



Miracle After Miracle

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About VIVA

Among the many illnesses and problems in the world, childhood cancer may not get the most of funds, focus and facilities. VIVA Foundation fights to put this on the agenda of institutions, by catalysing research, building state-of-the-art facilities, supporting doctors and training nurses.

VIVA Foundation believes by doing so, it will change the way childhood cancers are being diagnosed and treated throughout the region, starting with Singapore. Ultimately, this will ensure more children with cancer, regardless of geography, will have a higher chance of full recovery to live out the full potential of their lives.

There is a part which you can play in this VIVA story. We can't change history, but with your help, we can change the future of children with cancer. And when we do that, we will be able to change his-story and her-story, because fairy-tale-like "happily-ever-afters" can be a reality.

The word "VIVA" is an acclamation for "long live!" and VIVA works to rewrite the future of children with cancer, as every child deserves to live and no child should die in the dawn of their lives.

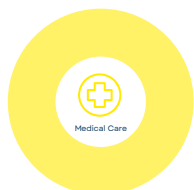
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Mission

Saving lives of children with cancer through excellence in medical care, research and education.

Our Pillars

To improve the cure rate of children with cancer and to help survivors thrive, so that they can live long, healthy, happy and meaningful lives through:



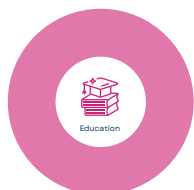
1. Medical Care

- Providing support to develop the best facilities and the best level of care.



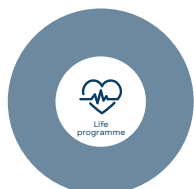
2. Research

- Partnering and funding scientists and doctors in key projects and clinical research.



3. Education

- Empowering doctors, nurses and care-providers through training and knowledge sharing.



4. Life Programme

- Supporting children with cancer and survivors in getting back on their feet and contributing back to society as healthy and equipped individuals.



Jennifer Yeo

Founder and Chairman of
VIVA Foundation for Children with Cancer

Message from Chairman

Dear Friends of VIVA,

As we reflect on the achievements and milestones of the past year, I am humbled to note how far we have come together as a community. Our collective efforts continue to drive innovation and advancement in paediatric cancer we are so passionate about.

The St. Jude-VIVA Forum in Paediatric Oncology, in its 18th year, remains a cornerstone of our educational efforts, providing healthcare professionals in Asia with the opportunity to learn from global and regional leaders while fostering collaborations to save more children's lives.

We also launched the VIVA-Cell and Gene Therapy Webinar Series, with its inaugural session on 27 September 2024, drawing 392 registrants from 27 countries. This series aims to educate and empower the global medical community on emerging therapies that are revolutionising paediatric cancer treatment.

In a new collaboration with the University of Cambridge, we hosted the first Cambridge-VIVA Single Cell Therapy Webinar on 22 November 2024. Featuring distinguished speakers from the Wellcome Sanger Institute and the University of Cambridge, the session attracted 310 registrants from 29 countries, highlighting its global appeal. This event laid the foundation for future collaborations to advance research and understanding in single-cell therapies.

One of our most exciting achievements this year was the launch of the VIVA-Cell and Gene Therapy Academy. This academy marks a significant step forward in our mission to foster education, innovation, and cutting-edge research in the field of cell and gene therapy. We look forward to the great strides it will make in shaping the future of healthcare and medical science.

Our Survivorship Programme for Healthcare Professionals series of webinars-- the first of its kind globally—continues to gain momentum, with 15,920 registrants from 78 countries from years 2022 to 2024. The fourth series is set to launch in 2025.

VIVA's Survivorship Programme also encompasses our specially tailored Life Programme and together with our fundraising events, there were more than 2,000 participants. The Life Programme encompasses family educational days, storytelling, tuition, violin and piano lessons, swimming classes, coding classes, wellness programmes and more. Wellness programmes include holistic health initiatives like Qigong and Paediatric TCM Massage Workshops, along with Traditional Chinese Medicine health talks.

Fundraising and community support played a crucial role in sustaining our mission. A heartfelt thank you to the organising committee behind VIVA Fiesta 2024 - Dreams of Tomorrow Concert at the Singapore Botanic Gardens which saw a good crowd despite the rain.

Additionally, the VIVA-Dear Evan Hansen charity night on 24 October 2024 brought together donors, beneficiaries, and supporters for a deeply moving musical experience at Victoria Theatre. This event shed light on mental health challenges, reinforcing the importance of emotional support for children and youth.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all participants, volunteers, and organisers who made these events a success. Your dedication and commitment are truly invaluable.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation to our donors, whose continued support has been essential in bringing our projects to life. It is through your generosity that we are able to drive innovations and create lasting impact.

And there's more to come! We are excited to share that, in 2025, we will be establishing the VIVA Research Lab—a state-of-the-art facility dedicated to groundbreaking research and innovation. We believe this lab will become a philanthropic hub for transformative discoveries that will help to advance cures and contribute to global health solutions.

As we continue to grow and evolve, we remain committed to our vision of excellence, collaboration, and social impact. There is much to look forward to, and I am excited for what the future holds.

Thank you once again to everyone who has contributed to our success. Together, we will continue to pave the way for a brighter, healthier tomorrow.

Warm regards,
Jennifer Yeo
Founder & Chairman (pro-bono)

Board of Directors

In 2024, five (5) Ordinary Board Meetings and one (1) Annual General Meeting were held. The Executive Committee* actively oversees the business of VIVA. The VIVA Board of Directors, comprising 10 Directors, serves pro-bono and ensures that VIVA's mission and vision are met.



Mrs Jennifer Yeo (Mdm Leong Lai Peng)
Founder and Chairman

Senior Consultant, RHTLaw Advocate & Solicitor, Singapore Solicitor, England & Wales

Appointed on 6 Feb 2006



Ms Diaan-Yi Lin

Independent Advisor, ex-Senior Partner
McKinsey & Company

Appointed on 7 Apr 2020



Mr K.K Chua

Chairman of KDC
Director of Hayco

Appointed on 16 July 2021



Mr Tham Sai Choy

Chartered Accountant

Appointed on 01 January 2021



Ms Tan Bee Lan

Chief Executive Officer,
Healthcare Perennial
Holding

Appointed on 1 Aug 2014



Mr Chua Yi Xin Joseph

Global CEO, Aiken Digital

Appointed on 02 July 2023



Ms Fiona Leung, CFA

Managing Partner,
Olive Vista Capital

Appointed on 02 July 2023



Mr Hong Yanci

Regional Legal and
Compliance Counsel,
Sivantos Pte Ltd

Appointed on 02 July 2023



Mr Brinden Anandakumar

Associate Director,
Fullerton Law Chambers LLC

Appointed on 11 January 2024



Mr Ng Kian Hui

Partner- Head Of Audit &
Assurance, BDO Singapore

Appointed on 5 November 2024

External Advisory Board

VIVA's External Advisory Board (EAB) is made up of an international panel of renowned doctors from the global field of cancer care and research. The VIVA Board of Directors seeks strategic advice and views from the EAB with regard to programmes and projects. The EAB meets in Singapore once a year. At other times of the year, the Board would also call on the EAB for their expert views and thoughts when necessary.



Prof Ching-Hon Pui
Chairman

American Cancer Society Professor
Chair, Department of Oncology
Co-Leader, Hematological Malignancies
Program
Fahad Nassar Al-Rashid Chair of Leukemia
Research
Director, China Region,
St. Jude Global, St. Jude Children's
Research Hospital
Memphis, Tennessee, USA

Appointed on 19 Dec 2006



Prof Rupert Handgretinger
Member

Professor and Chairman, Department of
General Paediatrics and Hematology /
Oncology
Children's University Hospital
Tuebingen, GERMANY

Appointed on 7 Dec 2006



Prof Leung Wing Hang
Member

Director,
Children's Blood and Cancer Centre
KK Women's and Children's Hospital
Singapore

Appointed on 25 Feb 2020



Prof Melissa Hudson
Member

Director, Cancer Survivorship Division
Co-Leader, Cancer Control & Survivorship
Program
The Charles E. Williams Endowed Chair of
Oncology-Cancer Survivorship
St. Jude's Children Research Hospital
USA

Appointed on 1 Mar 2022



Prof Godfrey Chan Chi-Fung
Member

Honorary Professor Department of
Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine
School of Clinical Medicine, The
University of Hong Kong Consultant
Paediatric Haematologist Oncologist
Hong Kong Sanatorium and Hospital
Hong Kong SAR

Appointed on 1 Mar 2022



Prof Edward Holmes
Emeritus Member

President and CEO, Sanford Consortium
for Regenerative Medicine
Senior Fellow, A*STAR Advisor
National Research Foundation
SINGAPORE

Appointed on 30 Nov 2006



Prof Anjo Veerman
Emeritus Member

Professor Emeritus, Paediatrics
Vrije Universiteit University Medical
Center
Amsterdam, THE NETHERLANDS

Appointed on 18 Dec 2006

The VIVA Management Team



Wong Hao
Chief Executive Officer



Dominic Ang
Chief Financial Officer



Wong Chee Seng
Manager,
Finance



Merlina Koh
Manager,
HR & Operations



Sherene Chen
Manager,
Outreach, Education &
Research

Stories of Hope

Lucas

VIVA Beneficiary and Volunteer

"Because of my experience with cancer at a young age and having to grow up and continue to go to school after recovery, I think my sharings have been quite helpful for the children that are currently undergoing the cancer treatments. I think the sharings have been quite meaningful as I get to reignite the hope in the parents' eyes when they are going through the rough patch where their child is receiving the treatment. Although VIVA Foundation was not around when I had cancer, but it has given me many opportunities to share my stories with similar children who are going through or have gone through cancer treatments and I think it's very encouraging for them. Thank you so much, I think it means a lot to these children!"



