



## **Pacific Healthcare to Support Victims of Domestic Violence and Abuse**

- Pacific Healthcare Doctors extend Medical, Dental and Psychiatric services to Victims and Children
- Prominent Clinicians Dr. Martin Huang and Dr. William Chong to provide Reconstructive Surgery and Dentistry
- Spearheads Support for Charity with \$25,000 Donation to Star Shelter

SINGAPORE, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Specialists of Mainboard listed Pacific Healthcare Holdings today stepped forward to lend their support and medical expertise to victims of domestic violence through contributions in cash and kind to the Star Shelter, a secular crisis centre for victims of domestic violence and abuse.

The shelter, an initiative of the Singapore Council of Women's Organisations ("SCWO"), provides a temporary refuge and lifeline to abused women, babies and young children from severely abusive relationships. Its key objective is to empower victims to take charge of their lives by helping them to become financially independent through learning new skills, obtaining jobs and finding new homes. Since its inception in 1999, it has housed and counselled more than 800 such victims.

Dr. William Chong, CEO of Pacific Healthcare and leading dental surgeon said: "Many of these women and children bear the physical and emotional scars of long term abuse. In addition to financial assistance in the running of the crisis shelter, my colleagues and I will provide the necessary support services to meet victims' physical and mental healthcare needs, including reconstructive surgery and dentistry."

Consultant Plastic Surgeon, Dr. Martin Huang added: "To be able to touch the lives of those in need is both an honour and a privilege. How one perceives oneself is essential in influencing one's confidence and providing the esteem necessary to rebuild one's life, especially after persistent trauma. I am pleased to be able to play a part in helping these women and their children to start anew." Dr. Huang is also renowned in Cleft Palate surgery while Dr. Chong's field of expertise is in dental implants and bone regeneration.

The annual cost of running the shelter is \$250,000, of which 30% is funded by the Government. The remaining 70% relies on annual fundraising efforts by SCWO. To kick-start the donation drive, Drs. Martin Huang and William Chong, both Directors of Pacific Healthcare, have donated \$25,000 to the Star Shelter. They will also work together to provide reconstructive surgery to battered women and children.



**PACIFIC HEALTHCARE HOLDINGS LIMITED**

290 Orchard Road, #19-01 Paragon  
Singapore 238859

Tel: +65 6737 3932  
Fax: +65 6733 2577

Other members of Pacific Healthcare who will be providing support include:

Dr. Karen Soh (Health Screening and General Practice Medicine), Dr. Irene Chan (Paediatrics), Dr. Ann Tan and Dr. Choo Wan Ling (Gynaecology), Dr. Ken Ung and Dr. Francis Ngui (Psychiatry), and Dr Krushna Reddy (Dentistry).

**About Star Shelter**

Star Shelter was first mooted in 1999 by the late President, Mr. Ong Teng Cheong, to provide not just financial assistance to victims but to instead equip them with the necessary skills to restart their lives. It taps on the resources of individuals and corporations such as The Singapore Association of Women lawyers to provide legal and financial advice, as well as training and education. In addition, it focuses on assisting the children to continue and excel in their schoolwork through counselling and tuition. Volunteers also assist in the teaching of various skills needed for greater employability such as IT.

**About Star Bazaar**

**WHERE : SCWO Centre, 96 Waterloo St**

**WHEN : 10am – 4pm, Sat/Sun, 5th & 6th September 2009**

On sale will be clothes, books, CDs, toys and other items. Donations also come from celebrities and famous personalities such as Fann Wong , Jessica Tan, Yvonne Lim, Nadya Hutagalung, Elizabeth Tan, Karen Lim, Amy Cheng and Jacqueline Chow in addition to Pacific Healthcare’s Drs. Martin Huang and Ann Tan. All proceeds will go towards the Star Shelter.

**ABOUT THE COMPANY**

[www.pachealthholdings.com](http://www.pachealthholdings.com)

**SGX mainboard listing: November 2005**

Pacific Healthcare Holdings Ltd is an integrated healthcare provider in Singapore offering a comprehensive range of healthcare services through its team of more than 100 dedicated healthcare professionals and a wide network of clinics and facilities. Its core competencies include oncology, obstetrics & gynaecology, ophthalmology, dermatology, cosmetic surgery and cosmetic & implant dentistry. It currently operates 5 major integrated medical centres within the prime Orchard Road area in Singapore.

Currently the largest non-hospital based healthcare provider of specialist medical, dental and wellness services in Singapore, the Group has operations in Hong Kong, India and China, as well as representative offices in Jakarta and Ho Chi Minh City. In addition, Pacific Healthcare will jointly establish a premier medical centre in downtown Jakarta with PT Plaza Indonesia Realty in 2010. It is also building a private cancer hospital at Adam Road due to complete in 2011.

Pacific Healthcare aims to be the premier healthcare group in Asia, renowned for its care, compassion and medical excellence.



**PACIFIC HEALTHCARE HOLDINGS LIMITED**

290 Orchard Road, #19-01 Paragon  
Singapore 238859

Tel: +65 6737 3932  
Fax: +65 6733 2577

**FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES**

PACIFIC HEALTHCARE HOLDINGS

MS ALICE SCOTT	+65 9321 3183	<a href="mailto:ascott@pachealthholdings.com">ascott@pachealthholdings.com</a>
MS SERENA LEE	+65 8112 2624	<a href="mailto:serena@pachealthholdings.com">serena@pachealthholdings.com</a>
MS DANI SLATER	+65 9071 0200	<a href="mailto:dani@cosmeticsurgeryclinic.com.sg">dani@cosmeticsurgeryclinic.com.sg</a>

Other media releases on the company can be accessed at:  
[www.pachealthholdings.com/site/pachealth/pressreleases.php](http://www.pachealthholdings.com/site/pachealth/pressreleases.php)