

Connecting With The Community

The Singapore Judiciary advocates for inclusive justice by giving back to the community and addressing residents' legal and broader societal needs.

COURT VOLUNTEERS RECOGNISED FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

A total of 340 court volunteers were recognised for their support and dedication to the administration of justice in 2021. Among them, 12 received a special honour for their exemplary commitment to pro bono work.

With the annual Judiciary Volunteers Appreciation Dinner dispensed again in 2021 to ensure people's safety and well-being, the Judiciary found another way to express its appreciation to the court volunteers. Each was gifted a four-piece coaster set produced by Highpoint Community Services Association, a thermal glass mug and a message from Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Legal Assistance Scheme for Capital Offences (LASCO) Award

Mr M Lukshumayeh

Outstanding Court Volunteer Awards

Mr Zechariah Chan (Advocate and Solicitor Category)

Mr Mathavan Devadas (Open Category)

Ms Tan Yean San (Student Category)

Long Service Awards

Mr Krishna S/O Veerappen

Mr Ang Wee Tiong

Mr Deepak Natverlal

Ms Gloria James-Civetta

Mr Melvin See Hsien Huei

Mr Raymond Lam Kuo Wei

Mr Richard Lim Teck Hock

Ms Vivienne Kaur Sandhu

Clockwise from bottom left: Mr Lukshumayeh, Mr Chan, Mr Devadas and Ms Tan posing with their awards.



ANNUAL TRAINING FOR COURT VOLUNTEER MEDIATORS

Every year, the State Courts' Court Dispute Resolution cluster conducts training sessions for Court Volunteer Mediators to ensure that their knowledge and skill sets remain relevant and up to date. Two sessions were held virtually in 2021, on 4 June and 19 November.

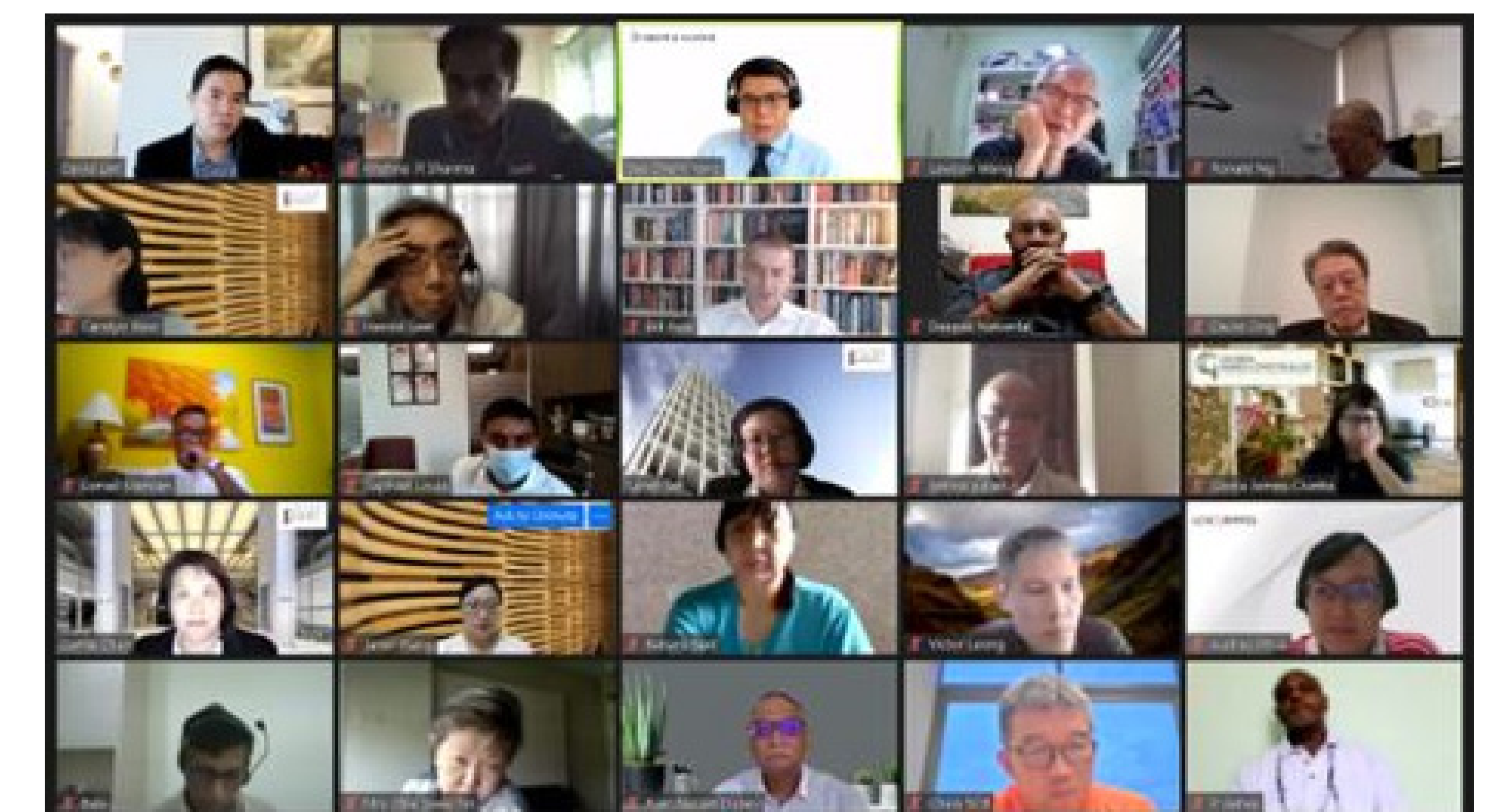
Applying Conflict-Coaching Techniques in Mediation

