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INSIGHTS

Empowering Lives, Inspiring Change

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75 IN MOTION: EXPERIENCING THE WORLD BEYOND SIGHT

As part of SAVH's 75th Anniversary celebrations, 75 in Motion gave visually impaired students from Lighthouse School and SAVH clients the opportunity to **experience horses, vintage cars and specially curated sensory-led activities** designed to build confidence, independence and social connection. For many participants, these were once-in-a-lifetime experiences. Beyond the excitement, the event also highlighted the importance of creating opportunities for them to explore new experiences. SAVH continues to **champion a more inclusive society** where persons with visual impairment can participate fully and confidently in the world around them.





"I think this event was great for awareness as many people may not realise that people with visual impairments have certain limitations, they are able to accomplish many things by relying on and strengthening their other senses".

- Rajkumar, SAVH EXCO member





"I had never ridden a horse before. When I got onto the horse for the first time, I felt very excited. I had been hoping for an opportunity like this for a long time. Events like these make us feel that we can enjoy the same experiences as everyone else".

- Chandra Mohan, SAVH Client



BEYOND VISION FITNESS PROGRAMME



What started as a fitness programme became something much more meaningful
A journey of empowerment, confidence, and connection.













TRAINING TOGETHER, GROWING STRONGER

The Beyond Vision Fitness Programme, organised under the SAVH White Cane Club and guided by qualified fitness trainers, brought together persons with visual impairment and volunteer workout buddies in a supportive and inclusive environment. Over ten sessions, participants challenged themselves through a series of fitness and circuit training activities designed to promote strength, mobility, and overall well-being.

What made the programme especially unique was the partnership between participants and volunteers. Working side by side, workout buddies provided guidance, encouragement, and support throughout each session, helping participants navigate exercises safely while building trust and friendship along the way. The participants shared a common goal to challenge themselves and become stronger, both physically and mentally.

Following the success and positive response from participants and volunteers, the **Beyond Vision Fitness Programme will be established as a permanent White Cane Club programme.** This will allow more persons with visual impairment to benefit from regular fitness training, social interaction, and community support, while continuing to promote active and healthy living.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the dedicated trainers and the many volunteers who generously gave their time and energy to support this meaningful programme.

Different abilities. Same determination. One strong community.



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Attending Beyond Vision Fitness Programme every Saturday has allowed me to keep fit. I also enjoy interacting with my peers, buddies and trainers every session. I look forward to the future sessions.

- Hafiz
SAVH Client & IT Trainer at SAVH’s Digital Skills Programme
Beyond Vision Fitness Programme Participant

SAVH FLAG DAY 2026 RAISES SUPPORT & AWARENESS FOR PERSONS WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

Hundreds of volunteers, donors, partners, and supporters joined hands to make SAVH Flag Day 2026 a meaningful success, helping raise awareness and support for persons with visual impairment.



















A COMMUNITY UNITED BY PURPOSE

SAVH Flag Day 2026 brought together **volunteers, donors, corporate partners, staff, and members of the public** in a collective effort to support persons with visual impairment. From the early hours of the morning, volunteers fanned out across collection points islandwide, sharing SAVH's mission and encouraging the public to contribute towards programmes and services that empower persons with visual impairment.

Beyond fundraising, Flag Day serves as an important platform for raising awareness about the challenges faced by persons with visual impairment and the importance of creating a more inclusive society.

Thanks to the generosity of our volunteers, donors, corporate partners, and members of the public, **the event raised close to S$200,000** in support of SAVH's programmes and services. Every donation, conversation, and act of support contributes towards helping individuals build confidence, independence, and meaningful participation in society.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to every volunteer, donor, corporate partner, and supporter who made this event possible.

Together, we are creating opportunities and empowering lives.

STRENGTHENING OUR FOUNDATIONS & IMPACT

IMPACT AT A GLANCE IN THE PAST QUARTER

710

BENEFICIARIES SERVED FROM APRIL - JUNE 2026*

61

PROGRAMMES DELIVERED (WCC & ADVOCACY)

SUPPORTING OVER 707 INDIVIDUALS IN THE PAST QUARTER! ENABLING GREATER INDEPENDENCE THROUGH SERVICES, TRAINING, AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY.

**Beneficiaries have been served at our following services: Accessible Technology Training Centre (ATTC), Social Work Department (SWD), Day Care Centre (DCC), Assistive Devices Centre (ADC), Low Vision Clinic (LVC), Orientation & Mobility (OMD), Library Service (LIB) and White Cane Club (WCC)*



EXPANDING ACCESS THROUGH SATURDAY CLINICS



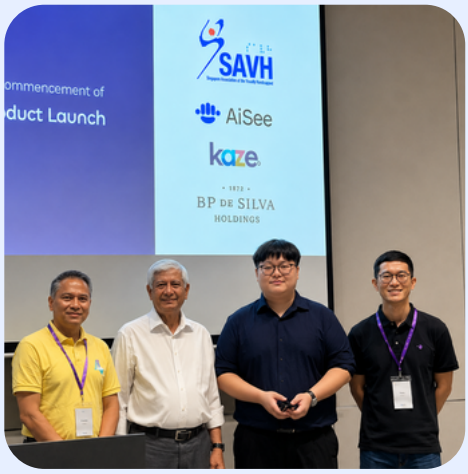
To provide **greater flexibility for clients and families**, SAVH has launched its **Saturday Low Vision Clinic**. The additional clinic sessions offer **more convenient access** to low vision assessments, consultations, and support services for those who may find weekday appointments challenging.

