.