

Carolling for a cause

SINGAPORE – This Christmas, groups of carollers will lend their voices to sing for charity.

Caritas Singapore Community Council (CSCC) volunteers conceived the idea of Sing For Charity 2009 to spread the cheer of Christmas and to positively impact the local community.

The project will primarily benefit three Catholic charities – the Roman Catholic Prison Ministry, Catholic AIDS Response Effort and the Family Life Society. All three are CSCC affiliates.

Sing For Charity organising committee chairperson Gene Lee said the Christmas tradition of

carolling helps to make people stop and think in the midst of celebration. “For some of us, carolling adds meaning and joy to this festive season... [This is why] we decided to do our part for charity,” he said.

With CSCC’s aid, the committee has roped in five parish choirs to participate.

David Teo from the Chorale Evangelica choir is “excited” about the project. Participation in this project allows the choir to focus on carolling without worrying about booking logistics as these are handled by the organising committee, he said.

The Chorale Evangelica includes parishioners from St. Vincent de Paul, St. Anthony, Queen of Peace, and friends from other parishes.

The Sing for Charity organising committee is seeking residential homeowners and companies who want to share the festive spirit and participate in charitable giving by engaging a carolling group to sing at their premises.

The carollers will be available from Nov 16 to Dec 23. Each carolling session lasts for 30-45 minutes. Available time slots are 7.30pm and 8.30pm. Dates and times are subject to availability. The contribution to charity is \$1,000 for residences and \$2,000 for companies.

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