Marianne

Mother of Joel Lim, diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia

"Hi, my name is Marianne, and my son, Joel Lim, is one of the beneficiaries of the VIVA Foundation.

He was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (ALL) in 2005. We have been on this journey with VIVA for many years and have benefited tremendously from their research collaboration with St. Jude and other medical institutions worldwide.

This research has been life-changing for my son, ensuring he received the timely treatment he needed. We are forever grateful for everything VIVA has done for Joel. Their collaboration with top hospitals, including St. Jude, and other leading medical groups has had a significant impact.

VIVA continues to provide life-saving treatment and financial relief for families, making sure our children receive the best care without the burden of overwhelming costs. For parents in Singapore, it is a huge comfort knowing that we have access to world-class treatment.

With a grateful heart, I want to acknowledge all the great work VIVA has done. Every donor and every dollar spent has made a real difference. I hope this support continues, bringing hope to children so that they can have a future."



Mrs Chow

Mother of Jovan, a Beneficiary of VIVA

"One support that I have gathered from VIVA is a programme where they have invited doctors from around the world to come to Singapore to hold a session where they shared about beyond survivorship. This is something that I was not aware of, I did not know there were such implications on survivors. This programme gave me comfort, support and an avenue to go to and allowed me to meet other parents like me, and survivors like my son, Jovan. Thank you Mrs Yeo, I'm so glad that you founded this foundation and help many children like Jovan, who has benefitted so much, directly and indirectly. There are no words that I can use to express my gratitude."

Rachel

Mother of Hayden, stage 4 neuroblastoma

"Hi, I'm Rachel. I'm the mother of Hayden. Hayden is 10 this year.

He was diagnosed with stage 4 neuroblastoma about six years ago when he was four years old. We went through a full range of treatments, including surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, and a bone marrow transplant.

Hayden missed about one and a half years of preschool before starting primary school. It was tough for him to catch up, especially with subjects like Chinese. Thankfully, VIVA's MindChamps tuition programme helped him improve.

VIVA's support has been invaluable—not just during diagnosis and treatment, but also through their survivorship programme. We've participated in various activities, like a drone-flying event, which was a fun and relaxing break from everything.

VIVA plays a vital role in supporting families like ours. Raising a child takes a village, and raising a child with cancer requires even more effort, time, and resources. VIVA has been there at every stage—diagnosis, treatment, recovery, and now survivorship.

They don't just support children directly with activities, but also the doctors treating them and the parents through various programmes. The MindChamps programme, in particular, helps children catch up on their studies, which is crucial since they miss a significant part of their education during treatment.

What VIVA is doing is truly amazing. Please continue the great work. We have benefited so much, and we are deeply grateful. Thank you, Mrs. Yeo, and thank you to the entire VIVA team."



Our Volunteers are the heart of our foundation and their hard work and dedication is what makes us able to step forward in our cause and continue supporting children with cancer. Let's hear from our volunteers about their volunteering experience with VIVA!



HongLei Liu

VIVA Volunteer

"I came for VIVA Fiesta last year, and I thought that it was quite meaningful, so I decided to come again this year. I thought that if I can help out again, I should go and help out at the event. I'm quite satisfied as everything is provided and the instructions are clear as well. I would definitely volunteer for the next event too!"

Sham

VIVA Volunteer

"Of course I would love to volunteer again! The event planning is absolutely amazing and the welfare of the volunteers are very well taken care of. I think VIVA Fiesta is a really meaningful event to engage the public and let them learn more about what VIVA Foundation is all about and raise as much funds as possible for children with cancer".





1. Medical Care

VIVA-NUS Childhood Cancer Programme

VIVA-UNIVERSITY CHILDREN CANCER'S CENTRE (VUC3)

Through the generous support of donors, VIVA established the VIVA-University Children's Cancer Centre (VUC3) to improve treatment for complex cancers and leukaemia in children. Our contributions made this vision a reality, driving ongoing efforts at National University Hospital (NUH). For more information, see the community partnerships section on page 42.

The VUC3 stands as VIVA's inaugural hub of excellence in paediatric cancer care. Nestled within the NUH, it offers a comprehensive range of treatments, including advanced cellular therapies and the right setting of care with a 16-bed Day Therapy Centre dedicated to chemotherapy.

In 2024, the VUC3 remained steadfast in its commitment to providing exceptional medical care to children battling cancer, serving 83 patients throughout the year. The centre witnessed 501 inpatient visits and 5837 outpatient visits in 2024.

Between 2018 and 2024, VUC3 administered 81 CAR-T products to 51 children. These include children who needed 2 products (CAR T CD19 and CD22) or repeated infusions. Among these 51 children, nine received funding from the VIVA-Goh HJ fund between February 2021 and December 2024.

Source: Provided by NUS to VIVA Foundation for the Year 2024.

Medical Care at VUC3 in 2024





2. Research

VIVA-Cell and Gene Therapy Academy

In 2024, VIVA launched the VIVA-Cell and Gene Therapy (VIVA-GCT) Academy, focusing on the professional training of healthcare practitioners. The Academy will feature state-of-the-art technology, including the CliniMACS Prodigy®, and will have training programmes on the technical aspects of CAR T-cell production.

This academy marks a significant step forward in our mission to foster education, innovation, and cutting-edge research in the field of cell and gene therapy. We look forward to the great strides it will make in shaping the future of healthcare and medical science.

VIVA remains committed to training healthcare professionals and supporting revolutionary treatments in paediatric oncology to help the children with cancer live better, healthier lives.

VIVA Research Lab

In 2025, VIVA will be establishing the VIVA Research Lab—a state-of-the-art facility dedicated to groundbreaking research and innovation. We believe this lab will become a philanthropic hub for transformative discoveries that will help improve lives and contribute to global health solutions.

VIVA-NUH Centre of Translational Research in Acute Leukemia (CenTRAL)

VIVA-NUS Centre for Translational Research in Acute Leukaemia (CenTRAL) was made possible through the generous contribution of donors and partners brought together by VIVA. For more information, see the community partnerships section on page 41.

Established in 2014, CenTRAL emerged through a collaborative effort between VIVA and the National University of Singapore (NUS). CenTRAL's primary aim centred on enhancing the cure rates and quality of life for individuals grappling with leukaemia and hematologic cancers in Singapore and across Asia. This was to be achieved through precise leukaemia classification, prediction and determination of treatment response.





3. Education

We strive to empower medical professionals such as doctors, nurses and care-providers with to-date treatments and research through training and knowledge sharing.

Key events under VIVA Education include the annual St. Jude-VIVA Forum in Paediatric Oncology, St. Jude-VIVA Survivorship Webinar Series, VIVA-Asia Rare Tumor Board webinar and the VIVA-Asia Blood and Marrow Transplant School.

In 2024,

there were 21,785 registrations from 60 countries

across 36 sessions.



18th St. Jude-VIVA Forum in Paediatric Oncology

The 18th St. Jude-VIVA Forum took place from 29th February to 10th March 2024, bringing together a total of 32 faculty members and over 741 healthcare professionals from 23 countries.

We successfully livestreamed the conference to a global audience and we reached out to more than 957 registrants from 56 countries. The event featured a total of 9 engaging programmes, including the St. Jude-VIVA Paediatric Surgical Oncology Symposium, St. Jude-VIVA Paediatric Pathology Symposium, VIVA-Asia Blood and Marrow Transplant Spring School, VIVA-Asia Nursing Symposium, VIVA-Asia Learning Exchange, World Speakers Series Day 1, World Speakers Series Day 2 and the VIVA Family Educational Day.



Testimonials



Dr Alia Ahmad
UCHS Children's Hospital, Pakistan

"I wanted to attend this forum because it is highly prestigious. A conference yearly done and organised in Singapore. And it's a great academic activity for paediatric hematology and oncology."



