

INSIGHTS



SAVH75WALK · Patron Lunch 2026 · BCA CSR Day — 2026. Photos: SAVH.

— MESSAGE FROM SAVH

Dear Friends of SAVH,

As SAVH marks its 75th anniversary, the past few months have been filled with meaningful milestones, inspiring partnerships, and opportunities to strengthen inclusion for persons with visual impairment. From community events and volunteer initiatives to professional recognition and new learning opportunities, we are grateful for the support of our clients, volunteers, donors, partners, and staff who continue to make our mission possible.

To make this newsletter more accessible, it is now available in audio, web browser and PDF, so you can read or listen in whichever way suits you best.

Thank you for being part of the SAVH community. We hope you enjoy this issue.

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— FEATURE STORY · 75TH ANNIVERSARY

SAVH75WALK: Every Step Towards Inclusion

On 22 August 2026, SAVH75WALK brought together over 100 participants from across Singapore in a meaningful celebration of inclusion, community, and empowerment.

Starting from nine different locations islandwide, participants journeyed towards SAVH with a shared purpose: to support a society where persons with visual impairment can live, learn, work, and thrive with confidence. The event welcomed clients, volunteers, supporters, corporate partners, and members of the public, all united by a commitment to building a more inclusive Singapore.

The walk concluded with a community gathering at SAVH, where participants reflected on the organisation's 75-year journey and the collective efforts that have helped shape its mission. More than just a walk, the event symbolised the importance of walking alongside persons with visual impairment as partners, advocates, and friends.

As we celebrate 75 Years of Empowerment, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who participated, volunteered, and supported SAVH75WALK — your encouragement and dedication continue to inspire our work and strengthen our community.

— AT A GLANCE

100+

Participants in SAVH75WALK

9

Starting points islandwide, converging on SAVH

22 AUG 2026

Walk day, capped with a community gathering at SAVH

— COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

BCA CSR Day: Building Inclusion Together

On 14 August, SAVH welcomed 50 volunteers from the Building and Construction Authority (BCA), who spent a meaningful day engaging with 35 of our clients through a variety of activities focused on inclusion, creativity, and friendship.

Together with Quarters Architects and Nippon Paint Singapore, volunteers worked alongside clients to create a commemorative mural celebrating SAVH's 75 years of empowering persons with visual impairment. Beyond painting the mural, volunteers also helped spruce up our premises, interacted with clients through a festive lantern decoration workshop, and participated in a friendly lawn bowls session.



BCA CSR Day — volunteers and clients paint a mural marking SAVH's 75th anniversary. Photo: SAVH.

The completed mural was officially unveiled during SAVH75WALK and now stands as a lasting tribute to the partnerships, friendships, and community support that have contributed to SAVH's journey over the past 75 years.

We thank BCA, Quarters Architects, and Nippon Paint Singapore for their generosity, enthusiasm, and commitment to building a more inclusive society.

— NEW INITIATIVE

Launch of SAVH Academy: The Vision Academy

SAVH recently launched SAVH Academy — The Vision Academy, a dedicated platform designed to advance learning, professional development, and skills training within the vision impairment sector.

The Vision Academy aims to strengthen capabilities among persons with visual impairment, caregivers, professionals, volunteers, and community partners through structured learning opportunities that promote independence, inclusion, and lifelong growth.



By creating a central platform for knowledge sharing and capability development, SAVH Academy supports the growth of a more inclusive ecosystem where individuals and organisations can better understand and respond to the needs of persons with visual impairment. As the Academy expands its offerings, we look forward to empowering more learners and contributing to the development of expertise within the social service sector.



Social Service Professional Awards 2026 — Cheryl, Head of Rehabilitation Services at SAVH. Photo: SAVH.

— PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Celebrating Excellence in Rehabilitation Services

We are proud to celebrate Cheryl, Head of Rehabilitation Services at SAVH, who was recognised at the Social Service Professional Awards 2026.

Cheryl has dedicated her career to empowering persons with visual impairment to live safely, confidently, and independently. Her leadership has strengthened rehabilitation services at SAVH and contributed to the development of Singapore's first local training pathway for Orientation and Mobility specialists.

A reflection of Cheryl's commitment to excellence, innovation, and service.

We congratulate Cheryl on this well-deserved achievement, and thank her for her continued contributions to the vision impairment community.

— DONOR & PARTNER APPRECIATION

Patron Lunch 2026: Celebrating Our Supporters



Patron Lunch 2026 — 20 August 2026. Photo: SAVH.

