

S.M. Jaleel Foundation Fuels Hope with \$350,000 Endowment to Power Educational Dreams for Children Fighting Cancer

In a significant contribution to children impacted by childhood cancer, the S.M. Jaleel Foundation has committed \$350,000 to support educational opportunities under the Children's Cancer Foundation (CCF) Education Fund. This marks CCF's first-ever endowment-based contribution, reinforcing their mission to enhance learning for children in need.

<u>Singapore, 18 October 2024</u> – The S.M. Jaleel Foundation, in alignment with its mission to bridge educational gaps for children from resource-limited environments, has pledged a remarkable SGD \$350,000 endowment to establish the S.M. Jaleel – CCF Education Fund. This fund will be strategically managed and placed into an endowment with CCF, where the returns will be used to support children's educational pursuits. For the first six years, the returns generated from the endowment will provide bursaries to support up to 20 children per year. These funds will ensure that children impacted by childhood cancer have the financial support needed to continue their education, whether they are enrolled in local or private institutions. Beyond the initial six years, the principal amount of \$350,000 will continue to be utilised for CCF's beneficiaries, ensuring long-term support for educational bursaries. The entire endowment seeks to support more than 470 children in the next 13 years.

At the official cheque presentation and signing ceremony held on 18 October 2024, **Dr. Kevin Tay**, Chairman of CCF, and **Mr. Mohamed Abdul Jaleel**, Founder of S.M. Jaleel Foundation, formalised this meaningful partnership.



Dr. Kevin Tay, CCF Chairman (left), and Mr. Mohamed Abdul Jaleel, Founder of S.M. Jaleel Foundation (right), at the official cheque presentation ceremony on 18 October 2024.



This long-term support will see the education initiative named in honour of the Foundation's generosity, recognising their unwavering commitment to enhancing educational opportunities for children in need.

Dr. Kevin Tay, CCF Chairman, expressed his gratitude, stating, "We extend our deepest appreciation to the S.M. Jaleel Foundation for their generosity and commitment to education. This endowment not only empowers our programmes but transforms the lives of the children we serve. Together, we are able to pave their way for a brighter future."

Mr. Mohamed Abdul Jaleel, Founder of the S.M. Jaleel Foundation, added, "We believe that education is the foundation of a brighter future. Through this endowment, we are committed to ensuring that no child's education is interrupted due to their illness. It is our hope that every child, regardless of their circumstances, can achieve their fullest potential and thrive."

About CCF Education Award

Since 2010, the CCF Education Award has empowered more than 470 brave children to continue their educational journeys. This annual event recognises the academic achievements of selected beneficiaries from Primary to Tertiary who have undergone treatment and returned to school, as well as their performance in national examinations.

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