Dr Lyvannak Sam
Angkor Hospital for Children,
Cambodia

"The VIVA-Asia Learning Exchange is the best for me. It is quite useful for my learning because we have a similar setting and also the characteristics of our patients are also the same. So I really learn a lot from them. The way they make the diagnosis also provides treatment to the patient, and I really learn a lot from the experts in Asia."



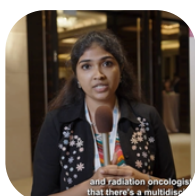
Dr Nia Astarina
Harapan Kita Woman and Children
Hospital, Indonesia

"I think it is the newest and the latest diagnosis and treatment for the paediatric oncology patient. And also I think I bring that knowledge to my country to improve the survival rate for the oncology patient, especially in paediatric."



Dr Wilson YK Chan
Hong Kong Children's Hospital,
Hong Kong

"It is a very good network to see many of the international experts from all over the world coming to Singapore to join this session, and I am very happy that even for us in Hong Kong Children's Hospital, this year we have more than ten colleagues coming and sharing the experience of different diseases and management."



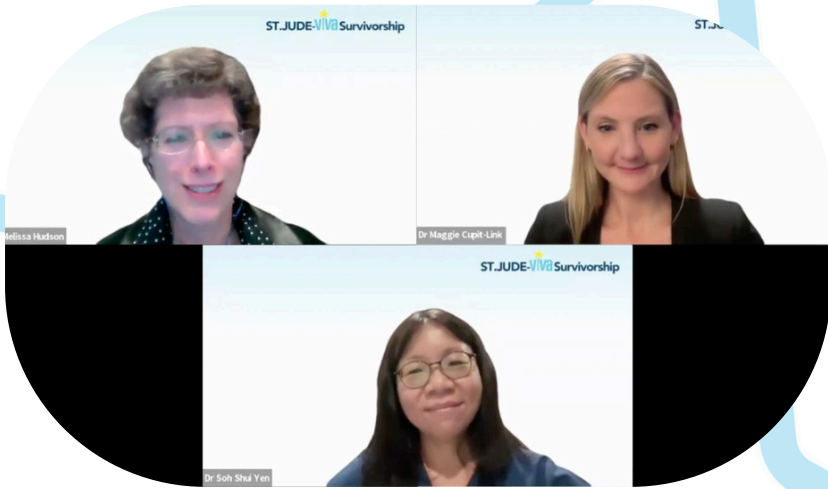
Dr Vijayshree Muthukumar
Apollo Hospital,
India

"I think the educational efforts of the VIVA Forum has always been focusing on training not just physicians, but also physician assistants, nursing staff, the surgical oncologists, pathologists, radiologists and radiation oncologist to ensure that there's a multidisciplinary team focusing on cancer care in children because it's such a three dimensional approach that it takes away the focus from one person delivering the care to an entire team, which is focusing on all round care of these children. And I hope to use the same team spirit to go back home and enable all of us with whatever knowledge I can share from the session."



Dr Sucharita Tuladhar
Patan Academy of Health Sciences,
Nepal

"Thank you VIVA for considering me for their travelling fellowship. I wouldn't have been able to attend the Singapore VIVA Forum without the travelling fellowship and definitely thank you and hope to attend many more of these forums. Thank you."



SERIES 3

St. Jude-VIVA Survivorship Webinar Series

The St. Jude-VIVA Survivorship Webinar Series remains dedicated to educating healthcare providers about the medical and psychological risks associated with childhood cancer and its therapy.

The 12th and final session of the St. Jude-VIVA Survivorship Series 3 took place on 8 November 2024, focusing on the topic of "Retinoblastoma." This session was led by Dr Debra Friedman from Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, USA, who shared her expertise on the management and long-term outcomes of retinoblastoma survivors.

With 925 participants from 58 countries, the session wrapped up the third series of the St. Jude-VIVA Survivorship initiative on a high note, reflecting its global reach and impact.

VIVA-Asia Blood and Marrow Transplant Autumn School 2024

The year 2024's Autumn School saw between 413 and 449 registrants from 29 countries, over two days. Participants gained valuable insights from speakers Prof Godfrey Chan, Prof Li Chun Fu, and Prof Andrew Gennery, with moderation led by Prof Hany Ariffin and Dr Pamela Lee, promoting rich discussions and cross-regional knowledge sharing.



Ms Pham Thi Ngoc Anh
KK Women's and Children's
Hospital, Singapore
Speaker



Ms Laura Tan
National University Hospital,
Singapore
Organising Chair and Moderator

Overview of Paediatric HSCT - The Past, The Present and Future Directions

The first session of the pre-VIVA-Asia Nursing Symposium took place on 7 December 2024, focusing on the evolution and future directions of Paediatric Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (HSCT). The session featured Ms. Pham Thi Ngoc Anh from KK Women's and Children's Hospital, Singapore, as the speaker, with Ms. Laura Tan from National University Hospital, Singapore, serving as the organising chair and moderator. The webinar attracted 504 registrants from 25 countries, reflecting a strong international interest in the topic and the growing need for advancements in paediatric HSCT care.



Advancing Cell and Gene Therapy

In 2024, the VIVA Foundation for Children with Cancer reinforced its dedication to advancing cell and gene therapy through two flagship initiatives.

The VIVA Cell and Gene Therapy Symposium, held on 8 June 2024, convened leading international experts, including Dr Mitchell S. Cairo (USA), Dr Michaela Seng (Singapore), and Professor Nguyễn Thanh Liêm (Vietnam), among others. Chaired by Professor Rupert Handgretinger (Germany), the symposium explored cutting-edge developments in CAR-T therapy, stem cell transplantation, and gene editing. With participants from 31 countries—23 attending in person and 160 joining online—the event facilitated vital discussions on transformative treatments for childhood cancers.

Expanding on this success, VIVA launched its Cell and Gene Therapy Webinar Series, with the inaugural session on 27 September 2024 drawing 392 registrants from 27 countries. This ongoing initiative equips healthcare professionals, researchers, and clinicians with the latest cell and gene therapy advancements, fostering global knowledge-sharing.

Through these programmes, VIVA continues to drive innovation, collaboration, and equitable access in paediatric oncology—bringing hope to young patients worldwide.

VIVA-Asia Rare Tumor Board Webinar

The VIVA-Asia Rare Tumor Board webinar continued with its 12th to 14th sessions. Special thanks to Prof Godfrey Chan, Dr Anthony Liu, and all the speakers and panelists who contributed to the series in 2024.

Single Cell mRNA Sequence Work in Leukaemia

The inaugural session of the Cambridge-VIVA Single Cell Therapy Webinar took place on 22 November 2024, marking a new collaboration with the University of Cambridge. This session highlighted cutting-edge research on Single Cell mRNA Sequencing in Leukaemia, featuring an esteemed panel from the Wellcome Sanger Institute, University of Cambridge, UK, including Dr Sam Behjati, Dr Laura Jardine, Mr Bram Lim, and Ms Mi Trinh. The webinar drew 310 registrants from 29 countries, showcasing its appeal to a diverse and international audience. This session set the stage for future collaborative efforts to advance understanding in single-cell therapies.



State-of-the-Art: Immunotherapy for ALL Treatment VIVA ALL Education Programme, ALL Academy

On 26th October 2024, State-of-the-Art: Immunotherapy for ALL Treatment – VIVA ALL Education Programme, ALL Academy Hybrid Meeting Session was hosted at the VIVA Hub. Focusing on the latest advances in immunotherapy for Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL), this hybrid event gathered 45 in-person attendees and with 5 distinguished speakers from 7 countries and 190 online participants. Speakers Dr Federico Lussana, Dr Kwong Yok Lam, Dr Hany Ariffin, Dr Wong Gee Chuan, and Dr Bunchoo Pongtanakul contributed their expertise in using novel agents for the treatment of ALL. Moderated by Dr Kwong Yok Lam and Dr Allen Yeoh, rich dialogues were exchanged.



Transplant Service and Allied Health Talk

On 9 April 2024, VIVA hosted the Transplant Service and Allied Health Talk Hybrid Meeting. The event featured distinguished speakers Dr Melissa Gabriel and Ms Rebecca Fischer from the Children's Hospital at Westmead, Australia. Dr Gabriel discussed the topic of 'Using Viral Specific T Cells in HSCT Programme,' while Ms Fischer presented on 'Monitoring Micronutrients and the Use of Bio Impedance Analysis in Paediatric Patients Undergoing HSCT at The Children's Hospital at Westmead.' The session was moderated by Dr Michaela Seng from the KK Women's and Children's Hospital, Singapore.

Among the 178 registrants (15 in-person + 163 online), 9 attended the meeting in-person, and 82 participated as online attendees.

VIVA-Goh Foundation Professorship in Paediatric Oncology

The funds raised by VIVA to establish the VIVA Paediatric Oncology Fund aim to achieve excellence in childhood cancer treatment through translational and clinical research, training and education for medical professionals, and establishing a professorship in paediatric oncology. For more information, see the community partnerships section on page 42.