There were 108 participants at the 4 June session. It covered how mediators can use conflict-coaching techniques to help parties clarify their perspectives, set clear and achievable goals for resolving the dispute, and devise actionable plans to attain those goals, thereby ending the dispute amicably. During a panel discussion, participants shared how they had applied the coaching techniques to their cases and how these techniques had helped in the cases before them.

Ethics for Mediators

The session on 19 November, with 111 participants in attendance, focused on the importance of maintaining neutrality and ethical conduct during mediation. A senior consultant from Sage Mediation

explained how to spot red flags and navigate grey areas while upholding one's duty as a peacemaker. Case scenarios were presented, which prompted participants to share their views on fairness and impartiality. They also enthusiastically shared their own experiences during a panel discussion.



Through annual training, Court Volunteer Mediators refresh their knowledge and skills to perform their roles well.

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CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

2021

Despite the challenges brought about by COVID-19, the SG Courts continued to reach out to the community in 2021 as part of our corporate social responsibility efforts.

FEBRUARY



Celebrating Lunar New Year with the Singapore Cheshire Home

The State Courts brought festive cheer to beneficiaries virtually through special performances and games. Festive packs containing oranges and red packets were also prepared by the staff and distributed to the beneficiaries.

MAY

Donation Drive for Singapore Council of Women's Organisations (SCWO)