On 20 August 2026, SAVH hosted its annual Patron Lunch as a gesture of appreciation to the donors, partners, and supporters who have helped advance our mission over the years.

The gathering provided an opportunity to share updates on SAVH's programmes and services, celebrate key milestones achieved during our 75th anniversary year, and strengthen relationships with stakeholders who continue to champion inclusion and

empowerment for persons with visual impairment.

The event also served as a reminder that the impact of SAVH's work is made possible through the collective support of individuals and organisations who believe in creating opportunities for persons with visual impairment to lead independent and fulfilling lives. We thank all our patrons and supporters for their trust, generosity, and partnership.

— PEOPLE & CAPABILITY

Investing in Staff Development

To better serve our clients and community, SAVH has been working with James Cook Institute to conduct a series of WSQ training courses from September to November 2026.

The training includes SkillsFuture for Digital Workplace courses and workplace communication programmes, with opportunities extended to both sighted and visually impaired staff. These

programmes are designed to strengthen staff competencies, build confidence and enhance service delivery across the organisation.

By investing in continuous learning and professional development, SAVH seeks to ensure that all staff have the skills, knowledge and confidence needed to meet evolving service needs and deliver meaningful outcomes for our clients.



Staff Development — an in-house IT training session at SAVH. Photo: SAVH.

— IMPACT AT A GLANCE

A Season in Numbers

JULY – OCTOBER 2026

A snapshot of what SAVH's community made possible together this season.

200+

Participants and volunteers combined

156

Programme sessions conducted to build practical skills for employment, daily living and community participation

50

Corporate volunteers mobilised to support inclusive spaces and meaningful activities alongside persons with visual impairment

— COMING UP

Mark Your Calendar

Three milestones close out SAVH's 75th anniversary year — join us as we celebrate independence, inclusion, and community.



18 OCT 2026 · 12–5PM

International White Cane Day 2026

FLOWER FIELD HALL, GARDENS BY THE BAY

SAVH will commemorate International White Cane Day, bringing together persons with visual impairment, caregivers, volunteers, community partners and members of the public to celebrate independence, inclusion and achievement.

The day features the VI Got Talent showcase and the presentation of the Tan Chay Bing Bursary, alongside opportunities to celebrate the spirit of empowerment.

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24 OCT 2026

SAVH at Purple Parade 2026

SINGAPORE'S LARGEST INCLUSION MOVEMENT

SAVH is proud to take part in Purple Parade 2026, Singapore's largest movement celebrating abilities and advocating for inclusion.

Alongside fellow community partners and members of the public, SAVH will raise awareness of visual impairment and champion the abilities, aspirations, and contributions of persons with visual impairment.

— 75TH ANNIVERSARY · FLAGSHIP EVENT

SAVH 75th Anniversary Gala Dinner

As part of our 75th anniversary celebrations, SAVH will host a Gala Dinner bringing together donors, volunteers, partners, clients, and friends to commemorate 75 years of empowering persons with visual impairment.

DATE

6 November 2026

TIME

6.30 – 10.30pm

VENUE

One Farrer Hotel

We look forward to celebrating this important milestone together and sharing our vision for the future as we continue building a more inclusive society, recognising the many individuals and organisations who have contributed to our journey.

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— ORGANISATIONAL NOTICES

Governance & Announcements

— GOVERNANCE



Strengthening Good Governance and Accountability

SAVH remains committed to the highest standards of transparency, integrity, and ethical conduct. Our Whistleblowing Policy gives employees, volunteers, partners, beneficiaries, and the public a safe, confidential channel to report suspected wrongdoing — including fraud, corruption, abuse of authority, or breaches of legal and regulatory obligations. Individuals who raise concerns in good faith are protected from retaliation.

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— NOTICE



Update on CDC and SG60 Voucher Acceptance

Following a review of merchant eligibility criteria by the Central Singapore CDC, SAVH will no longer participate in the CDC Voucher Scheme from 1 October 2026. CDC and SG60 Vouchers remain accepted at all SAVH outlets until 30 September 2026. This change does not affect SAVH's services, programmes, or operations — we thank our customers and supporters for their understanding.

EFFECTIVE

1 October 2026

— THANK YOU

Every Contribution Makes a Meaningful Difference

Thank you for taking the time to read SAVH Insights, and for being part of our community.

If the stories in this issue have inspired you, we invite you to support our work. Your generosity helps create opportunities for persons with visual impairment to live, learn and thrive. Every contribution, no matter the amount, makes a meaningful difference.

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SAVH Community — clients and volunteers together at SAVH. Photo: SAVH.

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