The VIVA-Goh Professorship provides academic leadership in teaching and research, focusing on cell-based therapy, childhood leukaemia, post-care for cancer survivors, and sarcomas.

In 2012, Professor Allen Yeoh was appointed as the VIVA-Goh Foundation Associate Professor in Paediatric Oncology at the National University of Singapore (NUS). This role aims to advance paediatric cancer care in Singapore and across Asia, enabling Prof Yeoh to further the treatment of childhood leukaemia both locally and internationally.

- In 2024, Prof Yeoh authored and co-authored seven publications, including a landmark study in Nature Medicine (Impact Factor: 58.7).
- His work on CD7 CAR-T therapy has provided a promising new treatment for relapsed/refractory T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (T-ALL).
- Clinical Trial Outcomes: 17 patients (aged 2–72) underwent CD7 CAR-T therapy at National University Hospital (Singapore) and Ospedale Pediatrico Bambino Gesù (Rome, Italy).
 - 16 out of 17 achieved complete remission within a month.
 - The first patient has remained in remission for five years without further chemotherapy or transplant.
 - The therapy was well-tolerated with mild side effects.
- As of 31 Dec 2024, 72 patients (51 children, 21 adults) have undergone CAR-T therapy under the CAR-T Programme, supported by donor and grant funding.

Prof Yeoh's contributions have not only pushed the boundaries of paediatric oncology research but have also transformed patient outcomes and influenced global treatment strategies.

Source: Provided by NUS to VIVA Foundation for the Year 2024



**Professor Allen Yeoh
Eng Juh**

Re-appointed from
1 November 2023 to
31 October 2026

Prof Allen Yeoh was promoted to full Professor in July 2023. He also assumed a new position in the Dean Office, where he will evaluate Promotion & Tenure applications for Assistant Professor to Associate Professor in the Department of Paediatrics for two years, starting from Jan 2024.

Re-appointment of Professor Dario Campana as the Mrs Lee Kong Chian Chair in Advanced Cellular Therapy

We are pleased to share that the National University Health System (NUHS) has re-appointed Professor Dario Campana as the Mrs Lee Kong Chian Chair in Advanced Cellular Therapy on 10 January 2025. This esteemed appointment is effective retrospectively from 1 July 2024 and will continue through to 30 June 2027.

VIVA began the Mrs Lee Kong Chian Chair in Advanced Cellular Therapy with the support of the Lee Foundation, which supports renowned experts Dario Campana and his team at the National University of Singapore to conduct research on cell-based therapy and clinical trials for breakthroughs in cancer treatment.



VIVA-KKH Paediatric Brain and Solid Tumour Programme

VIVA raised funds and donated to KK Women's and Children's Hospital (KKH) in establishing the VIVA-KKH paediatric and solid tumour (PBST) programme. This programme aims at advancing the treatment and cures for children with brain-solid tumours in Singapore and the Asia Pacific. For more information see the community partnerships section on page 41.

Established in 2015, the VIVA-KKH Paediatric Brain and Solid Tumour Programme represents a collaborative effort between VIVA, KK Women's and Children's Hospital, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. This programme aims to advance the understanding and treatment of childhood brain and solid tumours through a multifaceted approach encompassing clinical care, translational research, and education. By leveraging the collective expertise and resources of partner institutions, the program seeks to drive meaningful progress in this critical area of paediatric oncology.

By the end of 2024, the Program has contributed significantly to research, yielding 144 publications in peer-reviewed journals and delivering 162 presentations. Principal Investigators (PIs) supported by the Program have secured 31 competitive grants.

The VIVA-KKH PBST Programme has supported a year-long paediatric neurosurgical oncology fellowship for a Filipino doctor starting in January 2024. In collaboration with St. Jude Global and international partners, the programme established the APPOSE fellowship to train specialists in paediatric surgical oncology. Since 2018, regional fellowships have trained 4 surgeons, 8 pathologists, and 1 neurosurgeon in managing paediatric cancers. These fellowships equip doctors from resource-limited settings with hands-on training, enabling them to enhance paediatric cancer care in their home countries.



Medical Care and Achievements

144

Publications

162

Presentations

Additionally, a collaboration between KKH and City Children’s Hospital (CCH) has strengthened CCH’s multidisciplinary care for paediatric brain and solid tumours, as well as paediatric anaesthesia and critical care. Since 2023, five CCH doctors have completed one-month observerships at KKH across key specialities. The collaboration concluded in March 2024 with a final report shared with KKH and CCH leadership.

Since its launch in January 2017, the brain tumour multi-disciplinary team clinic has remained instrumental in enhancing patient care for individuals grappling with brain tumours. By consolidating consultations into a single outpatient clinic, patients experience streamlined care and significant time savings. The clinic brings together a range of clinical disciplines, including neurosurgery, neuro-oncology, palliative care, endocrinology, rehabilitation, dermatology, and neurology, ensuring comprehensive and holistic support.

Since its establishment in 2018, the Molecular Tumor Board has witnessed a surge in patient consultations. These multidisciplinary meetings are dedicated to evaluating genomic findings in patients with brain and solid tumours. The aim is to identify suitable targeted treatments or ascertain cancer predisposition syndromes, thereby leveraging the enhanced molecular pathology and cancer genetics capabilities of KKH to deliver impactful translational outcomes to patients.

Multidisciplinary Tumour Boards (2024)

22 Molecular Tumour Board patients

57 Brain Tumour Board patients

232 Solid Tumour Board patients

			Cumulative till	
			End 2023	End 2024
Capability indicators	Papers published in international journals	- JIF <5 - JIF >5	93 34	104 40
	Presentations at conferences	- Local - International	48 84	53 109
	Grants	- Cluster / institutional - National / international	17 12	18 13
Relevance indicators	New products or processes	- Clinical - Laboratory	4 6	4 6
	Utilisation of new clinical services and laboratory-developed tests	- Clinical (attendances) ➢ BTMDT	335	407
		- Laboratory (cases) ➢ Pan-sarcoma: ➢ Archer FusionPlex Pan Solid Tumour Panel*	See note* 785	See note* 924
		➢ Nanostring medullo ➢ Nanostring Glioma	33 See note**	46 See note**
		➢ Childhood Cancer Panel - Wilms tumor loss of heterozygosity (LOH)	62 93	108 See note***

BTMDT: Brain Tumour Multi-Disciplinary Team clinic

*Archer® FusionPlex® Pan Solid Tumour Panel, which has a larger Pan solid tumour panel (129 genes), has replaced both the Sarcoma (26 genes) and Solid Tumour (56 genes) panels since November 2019

**Nanostring Glioma Panel was discontinued in February 2023

*** Study paused since February 2023

Source: Information on VIVA-KKH PBST Achievements provided by KKH to VIVA Foundation for the Year 2024



4. Life Programme

Our life programme is designed to help childhood cancer survivors live healthy, happy, and fulfilling lives. We offer holistic support across five essential areas:

**Academic
& Career
Growth**

Sleep

Food

Movement

**Emotional
Wellness**

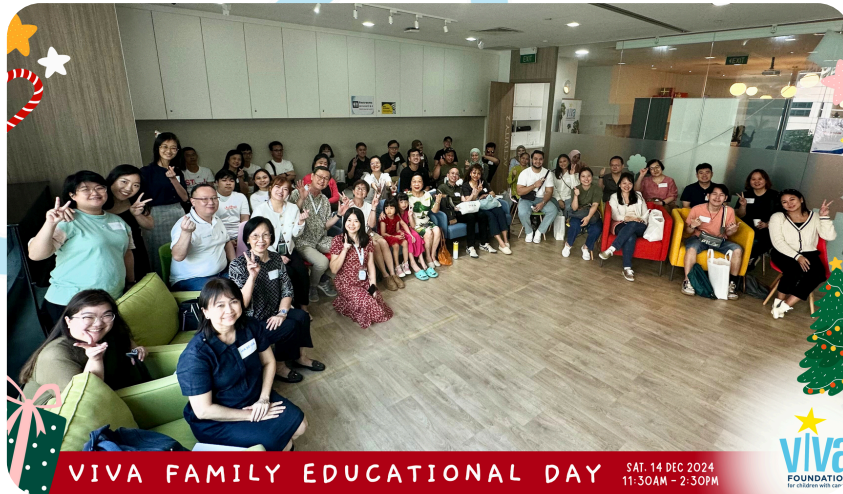
We provide personalised academic support and career development opportunities, such as tuition and violin classes, to help survivors explore their interests, build skills, and prepare for a bright future.

Quality sleep is vital for healing. We offer guidance on establishing healthy sleep habits to support recovery and overall well-being.

We champion the healing power of nutritious food. Our programmes guide survivors in maintaining a balanced diet to aid recovery and promote long-term wellness.

Physical activity is crucial for both physical and emotional health. Our programs, including swimming lessons, are designed to help survivors build strength, confidence, and a healthy lifestyle.

