

MEDIA RELEASE

NEW CENTRE BY TOUCH COMMUNITY SERVICES AT SG ENABLE'S ENABLING VILLAGE TO ADVANCE INCLUSION, ENHANCE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Singapore, 31 July 2026 – TOUCH Centre for Independent Living (TCIL) officially opens at SG Enable's Enabling Village, Singapore's first inclusive community space, marking a new chapter in TOUCH Community Services' (TOUCH) 30 years of disability work. With support from SG Enable, the move from the existing space at Bukit Merah to this integrated environment at Redhill will allow TCIL to develop innovative programmes alongside fellow tenant partners, strengthen post-18 pathways for persons with disabilities, and enhance support for caregivers.

The opening was graced by Guest-of-Honour, Mr Eric Chua, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Law & Ministry of Social and Family Development, and attended by caregivers and beneficiaries who gathered to celebrate the new space and the shared commitment to disability inclusion.

Established in 2018, TCIL (Bukit Merah) is TOUCH's second day activity centre for adults aged 18 and above with intellectual disabilities. Through customised competency-based training programmes in daily living pre-employment and social skills, TCIL supports trainees in discovering their potential, building independence, and leading dignified lives. The programmes are tailored to individual needs and supported by a person-centric approach, enabling trainees to develop at their own pace and according to their abilities.

With the relocation to the Enabling Village, TCIL will expand its capacity by 25%, beyond the current 42 trainees, while tapping on the ecosystem within the Enabling Village to strengthen post-18 support for clients. The new setting also opens opportunities to expand TCIL's service model by supporting clients through differentiated progression pathways. These include sports, employment and arts-based pathways, with care provision forming the foundation of the programme. Clients will be able to engage in one or more pathways concurrently based on their strengths and interests, and each pathway will offer tiered levels of training tailored to individual needs and abilities.

The expanded space also creates opportunities for sheltered employment and vocational training that were not possible in TCIL's former Bukit Merah premises. TCIL can now bring work into the centre to better support clients with higher-needs, while expanding on-site vocational experiences and exploring new employment pathways with fellow tenants. SG Enable will help connect TCIL to other tenants at the Enabling Village such as ActiveSG Gym and food and beverage outlets, to create more diverse work or engagement opportunities for the trainees to support holistic care and development.

Located at the heart of Redhill within the Enabling Village, TCIL is in a strong position to deepen community inclusion through partnerships with organisations and residents in the neighbourhood. TCIL

can collaborate with nearby schools and engage resident networks in inclusive activities, and work with partners such as Citi Sprout and Delta ActiveSG to introduce programmes including gardening and basketball. These collaborations will help create more meaningful opportunities for clients to learn, engage, and participate alongside the wider community.

Beyond skills development, TCIL continues to place strong emphasis on holistic growth and caregiver support. Through enrichment activities in the arts, sports and recreation, as well as resources for caregivers, TCIL seeks to build a strong support system around each trainee and strengthen their journey towards independence.

Sixty-year-old Mdm Rina Quek, caregiver and mother to her 23-year-old daughter, Rylene Rei, who has Down syndrome and intellectual disability, shares, “Rylene has grown so much in confidence and in her love for art since joining TCIL in February 2022. With the move to Enabling Village, I’m excited that she will have more opportunities to try new activities in collaboration with other tenants that can build her skills. It is also much more convenient for us to access services like medical and dental care in one place. I believe this new environment will support Rylene’s continued growth and help her become more independent.”

Mr James Tan, Chief Executive Officer of TOUCH, said, “TCIL’s move to Enabling Village reflects our commitment to creating more inclusive and enabling pathways for persons with disabilities. In this vibrant and collaborative environment, we are able to deepen our programmes, strengthen community partnerships, and support more adults with disabilities in building confidence, independence and meaningful participation in society.”

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About TOUCH Centre for Independent Living

TOUCH Centre for Independent Living (TCIL) is a day activity centre which offers competence-based training programmes for adults with mild to moderate intellectual disabilities aiming to provide them with functional knowledge and skills that will equip them to live independently in the community. With two centres located in Ubi and Enabling Village, TCIL’s client-focused training programmes teach daily living (personal and social), as well as pre-employment skills to the trainees. To improve their quality of life, we conduct enrichment programmes such as visual arts, sports and recreational activities. Besides providing

training in independent skills, TCIL also runs the TOUCH SpecialCrafts programme which seeks to develop and showcase trainees' talents and skills in the visual arts and offer employment for those who are gifted in this area.

About TOUCH Community Services

Since 1992, TOUCH Community Services has served people of all ages, races and religions to see sustainable change and transformation in their lives. It believes in the worth and potential of every child, youth at-risk, family in need, senior, caregiver and person with special or wellness needs to grow, participate and contribute to the community. The heartbeat of TOUCH is to **activate potential, build independence, connect people, and deliver impact** by developing sustainable solutions in society. For more information on TOUCH, please visit www.touch.org.sg.

About Enabling Village

Enabling Village by SG Enable is Singapore's first inclusive community space that brings to life how persons with disabilities can work, learn, live, and play as part of an inclusive society. Located just five minutes from Redhill MRT, Enabling Village integrates community amenities, retail and lifestyle services, and training and employment opportunities within a universally designed, barrier-free environment.

The Village is a place where persons with disabilities of all ages, caregivers, social service agencies, inclusive employers, and likeminded partners connect and collaborate – fostering independence, participation, and inclusion for persons with disabilities. With a focus on post-school transition and support, inclusive employment, lifelong learning, and future care planning, Enabling Village demonstrates how accessibility and social innovation can combine to create shared spaces that work for everyone.

Its community services include an inclusive preschool, an assistive technology centre, and an inclusive indoor swim school. Recognised locally and internationally for its universal design excellence and social impact, Enabling Village continues to pioneer new models of work, learning, and living that inspire and catalyse inclusion beyond its grounds. Through partnerships with businesses, organisations, and the wider community, it showcases what is possible when we come together to build dreams and enable lives. For more information, visit www.enablingvillage.sg