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**Children's
Cancer
Foundation**

COMFORTDELGRO TAXIS AND CABBIES MAKE \$40,000 DONATION TO CHILDREN'S CANCER FOUNDATION

18 June 2015 – Bald is beautiful. This is why 61 ComfortDelGro cabbies will forego their tresses in support of Hair for Hope 2015 today.

This is the second year that CabbyCare Charity Group (CabbyCare), a voluntary organisation made up of some 150 ComfortDelGro cabbies, is supporting Hair for Hope, which is Children's Cancer Foundation's (CCF) annual fundraising event.

In all, they are making a \$20,000 donation. ComfortDelGro Taxis will be matching this sum, bringing the total donation to CCF to \$40,000.

Said Mr Ang Kim Thye, Chairman of CabbyCare: "We did not want it to be just a one-time effort when we supported Hair for Hope last year. That is why we have committed ourselves into giving more this year. More cabbies have also volunteered to have their heads shaved today. Although we are cabbies, we are also parents and we want to show our support towards children with cancer and their families."

Mr Yang Ban Seng, CEO of ComfortDelGro (Taxi Business), commended CabbyCare cabbies for always stepping forward in support of those in need. He said: "We are very proud of these cabbies who care passionately about the community they serve. To show our support for them, ComfortDelGro Taxis is matching their contribution dollar-for-dollar."

"CCF is thankful to CabbyCare Charity Group and ComfortDelGro Taxis for coming on board once again as one of the Hair for Hope satellite partners and for their generous donations. We are heartened to receive support from the cabbies who have taken time off the roads to send a strong and positive message of hope to children with cancer through their kind act of shaving. Their bald statement tells these children that it is OK to be bald and that they are not alone in their battle against cancer," said Ms Neo Lay Tin, Executive Director of Children's Cancer Foundation.



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Background

CabbyCare Charity Group

CabbyCare Charity Group was initiated and formed in February 2000 by eight CityCab cabbies who wanted to spend their time more productively by helping the less fortunate. It then grew to its current size of 150 members and is very active in various community projects. CabbyCare was given the Outstanding New Volunteerism Initiative Award by the National Volunteer Centre in November 2002 and the President's Service Social Award in August 2003.

About Children's Cancer Foundation

Children's Cancer Foundation (CCF) is a non-profit organisation with a mission to improve the quality of life of children with cancer and their families through enhancing their emotional, social and medical well-being.

Founded in 1992, CCF provides children with cancer and their families the much needed support in their battle against the life threatening illness. In a year, CCF helps more than 2,000 children and their families at different stages of the illness.

Armed with the vision of providing world-class resources and psychosocial services to families impacted by childhood cancer, CCF employs professional caseworkers and counsellors, and adopts an integrated hospital-home-community service model to offer a spectrum of critical services to our beneficiaries.

About Hair for Hope (HfH)

HfH is the only head-shaving event in Singapore that serves to raise funds and awareness of childhood cancer. Every shaven head represents an understanding by an individual of the ordeals that a child with cancer is subjected to. By volunteering to shave, the shavees become CCF's ambassadors in spreading childhood cancer messages to their family, friends and colleagues.

Through this symbolic gesture, we aim to:

1. Create awareness of childhood cancer in Singapore
2. Show children with cancer and their families that they are not alone in their fight against cancer
3. Tell children with cancer that it is OK to be bald
4. Raise funds to help children with cancer and their families
5. Build a community of support for children with cancer and their families

The funds raised will enable CCF to continue providing critical programmes and services to assist our children with cancer and their families to cope with the needs at different stages of the illness.