Our emotional wellness programs aid survivors in developing coping skills, resilience, and a positive outlook, preparing them to handle life's challenges after cancer.



VIVA Family Educational Days

In 2024, we hosted two impactful Family Educational Days, gathering distinguished local and international oncology experts to support families affected by childhood cancer. These sessions provided parents with vital medical knowledge about treatment and survivorship while creating precious opportunities for direct consultation with specialists. The most poignant moments came from our young survivors, whose courageous stories of resilience moved and inspired all attendees. Beyond medical information, these days fostered genuine connections - reassuring families they are not alone on this journey. These events reflect our commitment to holistic care, ensuring families feel informed, supported and hopeful. We extend our deepest gratitude to the medical professionals, survivors and families who made these sessions so meaningful.



VIVA-Chung Hwa TCM Health Talks

In 2024, Singapore Chung Hwa Medical Institution and VIVA organised a series of engaging Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) health talks, fostering greater awareness of TCM principles and wellness practices.

Acupoints for Cancer Management Talk – This talk, led by Physician Song Yiqun, featured hands-on training on acupoint therapy for cancer care. The hybrid format drew 21 participants (9 in-person, 12 online), offering experiential learning and personalised guidance.

TCM Five Elements Theory Talk (9 Nov '24) – Hosted online, the session attracted 26 participants. It explored the Five Elements Theory, its connection to internal organs and colors, and practical applications for health preservation. Attendees appreciated the interactive discussion with the physician.

TCM Health & Wellness Webinar (14 Dec '24) – Hosted online, this session provided insights into TCM-based preventive health strategies. Participants actively engaged and gained practical tips for integrating TCM into daily life.



VIVA x GSF Violin Class @ VIVA Hub

VIVA x GSF (Global Strings Federation) continues its collaboration on violin lessons for VIVA beneficiaries. The programme aims to bring the healing power of music to those who need it most, and to inspire others to use their talents and resources for a greater cause.

GSF and VIVA aim to create a platform for VIVA's beneficiaries and emerging musicians. They will empower these artists to give their music a broader meaning by contributing to a meaningful cause, ultimately bolstering VIVA's mission to become a leading community advocate for medical wellness and cancer survivors.

Piano Trial Class

VIVA's Piano Trial Class on 9th November 2024 marks an exciting step towards the launch of our year-long VIVA Piano Programme in 2025. This Piano Programme is part of our Life Programme initiatives where our survivors get the opportunity to explore their musical interests and abilities. We are thrilled to have two courageous survivors onboard for the full programme starting in 2025.



Enriching Lives Through Music

Thanks to our generous donors, VIVA's beneficiaries enjoyed two unforgettable musical experiences in 2024.

In February, families attended Reunion: Harmony of Spring at Victoria Concert Hall, a vibrant Chinese New Year celebration. The Asian Cultural Symphony Orchestra, led by Music Director Dedric Wong, performed alongside Getai star Liu Ling Ling and erhu soloist Li Baoshun from the Singapore Chinese Orchestra. The evening was filled with beloved classics like 《春风吻上我的脸》 and 《881 Medley》, creating cherished memories.

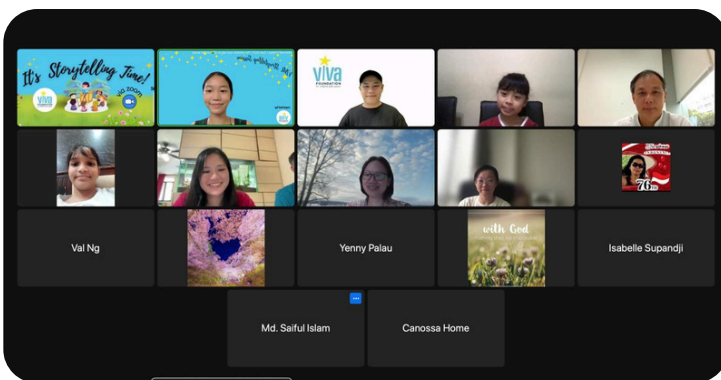
Later in the year, four of our families experienced An Evening with Rachmaninoff, courtesy of The Musicians' Initiative. Pianists Congyu Wang and Jonathan Kuo delivered a breathtaking performance in collaboration with Pianoisland, offering moments of beauty and respite.

These concerts provided more than entertainment—they brought joy, connection and inspiration to families facing difficult times. We are deeply grateful to our donors for making these special moments possible.



Tuition lessons @ VIVA Hub

We are grateful to the student volunteers from Hwa Chong Institution (College Section) who have been tutoring our cancer survivors. This tuition program is designed to help the survivors prepare for their end-of-term examinations and assist them with their homework.



VIVA Storytelling Programme

VIVA Storytelling Session - Series Two continues on 15 March 2024 with a lineup of new storytellers. During these sessions, we share stories on resilience, strength, hope, and triumph as part of the VIVA Life Programme. These stories are shared online every alternate Fridays so attendees can listen and enjoy these incredible narratives from the comfort of their homes.



Two-Day VIVA Coding Camp - Supported by Nanyang Girls

VIVA Foundation collaborated with Nanyang Girls' High School to host a two-day coding camp which attracted 20 registrants. During the camp, our beneficiaries had the opportunity to learn Scratch, a high-level, block-based visual programming language designed to introduce children, particularly those aged 8 to 16, to the fundamentals of coding. This initiative aligns with the academic pillar of VIVA's Life Programme, providing valuable educational experiences and empowering young learners with essential digital skills.



Holistic Wellness @ VIVA Hub

VIVA partnered with Kampung Senang to host a Guo Lin Qigong workshop at VIVA Hub, promoting healing and wellness for cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers.

On 27 January 2024, over 50 participants attended a Guo Lin Qigong talk and demonstration led by Master Ting Beng Chin—a Qigong expert and cancer survivor.

We also organised a Zhineng Qigong workshop facilitated by Teacher Wei Qi Feng, who taught practical techniques to activate the body's natural healing energy.

These sessions equipped attendees with actionable wellness strategies, underscoring VIVA's dedication to holistic health.

VIVA x Sports Schooling Centre For Movement

VIVA partnered with Centre for Movement to introduce sports such as gymnastics, soccer games, swimming and tennis with the aim of inculcating physical activity as a cornerstone of a healthy lifestyle to our beneficiaries.

Such physical activities also support the mental well-being of participants which help to foster resilience and emotional health. Physical activities provide an element of fun and laughter and will help break the vicious cycles of helplessness, reduces stress and build tenacity. These swimming lessons can help to foster friendships among students and it can be useful life skills for the participants.



Paediatric TCM Massage Workshops 1 & 2

The two sessions of the Paediatric TCM Massage Workshops were filled with enthusiastic learning, meaningful connections, and hands-on practice with Physician Liew from Singapore Chung Hwa Medical Institution. Participants delved into the art of paediatric massage, discovering how simple techniques can be used to treat, relieve, and support their children's health for conditions such as common colds, coughs, indigestion, insomnia, and allergies. The participants demonstrated a strong spirit of learning and eagerly engaged in the hands-on session.

'I've learned practical massage techniques, and this was a very useful and friendly talk by the knowledgeable Physician Liew,' said James, a participant.





VIVA Mother's Day Workshop

VIVA organised the VIVA Mother's Day Workshop on Saturday, 11th May 2024 from 12.30pm – 3.30pm. The event included a wellness talk by Dr Ann Toh from HCA Hospice and a facial guasha session by Physician Chen Bei Qi from Singapore Chung Hwa Medical Institution.

We were pleased to have 23 attendees for this enriching event. The workshop provided an excellent opportunity for women to bond through holistic wellness practices, gaining valuable insights into the art of guasha and mental well-being from seasoned practitioners.



Legends Of Wisdom Carnival

The Legends of Wisdom Carnival on 15th December 2024 was a celebration of storytelling that brought together survivors and their families in a vibrant and engaging atmosphere.

Each story is portrayed through art, craft, or music, where the history and evolution of items such as chocolates, came alive through exciting interactive methods. We thank TMJC for leading this event, and also the contributions from HCI, RGS, and NYGH, who set up creative and inspiring booths and displays.



Christmas Celebration with ARC

In collaboration with Arc Children’s Centre, we brought the festive spirit to life with a day full of fun, laughter, and joy for our young cancer survivors. The children had an amazing time bouncing endlessly on the castles, enjoying delicious popcorn, and unwrapping Christmas presents that brought pure delight to their faces. Their excitement was so infectious that they didn’t want the day to end! It was truly heartwarming to witness their smiles and laughter as we created magical memories to kick off the holiday season. A heartfelt thank you to Arc Children’s Centre for making this celebration so special!



Christmas Carnival Collaboration with Care Corner and Raffles Girl’s School

VIVA Foundation is thrilled to be part of the Christmas Carnival hosted by Care Corner. Special thanks to Raffles Girls' School (RGS) for their support in managing VIVA's game booth, ensuring the success of this community outreach event.



