

**The UWAS-SIA Gifts Distribution Initiative - "Linking Hands to Serve the Community"
Year 2006**

The UWAS-SIA collaboration in the distribution of gifts to non-profit organizations for the needy began in 2004. In 2006, Serene Low activated the project with SIA. Communications resumed with the SIA Laundry & Linen division. The new team of staff in this division was very helpful in accommodating UWAS requests. SIA contributed about 6000 blankets to be distributed to the various needy organizations and homes. UWAS took on the role of disbursing the blankets to the various organizations. A total of 12 non-profit organizations benefited from this generous gesture from SIA.

The Executive Director of the O'Joy Care Services, one of the beneficiaries wrote to Serene Low, the UWAS coordinator, in appreciation of the gifts:-

Dear Serene,

On behalf of O'Joy Care Services and its beneficiaries, I would like to thank you for your organisation's (sic, and SIA's) kind donation of 500 pieces of blankets.

Your generosity has enabled us to continue to provide quality and affordable service to our service-users. As a non-profit organization, we rely greatly on donations from well-wishers and fund-raising activities to sustain our services. We therefore look forward to your continual support in terms of monetary or material donations or even fund-raising ideas or opportunities.

Thank you once again for your kindness. Your kind action has brought much benefit to the elderly people we are serving and enable them to live their lives more meaningfully. May the power of your loving-kindness protect you and your family always and be blessed with good health and happiness!

Yours sincerely,

Teo Puay Leng (Ms)

Executive Director

Serene Low was the main UWAS coordinator for the project. Other UWAS ladies who helped in identifying the needy organizations were Esther Joosa, Katherine Chua, Vijayalakshmi Mohan and Tan Chor Suan.