Through this initiative, we hope to make timely care and support more accessible to our community.

ADVANCING ACCESSIBILITY THROUGH INNOVATION

On 18 May 2026, SAVH attended the official launch of AiSee, an AI-powered smart glasses designed to support persons with visual impairment in their daily lives.

We are grateful to BP De Silva for their generous donation of 100 pairs of AiSee smart glasses. This contribution will enable more beneficiaries to access innovative assistive technology that supports greater independence and confidence.



SAVH - THE FORERUNNER OF INCLUSION



ENABLING MARK (SILVER) RENEWED

SAVH has **successfully maintained its Enabling Mark (Silver) accreditation for another two years**, reaffirming our commitment to creating an inclusive workplace where people of all abilities can thrive.

It reflects the everyday efforts made across the organisation to **foster accessibility, equal opportunity, and a culture of inclusion.** From recruitment and workplace accommodations to employee support and organisational policies, the Enabling Mark recognises organisations that actively champion disability inclusion.

As an organisation dedicated to empowering persons with visual impairment, we believe meaningful inclusion begins from within. By creating an environment where employees feel valued and supported, we strengthen our ability to serve the community and lead by example.

ENABLING MARK SILVER

SAVH AWARDED TOTAL DEFENCE ADVOCATE AWARD



SAVH is proud to be awarded the **Total Defence Advocate Award** by the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF) and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), the highest national accolade recognising organisations for their strong support of Singapore's Total Defence.

Valid until 2029, this award complements our NS Mark (Gold) accreditation and reflects SAVH's commitment to supporting our National Servicemen, **fostering an inclusive workplace, and contributing to Singapore's resilience and readiness.**

This achievement is made possible by the collective efforts of our staff, and stakeholders. Together, we will continue to champion a culture of responsibility, resilience and community spirit while supporting national initiatives that strengthen our community and nation.

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STEP FORWARD WITH SAVH - SUPPORT OUR CAUSE

FUNDRAISE FOR US!

SAVH75WALK – 22 August 2026

In celebration of SAVH's 75th Anniversary, SAVH75WALK is an island-wide community fundraising walk where teams will journey from different parts of Singapore before converging at SAVH to officiate the unveilingof a commemorative mural marking this milestone.

Every step taken and every donation made will support SAVH's programmes and services, empowering persons with visual impairment to live independently and participate meaningfully in the community.

Join us by making a donation today. Together, we can create a more inclusive future for persons with visual impairment.



MOVE WITH SAVH - ZUMBA WITH US

ACTIVE MINDS, ACTIVE LIVES

Zumba Session

Our visually impaired clients came together for a fun and interactive movement session filled with laughter, teamwork, and friendship. Through guided activities and group participation, clients stayed active while strengthening social connections.

Beyond physical activity, sessions like these provide meaningful opportunities for engagement, helping clients foster a sense of belonging and community. The smiles and enthusiasm throughout the session were a wonderful reminder of the joy that comes from learning, moving, and growing together.





OUR COMMUNITY IN FOCUS

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Money Sorting Group Class

Managing cash independently can be challenging for persons with visual impairment. To support this essential life skill, the Orientation and Mobility Department (OMD) conducted a Money Sorting Group Class, where participants learned practical techniques to identify, sort, and organise coins and notes confidently.

During the session, participants explored tactile methods of identifying different denominations and were introduced to a compact money sorter developed by the OMD team. Small enough to fit into a wallet, the device helps users quickly identify and verify both coins and notes during everyday transactions.



Through hands-on practice, participants learned to organise their money systematically, prepare exact change, and verify money received. By the end of the session, participants reported greater confidence and independence in managing cash in their daily lives.

Small skills can make a big difference. By building confidence in everyday tasks, we empower individuals to navigate life with greater independence and assurance.





Before learning how to sort my money with the money sorter, I found it difficult to determine the dollar notes and coins just based on the raised braille patterns.

During the money sorting class, I learnt how to tell the difference between the different dollar notes and coins easily.

By learning how to tell the difference between the different notes and coins, I feel more confident when I do my daily grocery shopping. This allows me to be more independent

- Mrs J, SAVH Client





MONEY, MONEY, MONEY
NO MORE GUESSING
FOR OUR VI FRIENDS!









THE HEART OF SAVH: OUR PEOPLE

Keyboard Bonding Session

Q: Ever wonder what really keeps SAVH so close-knit?

A: It's the small moments we share together.

Employees and their family members recently came together for a Keyboard Bonding Session, where participants customised and built their very own mechanical keyboards. The workshop provided a fun and engaging opportunity to learn something new while spending quality time with colleagues and loved ones.