Distribution of Christmas Presents for Survivors

During the period from 30th December 2024 to 6th January 2025, we had the privilege of distributing Christmas presents to our childhood cancer survivors. The joy and happiness on the children's faces said it all. Each gift brought smiles, laughter, and a sense of hope that made this festive season truly special.



A heartfelt thank you goes to our generous donors whose support made these gifts possible. This Christmas, Cosentino made an incredible contribution, donating a total of 323 presents for our survivors. These gifts were also shared with our partners, spreading cheer among many children battling cancer. Not only did Cosentino surpass last year's record for crowdsourcing gifts, but the company's remarkable achievement also demonstrates the unwavering dedication and goodwill of their staff and clients, who truly went above and beyond for this meaningful cause.



We are also deeply grateful to HBA for their remarkable generosity in donating 200 presents for our children. Their support, along with Cosentino's, helped ensure that our survivors had a brighter Christmas filled with love and care.

During the Christmas season, we celebrate the collective spirit of kindness that has touched the lives of so many. Thank you to all who contributed and made a difference in the lives of our survivors.



VIVA in the News

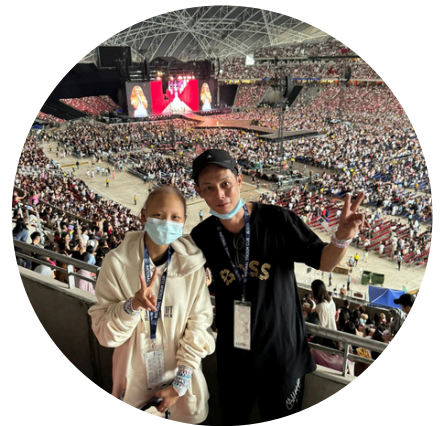
S'pore teen with muscle cancer to attend Taylor Swift concert thanks to local charity & bag brand

So wholesome.

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We are happy to help 13-year-old Joy Sim see her favourite artist, Taylor Swift, live. Despite her muscle cancer diagnosis and ongoing chemotherapy, Joy will attend the March 7th concert with her father, thanks to the support of Aupen and a S\$30,000 sponsorship. We're thrilled to offer Joy this special opportunity, ensuring her comfort in a private suite, and we hope she'll receive Swift's iconic black hat during "22". It's an honour to make this unforgettable experience possible for Joy.



M-NEWS

9-year-old Swiftie in S'pore suffers from brain cancer, hopes to get hat from Taylor Swift



We are thrilled to help nine-year-old Keira Chia fulfil her dream of seeing Taylor Swift live. Diagnosed with terminal cancer, Keira's love for music has been a source of joy despite her challenges. Thanks to Aupen and a S\$30,000 sponsorship, we've arranged for Keira and her mother to attend the concert in a VIP suite, ensuring her comfort. Keira is excited to hear her favourite song, "Love Story", and hopes to receive Swift's black hat during "22". We're proud to help make this special moment a reality.

Events



VIVA Gala Dinner

On 2 March 2024, VIVA organised our annual Gala Dinner at the Village Changi Hotel. More than 100 attendees gathered for an evening filled with delectable cuisine and captivating music to create a joyful and memorable experience for all. During the dinner, we were treated to a wonderful violin performance, thanks to the collaboration between the Global Strings Federation (GSF) and the VIVA Foundation for Children with Cancer. Led by the talented Mr Tong Ming Xi of GSF, the beneficiaries of VIVA Foundation took the stage. Despite facing immense challenges, they fearlessly embraced the violin, showcasing their newfound skills with grace and passion. Attendees from diverse backgrounds also shared the stage in a karaoke session. They sang songs from their countries and uplifted each other through the universal language of music. In this blend of cultures and melodies, the karaoke session became a powerful reminder of music's ability to heal and unite.



VIVA Fiesta 2024

Rain or shine, VIVA Fiesta 2024 was an unforgettable success! We're overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible turnout and support for children with cancer. Huge thanks to our talented artistes, selfless volunteers, dedicated organising committee members, generous supporters, and amazing attendees who made this night possible.

The evening was a vibrant celebration of ASEAN's rich cultural heritage, featuring mesmerising performances by The Lighters, Jeryl Lee Pei Ling, Miss Lou, lullaboy, Emiliano Cyrus, Kawasxmi, Renee Suphamongkhon, and talented young children. Together, we raised vital funds for paediatric cancer research and created a night that will be etched in our hearts forever.

A highlight of the evening was the powerful rendition of the ASEAN Anthem by our ambassadors and artistes, symbolising unity and solidarity in the face of adversity.

The night culminated in an enchanting Dinner in the Park at Privé Botanic Gardens, where artistes and distinguished guests connected over delicious food and meaningful conversations, capping off an extraordinary evening.



Hear from the VIVA Fiesta concert artistes



Emiliano Cyrus

"I'm here to support VIVA Foundation because I always want to help people. Hope that my music can encourage everyone to strive together and grow stronger together. I also recently had a friend who got cancer and I've always wanted to help other people as well for everyone for a good cause. So hope you guys enjoy, let's hope you get stronger together."



lullaboy

"I'm really happy to be here on this very special day. I want to thank VIVA Foundation for inviting me to VIVA Fiesta. I really think that this is one of those amazing causes that I just wanted to be a part of. I hope that we can raise awareness for children with cancer and every single person, all of your donations, it all makes a big difference. So thank you for every single person who has come out here tonight and celebrated with us. You guys mean the world."



The Lighters

"Hi everyone, we are the Lighters. We are from Taiwan. We are a music duo. We're very honoured to support this cause, and we just hope that we can really raise awareness that more people will know about this foundation."



Kawasxml

"The reason why I wanted to contribute to VIVA Fiesta was that I feel that the cause is very meaningful and I'll be very, very happy to be able to go and do something good."



Miss Lou

"Hello, I'm Miss Lou and we're here at VIVA Fiesta at Singapore Botanic Gardens. I've just finished my set of three songs and it was so lovely to see the crowd camped out even though it was raining earlier today. They had the faith and they came down to support the music as well as the good cause the work that VIVA Foundation is doing for children with cancer. So if you want to share the blessings that you've received, please consider donating to the life saving work that they do. And yeah, let's do good together."



Mindchamps fundraising for VIVA

Mrs Jennifer Yeo, the VIVA Foundation team, and VIVA's beneficiaries were invited to the event "I'm Proud of You: ChampsFest 2024," under the "I Am Compassionate" fundraising initiative for the VIVA Foundation. In total, MindChamps raised \$387,879 in support of VIVA, and we are thankful for their generous support.



Timeless Treasures VIVA Fiesta Pre-Concert Fundraising Dinner

On the evening of 22nd July 2024, British Hainan (Kallang Branch) graciously hosted a Fundraising Dinner in collaboration with VIVA. The event was a remarkable gathering, where guests indulged in British Hainan's exquisite signature dishes, enjoyed captivating singing performances, and participated in an exciting vintage auction. A highlight of the night was the special presentation of autographed books by Mr George Yeo, Former Foreign Minister of Singapore.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our donors, partners, and participants for their generous support and contributions. Their involvement made the evening an unforgettable success, bringing us closer to our mission of supporting children with cancer.



VIVA-Dear Evan Hansen

On the evening of 24 October 2024, many of our donors, beneficiaries and supporters enjoyed a beautiful and emotional musical, Dear Evan Hansen, at the Victoria Theatre.

The musical portrays the challenges of a teenager who is struggling with loneliness and anxiety, and how he eventually overcomes it -- conveying a crucial message on the importance of social and mental health.

In this critically acclaimed and award-winning musical staged by PangdeMonium, the evening was filled with emotion and meaningful connections were made.

We are honoured to be able to organise such an astounding musical for all our invited guests, and are also overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible turnout and support from our generous donors. Together, we are not only supporting children with cancer, but also raising awareness of mental health challenges faced by youths.



Inspiring Young Minds Through Storytelling

We had engaging storytelling sessions that educated and inspired children and families about paediatric cancer.

At Jurong Regional Library, a lively storytelling session on 13 December introduced families to VIVA's work, sparking meaningful conversations about childhood cancer survival. The event saw overwhelming enthusiasm, with many attendees eager to participate in future sessions—highlighting the community's growing interest in supporting survivors.

Meanwhile, Storytime Adventures: Tales & Treasure brought the message of empathy and resilience to 40 young students at PCF Sparkletots @ Blk 115 Canberra. Through Brave Maeve—a touching story about paediatric cancer—children learned the importance of kindness while expressing their creativity by crafting their own versions of Maeve with playdough.

These storytelling initiatives not only spread vital awareness but also strengthened connections with families, paving the way for even greater impact in 2025. VIVA remains committed to using the power of stories to inspire hope, understanding, and action for childhood cancer survivors.