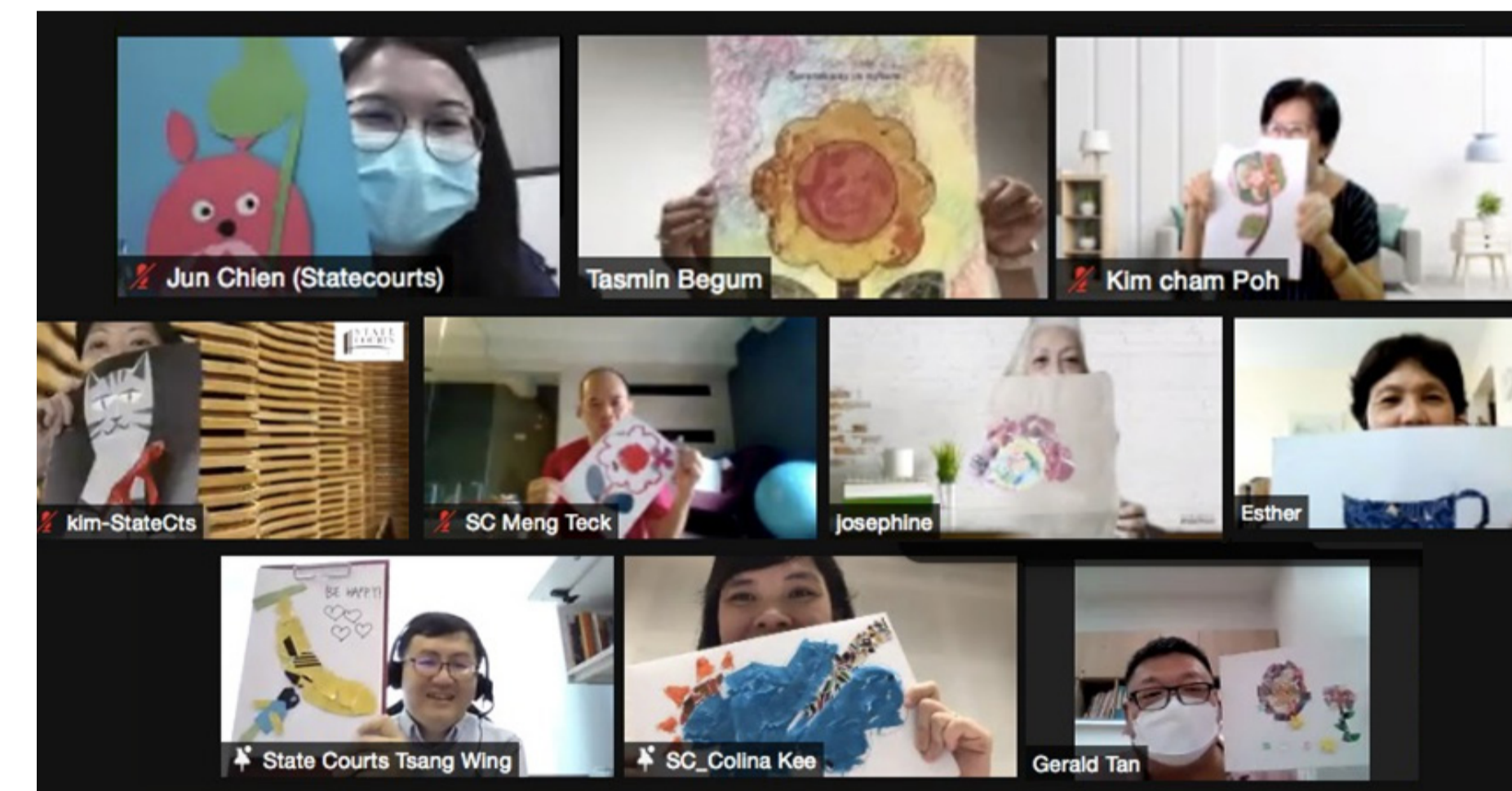
State Courts staff donated boxes of pre-loved items such as clothes, toys, books and household items to the SCWO, to be put up for sale at its New2U thrift store. Proceeds from the sale of these items went towards SCWO's initiatives, including its Star Shelter for women and victims of family violence.



JUNE

Virtual Befriending Sessions

State Courts staff participated in a series of virtual befriending sessions with senior citizens from Lions Befrienders, Sree Narayana Mission and Yong-en Care Centre. It provided an opportunity to chat and interact with seniors over fun and engaging activities such as quizzes, colouring and craft workshops. Elderly participants could also express their creativity and exercise motor skills.



JULY

Donation Drive for Food from the Heart

In response to a nation-wide appeal by charity Food from the Heart to support its Community Food Pack Programme, which feeds the needy across Singapore, Supreme Court and Family Justice Courts (FJC) staff organised a donation drive. They raised a total of \$8,813 in cash and close to 750 food items such as rice and canned food.



JULY



Read for Books

Participate in the Read for Books charity drive from 10-28 July 2021. For every 10 people who read for 15 minutes, one book will be donated to selected beneficiaries.

Read for Books 2021 is supported by Islamic Education International (Singapore) Pte. Ltd, Kinokuniya Bookstores of Singapore Pte. Ltd and Popular Book Co (Pte) Ltd.

Find out more at: go.gov.sg/readforbooks2021 #readingnationsz / #readingnationsz

The above link can be accessed via the below QR code.



Read for Books Charity Drive

All three Courts contributed to this annual book drive, which is organised by the National Library Board to raise awareness and share the gift of reading with the less privileged. 156 participants from the Supreme Court and FJC participated in the initiative. State Courts staff also got involved for the third year running and raised a record 59 books.



Project Filos

The State Courts collaborated with Filos, a not-for-profit social service organisation, to distribute grocery packs containing food and essential items to families in need and elderly residents living alone during the pandemic.

AUGUST



National Day Fundraising Efforts

The State Courts collaborated with the Healthy Start Child Development Centre to contribute essential items to children from less privileged socio-economic backgrounds. Funds raised by the State Courts were used to donate 46 cartons of training pants, 49 cartons of diapers and 160 reusable masks. Masks were purchased from Sew Can We, a social enterprise that supports women from less privileged families who utilise their sewing skills to earn extra income.

The State Courts also raised \$16,018 through the sale of carnival goods and sold four artworks by inmates valued at \$1,484 for their adopted charity, Yellow Ribbon Singapore.



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