More than just a hands-on activity, the event served as a mini family day, filled with laughter, teamwork, and meaningful interactions. As participants worked side by side to assemble their keyboards, they also strengthened friendships and created lasting memories.

At SAVH, we believe that strong relationships extend beyond the workplace. Activities like these help foster a sense of belonging and remind us that we are more than colleagues—we are a community.

TOGETHER, WE BUILD MORE THAN KEYBOARDS.
WE BUILD CONNECTIONS.























Sharing My Journey at SAVH: Jason's Story

This year marks Jason's 10th year with SAVH—a journey defined by perseverance, growth, and a willingness to embrace new challenges.



Having experienced adult-onset blindness, Jason's career at SAVH began as a Braille Transcriber.

Stepping into the role was not without its challenges, especially as he adapted to working extensively with Braille. One task he remembers vividly was converting Grade 1 Braille into Grade 2 Braille and transcribing it into Word documents.

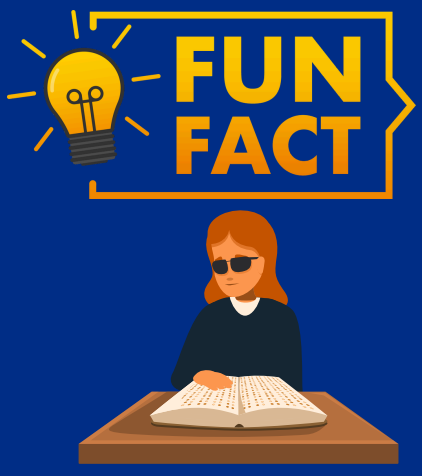
Along the way, he found inspiration in colleagues whose speed and proficiency in reading Braille motivated him to keep learning and improving.

Over the years, Jason's dedication and determination have led him to grow professionally, culminating in his current role as a Supervisor. Looking back, this remains one of his proudest achievements, especially considering the doubts he once had about his ability to handle Braille-related work.

When asked what advice he would give to newcomers, Jason's message is simple: **"Be proactive, empathetic, and treat everyone with respect, regardless of their abilities."**

And for those who may not know him well, here's a fun fact about Jason. He does push-ups with back-hand claps, proving that he enjoys pushing his limits both at work and beyond!

His story is a reminder that growth often begins with taking on challenges that seem impossible at first, and that with perseverance, confidence can be built one step at a time.



DID YOU KNOW? A VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENT MAY LEARN ABOUT THE HUMAN DIGESTIVE SYSTEM, STUDY A MAP OR INTERPRET A GRAPH USING THEIR FINGERTIPS.

THAT'S BECAUSE ACCESSIBILITY ISN'T JUST ABOUT TRANSLATING WORDS INTO BRAILLE. DIAGRAMS OFTEN NEED TO BE REIMAGINED AS TACTILE GRAPHICS THAT CAN BE EXPLORED THROUGH TOUCH.

AT SAVH, THIS IS ONE OF THE WAYS WE HELP MAKE EDUCATION MORE ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE.

AI FOR VI: INTRODUCTION TO AI-POWERED TOOLS



The strong interest in artificial intelligence (AI) among persons with visual impairment was evident when registrations for SAVH's AI for VI: Introduction to AI-Powered Tools workshop quickly exceeded expectations. Due to overwhelming demand, a second session was organised after the first workshop on 2 July 2026 became fully subscribed. The additional session, held on 15 August 2026, enabled more clients to benefit from the programme.

Facilitated by Trainer Hafiz Misran, the two sessions attracted a total of 38 participants. Through hands-on demonstrations and guided practice, participants learned how to set up and navigate AI-powered tools using screen readers, craft effective prompts, and use AI safely and responsibly.

The workshops showcased how AI can support information access, learning, productivity, and everyday problem-solving. Participants explored practical applications of AI, including reading and summarising information, drafting emails, and obtaining quick answers to everyday questions. By learning to use these tools alongside assistive technology, participants gained valuable digital skills that can support greater independence in their studies, work, and daily lives.

Beyond the technical knowledge gained, the sessions helped build participants' confidence in exploring and adopting new technologies. Many left the workshop excited about the possibilities AI offers and how it can empower them to accomplish tasks more efficiently and independently.

Given the strong response from clients, SAVH is exploring opportunities to conduct future runs of the workshop. Details of upcoming sessions will be shared through SAVH's InfoLine and client WhatsApp community updates. Interested clients may also contact the Digital Skills Programme (DSP) team for more information and registration details.



> I was surprised by how accessible AI tools are with screen readers. The workshop gave me the confidence to explore AI on my own and showed me practical ways it can support my daily life and learning.
>
> — Mr. T, SAVH Client

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JOIN OUR TEAM



Behind every programme is a dedicated team committed to empowering lives and supporting persons with visual impairment to live with confidence and independence.

If you are passionate about making a meaningful difference, we invite you to join us. Together, we can empower lives, inspire change and build a future where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

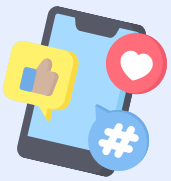
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