Childhood Cancer Awareness Roadshow

On 21 September 2024, VIVA hosted a booth at "A Journey of Hope," a childhood cancer awareness roadshow organised by KK Women's and Children's Hospital, held at Parkway Parade. Through fun, interactive games designed by students from St. Joseph's Institution (SJI) and Raffles Girls School (RGS), participants got to know more about childhood cancer and how VIVA is working to help children with cancer. We thank 5 Loaves and 2 Fishes for sponsoring gifts for the event.



Temasek Polytechnic Science Forum

We were thrilled to welcome so many students from the polytechnics to the VIVA Foundation for Children with Cancer booth at the Biomedical Science Forum 2024 on 3rd October!

Our booth featured a "Wall of Hope," inviting visitors to leave messages of encouragement for young cancer patients. Informative posters and brochures shared key insights on childhood cancer, and our interactive quiz engaged students to learn more about cancer awareness, with prizes for those who participated. We also highlighted VIVA's mission, showcased our impact, and offered giveaways, along with resources for students to stay connected via our mailing list and social media. Thank you to everyone who visited, learned, and joined us in supporting this cause!



Appreciating our community

In 2024, we hosted two appreciation events to thank the incredible individuals who make our work possible.

SJVF Appreciation Dinner

This gathering honoured the organising committee, speakers, moderators, volunteers, and violin performers who contributed to the success of the 18th St. Jude-VIVA Forum. Guests enjoyed networking opportunities and an interactive quiz highlighting VIVA's mission. A special video tribute recognised our volunteers' invaluable efforts, while Mr Vincent Yeo expressed heartfelt thanks in his speech. Attendees received certificates and tokens of appreciation for their dedication—celebrating past achievements while inspiring future involvement.

Appreciation Lunch

We welcomed donors, medical professionals, volunteers, and survivors to this joyful event. Over lunch, our community connected and reflected on our shared mission. Chairman Mrs Jennifer Yeo delivered a warm address, expressing gratitude for their vital support and looking ahead to continued collaboration.

These events reminded us that VIVA's impact is made possible by our remarkable community—thank you for standing with us in our mission to transform the lives of children with cancer.

Statement of Financial Activities

For the Financial Year Ended 31 December 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the financial year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted fund S\$	Endowment fund S\$	2024 S\$	2023 S\$
Income					
Income from generated funds:					
Voluntary income	(4a)	2,223,823	-	2,223,823	1,979,810
Activities for generating funds	(4a)	976,787	250,000	1,226,787	2,093,522
Income from charitable activities	(4b)	215,098	-	215,098	147,989
Investment income - interest income		250,582	130,842	381,424	392,797
Other income	(4c)	44,781	-	44,781	34,544
Total income		3,711,071	380,842	4,091,913	4,648,662
Expenditures					
Cost of generating funds	(5a)	414,241	1,628	415,869	429,951
Cost of charitable activities	(5b)	929,417	-	929,417	796,966
Governance costs	(5c)	816,781	-	816,781	790,846
Total expenditures		2,160,439	1,628	2,162,067	2,017,763
Net income before income tax expense		1,550,632	379,214	1,929,846	2,630,899
Income tax expense	(6)	-	-	-	-
Net income for the financial year		1,550,632	379,214	1,929,846	2,630,899
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		27,680,477	5,053,861	32,734,338	30,103,439
Total funds carried forward		29,231,109	5,433,075	34,664,184	32,734,338

Statement of Financial Position

For the Financial Year Ended 31 December 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 S\$	2023 S\$
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	(8)	<u>18,290,396</u>	<u>17,995,202</u>
Current assets			
Other current assets		-	2,414
Other receivables	(9)	369,233	996,916
Cash and short-term deposits	(10)	<u>16,743,309</u>	<u>14,006,225</u>
		<u>17,112,542</u>	<u>15,005,555</u>
Current liabilities			
Accrued expenses	(11)	13,190	60,018
Deposit received		-	15,843
Trade and other payables	(12)	<u>725,564</u>	<u>190,558</u>
		<u>738,754</u>	<u>266,419</u>
Net current assets		<u>16,373,788</u>	<u>14,739,136</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>34,664,184</u>	<u>32,734,338</u>
Funds of Charity			
Unrestricted fund	(13)	<u>29,231,109</u>	<u>27,680,477</u>
Endowment fund	(13)	<u>5,433,075</u>	<u>5,053,861</u>
Total Funds of Charity		<u>34,664,184</u>	<u>32,734,338</u>

Statement of Cash Flow

For the Financial Year Ended 31 December 2024

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the financial year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 S\$	2023 S\$
<u>Cash flows from operating activities</u>			
Net income before income tax expense		1,929,846	2,630,899
<u>Adjustments for:</u>			
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	(8)	510,785	504,541
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment		-	1,065
Interest income		(381,424)	(392,797)
		<u>2,059,207</u>	<u>2,743,708</u>
<u>Changes in working capital:</u>			
Other receivables		627,683	(409,488)
Accrued expenses		(46,828)	48,691
Deposit received		(15,843)	-
Other current assets		2,414	-
Trade and other payables		(112,045)	156,562
Net cash generated from operating activities		<u>2,514,588</u>	<u>2,539,473</u>
<u>Cash flows from investing activities</u>			
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(8)	(158,928)	(32,517)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		-	510
Withdrawal/(placement) in short-term deposits with maturity over 3 months		4,668,270	(6,198,411)
Interest received		381,424	200,934
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities		<u>4,890,766</u>	<u>(6,029,484)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and short-term deposits		7,405,354	(3,490,011)
Cash and short-term deposits at 1 January		<u>4,264,246</u>	<u>7,754,257</u>
Cash and short-term deposits at 31 December	(10)	<u><u>11,669,600</u></u>	<u><u>4,264,246</u></u>

Community Partnership

(Other Charity Funds)

Community partnerships is a strategic imperative for the Viva Foundation for Children with Cancer (the Charity). These partnerships can enhance financial resources, increase awareness, expand the foundation's reach, ensure sustainability, foster innovation, and strengthen community ties. By leveraging the strengths and resources of community partners, the charity can significantly amplify its impact, providing comprehensive care and support to children with cancer and their families while advancing the fight against paediatric cancer.

The charity held donation drives and collaboration to raise funds in support of the following projects.

(1) VIVA-NUS Centre for Translational Research in Acute Leukaemia ("CeNTRAL")

The funds (\$8 million expendable for 4 years) were donated by the Charity to the National University of Singapore in 2014 to support the advancement of education and research with the establishment of CeNTRAL, a fully-equipped, state-of-the-art leukaemia research and diagnostic facility with the key objective of improving the cure rate and quality of life of patients with leukaemia and haematologic cancer in Singapore and the Asia region, through accurate leukaemia classification, prediction and determination of treatment response.

(2) VIVA-Mr Goh Hup Jin fund for Translational Research in Acute Leukaemia ("CeNTRAL")

The funds (\$1.3 million expendable received in December 2020) were donated by Mr Goh Hup Jin to support the advancement of education and research at CeNTRAL. As of 31 December 2020, these amounts have been subsequently donated by the Charity to CeNTRAL. It is used to provide support of 10 CAR-T cell products for children and young adults and support of costs related to CAR-T therapy for needy families.

(3) VIVA-NUS Immunotherapy Fund

The funds (\$1,000,000 expendable gift) were donated by the Charity to Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore, to fund cancer immunotherapy clinical research, specifically to support clinical trials of novel therapies based on immune cells for children and adults with drug-resistant cancer. In 2014, a S\$1 million donation was made to NUS by the charity.

(4) VIVA-KKH Paediatric Brain and Solid Tumour (PBST) Programme

The funds (S\$12,950,000) were donated by the Charity to KKH Health Fund (Formerly known as KKH Health Endowment Fund) used for the advancement of the treatment and cure for children with brain and solid tumours in Singapore and the Asia Pacific region under the VIVA-KKH Paediatric Brain and Solid Tumour (PBST) Programme. This programme focuses on four areas of childhood brain and solid cancers in clinical care, translational research, registry-based population science, and collaborative education and training.

Community Partnership

(Other Charity Funds)

(5) NUS Children Cancer Centre Fund (“CCCCF”)

The funds (S\$4,522,744) were donated to the National University of Singapore – Children Cancer Centre Fund to establish a children’s cancer centre, now known as VIVA-University Children’s Cancer Centre (“VUC3”) at the National University Hospital as a centre of excellence for the treatment and cure of childhood cancer, particularly leukaemia; the training and hiring of doctors, nurses, technical and administrative personnel from Singapore and the region; clinical and translational research; cellular therapy and stem cell transplantation. The funds are also used to improve the cure and treatment of children’s cancer in Singapore and the region through projects under the St Jude-Singapore International Outreach Programme including the St Jude-VIVA Children’s Cancer Programme. They also support the NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine as a centre of excellence in academic medicine in the area of paediatric oncology in Singapore and the region. The funding is by VIVA Foundation and by Singapore Totalisator Board.

(6) NUS Health Research Endowment Fund (“HREF”)

The funds (S\$6 million) were donated to the National University Hospital to establish the Mrs. Lee Kong Chian Memorial chair, for Director of Advanced Clinical and Translational Research for Childhood Leukaemia and Cellular Therapy under the VIVA Children’s Cancer Programme. The fund is used to establish a professorship in paediatric oncology. The Donation of S\$3 million was received from the Lee Foundation, via the VIVA Foundation and was matched by the Ministry of Health with S\$3 million.

(7) VIVA Paediatric Oncology Fund (“VPOF”)

The VIVA Paediatric Oncology Fund has been established with an expendable gift of S\$12 million dollars from the Goh Foundation with a matching grant (S\$8 million) from the Singapore Government to Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, NUS. The fund is used to achieve excellence in the treatment of childhood cancer through 1) Translational and clinical research; 2) Training and education of doctors and nurses, and to set up a professorship in paediatric oncology.

The VIVA-Goh Professorship (\$4 million from MOE matching funds) has been established to provide academic leadership in teaching and research in pediatric oncology, with a specific focus on cell-based therapy, childhood leukaemia, post-care completion of care cards for cancer survivors, and sarcomas.

(8) VIVA Education and Research Fund (“VERF”)

The funds (S\$672,374) were donated by the Charity to the National University of Singapore, Department of Paediatrics with a matching grant of the same amount (S\$672,374) in support of education, training and research in paediatric oncology specifically through projects that are part of the VIVA Children’s Cancer Programme that advance the prevention, treatment and cure of children’s cancer.

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COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF GOVERNANCE

VIVA Foundation constantly works towards compliance with the Charities Act, Charities (Institutions of Public Character) Regulations, Charities Accounting Standards, the Code of Governance for Charities and IPCs and the Personal Data Protection Act, and take steps to address and resolve weakness/es where appropriate.

MANAGING CONFLICT OF INTEREST

VIVA Foundation has in place a policy relating to the management and avoidance of conflict of interest. All Members, Directors and staff are required to sign the prescribed Declaration of Conflict of Interest form when they are appointed and thereafter annually or whenever there is any material change in the information contained in their respective Declarations.

ONLINE GOVERNANCE EVALUATION CHECKLIST (GEC) via CHARITY PORTAL

VIVA Foundation has been submitting the GEC annually via the Charity Portal. These are also available on VIVA's website at www.viva.sg.

RESERVES POLICY

VIVA Foundation has set aside a reserve of \$1.4 million to provide financial stability and resources for the development of its principal activities. The Board will periodically review the amount of reserves that are required to ensure adequacy in fulfilling the Foundation's obligations.

SALARIES AND RELATED COSTS

No Directors received any remuneration. During the financial year 2024, no staff personnel received an annual remuneration of \$100,000.00 and above. No staff is involved in setting his/her own remuneration.

VIVA discloses that there is no paid staff, being a close member of the family belonging to the Executive Head or a governing board member of the charity, who has received remuneration exceeding \$50,000 during the financial year.

INTERNAL CONTROL AND RISK MANAGEMENT MEASURES

The Board assumes overall responsibility and is fully committed to maintaining a sound system of internal control and risk management that provide reasonable assurance of effective operations and statutory compliance in accordance with the Code of Governance and Charity Accounting Standards.

The Board ensures that there is a sound internal control policies and procedures in place.

The Board constantly reviews, taking into account changes in the regulatory and statutory, these policies and procedures to ensure adequacy and effectiveness.

The Board has also put in place a risk management policy. One of these policies is the implementation of internal controls as part of the day-to-day operations.

VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT

VIVA discloses that there are volunteer management processes in place for volunteers.

WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY

All personnel of VIVA are expected to observe high standards of ethics, honesty and integrity and are required to comply with all relevant laws and regulations applicable to their work. If you know of any misconduct, please report it via the Whistleblower Email at whistleblowing@viva.sg; this email is managed by the Audit Committee Chairman of VIVA. This hotline allows you to report responsibly without fear or harassment, discrimination and/or retaliatory action with the assurance that your report will be taken seriously and investigated.

Examples of misconduct include the following:

- concerns about the VIVA's accounting, internal controls or audit matters;
- intentional misinterpretation affecting the financial statements of VIVA;
- all forms of malpractices or impropriety such as unethical behaviour, misconduct, fraud, corruption, bribery or theft;
- breach of law;
- breach of the VIVA's policies or code of conduct;
- conflict of interest;
- actions that are detrimental to the health and/or safety of the environment/beneficiaries;
- any forms of discrimination;
- harassment, abuse and/or misrepresentation of power and authority;
- false and/or misleading statements to any authority;
- instructions to deliberately conceal any of the information above; or
- any other improper conduct that may cause significant loss and/or damage to the VIVA's reputation.

REELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Board of Directors appointed during the financial year was re-elected by the Members at the Annual General Meeting.

In accordance with the Code of Governance for Charities, VIVA Foundation has a term limit for all Board members who must submit themselves for renomination and re-appointment, at least once every three years. The maximum term limit for the Treasurer (or equivalent position like a Finance Committee Chairman, or key person on the Board responsible for overseeing the finances of the charity) should be four consecutive years.

The Board decided, with the Members' approval, that Directors who serve on the Board for more than 10 years are retained.

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BOARD MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

During the year, 5 Ordinary Board Meetings were held. A Director who is unable to attend any meeting in person may participate via teleconference.

The attendance of each member of the governance board at meetings is as follows:

Name	Attendance of Board
Mrs Jennifer Yeo	5 out of 5 meetings
Ms Tan Bee Lan	4 out of 5 meetings
Ms Lin Diaan Yi	3 out of 5 meetings
Mr Chua Kheng Kok	3 out of 5 meetings
Mr Tham Sai Choy	5 out of 5 meetings
Ms Tan Yee Peng	4 out of 5 meetings
Mr Chua Yi Xin Joseph	4 out of 5 meetings
Mr Hong Yanci	3 out of 5 meetings
Ms Leung Ka Yan	5 out of 5 meetings
Mr Brinden Anandakumar (Appointed on 11 th January 2024)	3 out of 5 meetings
Mr Ng Kian Hui (Appointed on 5 th November 2024)	1 out of 1 meeting

Board Members Serving More Than 10 Consecutive Years

In alignment with our governance principles, we acknowledge and commend the long-standing service of board members who have served for more than 10 consecutive years. Their enduring commitment, leadership, and expertise have played a vital role in advancing the mission and sustainability of the organisation.

Mrs Jennifer Yeo (Mdm Leong Lai Peng)

Mrs Yeo has served on the Board for over a decade, bringing deep legal expertise, institutional knowledge, and unwavering dedication to the organisation. Her leadership has provided essential continuity during pivotal periods of growth and transformation.

She is the visionary leader behind the LIFE Programme, a comprehensive initiative focused on survivorship and preventive health. As part of this, she led the development of the Survivorship Programme, which includes a series of webinars conducted in collaboration with renowned international medical professionals. These webinars are designed not only for survivors but also to guide and share knowledge with caregivers, equipping them with the tools and understanding needed to support long-term recovery and well-being.

A distinctive feature of the programme is its emphasis on bringing survivors out of the hospital environment to participate in healthy lifestyle activities, encouraging holistic wellness, social reintegration, and empowerment beyond the clinical setting.

Her visionary drive remains vital as the organisation embarks on new strategic initiatives. She is a key force behind the proposed establishment of a research lab, an initiative that aligns directly with the charity's mission and long-term impact. Her strategic foresight and ability to rally support for such transformative efforts make her continued presence on the board not only valuable but essential.

Mrs Yeo remains actively involved in fundraising, advocacy, and policy oversight, contributing to the organisation's strategic direction, sustainability, and mission alignment.

Ms Tan Bee Lan

Ms Tan brings to the Board over a decade of dedicated service, underpinned by her extensive C-suite experience in the healthcare sector. She has an extensive track record in the investment, development, commissioning, and operations of both greenfield and brownfield hospitals, as well as nursing homes. Her strategic leadership and operational acumen, developed over years in senior executive roles, have been invaluable in shaping the charity's direction and impact.

She plays a pivotal role in volunteer coordination, stakeholder engagement, and community outreach, ensuring that the Board remains closely connected to the grassroots level of the organisation's work. Ms Tan has also made significant contributions in programme planning, service integration, and strategic evaluation, drawing on her executive experience to support informed, data-driven decision-making.

Her leadership continues to enhance the charity's organisational resilience and ability to respond effectively to evolving community needs.

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The VIVA Foundation for Children with Cancer was incorporated in Singapore on 6 February 2006 as a Public Company Limited by Guarantee. It was registered under the Charities Act on 25 April 2006, with Institution of Public Character (IPC) status.

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