

Innovation takes flight: How the FUN! Fund is helping seniors age actively through Singapore's first Silver Drone Soccer Tournament

Supported by the FUN! Fund, a joint initiative of the Community Foundation of Singapore and the Agency for Integrated Care, the tournament showcases how innovative programmes can be scaled up to help seniors stay active, connected and engaged while strengthening the wider ageing ecosystem.

Singapore, 1 August 2026 – The final whistle may have blown on the world's biggest football tournament, but soccer fever is far from over. Today, it took to the skies at the grand finals of Singapore's first Silver Drone Soccer Tournament at Compass One. The three-day tournament brought together 29 senior teams from 24 Active Ageing Centres (AACs) across Singapore, proving that fun transcends age as seniors embraced technology, teamwork and friendly competition.

Singapore's First Silver Drone Soccer Tournament

The Silver Drone Soccer Tournament is one of the flagship initiatives supported by the FUN! Fund, which empowers the Community Care sector to introduce programmes that help seniors stay active, connected and engaged. The tournament was organised by Jia Ying Community Services Ltd (JYCSL). JYCSL, in collaboration with the Association of Drone Soccer Singapore (ADSS), was the first to introduce drone soccer to seniors. What began as a centre-based initiative has been scaled through the FUN! Fund, and is adopted by over 39 AACs and nursing homes to date, demonstrating how philanthropy can help innovative ideas scale.



The inaugural Silver Drone Soccer Tournament graced by Mr Tan Kiat How (second from left), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and Information & Ministry of Health, on 1 August 2026.

The tournament was graced by Guest-of-Honour Mr. Tan Kiat How, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and Information & Ministry of Health, who joined the senior participants, venue partners, and agency representatives on the court for a high-octane friendly match, followed by the presentation of prizes to the winning team.

About the FUN! Fund

Launched in 2022 by the Community Foundation of Singapore (CFS) and the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC), the FUN! Fund was created to support innovative approaches to active ageing and meaningful engagement for seniors. The Fund initially piloted 31 programmes that engaged more than 3,500 seniors. Based on the success of these pilots, six initiatives (refer to Annex) were selected for implementation across over 130 eldercare centres, including AACs, senior care centres and nursing homes, benefiting more than 5,000 additional seniors. These included magic classes, coding and robotics workshops, immersive sensory experiences, drum and movement exercises, cooking sessions and drone soccer. Together, the programmes have helped seniors stay active, build confidence and strengthen social connections.

Among them, drone soccer has emerged as one of the Fund's most widely adopted initiatives, as it combines physical activity, teamwork and technology to promote active ageing, social connection and digital confidence. Its strong uptake across Community Care settings has enabled it to grow from a pilot programme into a nationwide movement, culminating in the inaugural Silver Drone Soccer Tournament Finals today.

The FUN! Fund provided participating centres not only with funding, but also programme implementation support, facilitator training and equipment. This has enabled centres to independently continue delivering the programmes, ensuring seniors can continue to benefit from them well beyond the life of the Fund.

The multi-year FUN! Fund initiative was made possible through the generosity of corporate and private philanthropic partners, including CapitaLand Hope Foundation, Octava Foundation, One RHT Foundation, Singapore Pools, Tan Chin Tuan Foundation and Temasek Foundation, alongside support from donor-advised funds managed by CFS, including the GGB Family Care Fund, Qiu Foundation, WT21 Fund and Yin Nong Family Foundation.

"While philanthropy is often recognised for helping address pressing needs, it can also be an opportunity to bring joy, spark new possibilities and enrich lives. The FUN! Fund is a great example of that. By working with the Agency for Integrated Care, our donors and community partners, we've been able to support creative ideas like drone soccer that promotes positive ageing through fun activities. Seeing seniors pick up new skills, form

friendships and discover a renewed sense of confidence reminds us that sometimes the most meaningful impact comes from creating different ways for people to connect, grow and thrive," said Paul Tan, CFS' Chief Executive Officer.

"Today's seniors have diverse interests and aspirations, and active ageing should reflect that. When seniors have fun, everything else from staying active to building connections and confidence will follow. Through the FUN! Fund, AIC has worked closely with our Community Care partners to bring more of these fun, engaging activities to seniors, and to help good ideas take off across more centres. We will continue to empower seniors to remain active, connected and purposeful as they age in the community," said Mr Tan Chee Wee, AIC's Chief Executive Officer.

To find out more about the FUN! Fun, visit cf.org.sg/fun-fund.

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About Community Foundation of Singapore (CFS)

Established in 2008, the Community Foundation of Singapore (CFS) empowers individuals and organisations to give with purpose and impact. CFS supports structured, long-term philanthropic giving to nurture a generous society of caring, inclusive and thriving communities.

Working closely with donors, CFS addresses Singapore's diverse and evolving needs. To date, CFS has helped establish over 300 donor-advised funds and channelled support to hundreds of charities across a wide range of causes, including uplifting disadvantaged families and vulnerable children, championing the arts, and preserving the environment. CFS upholds the highest standards of corporate governance and works in close partnership with charities to ensure donations are deployed effectively and responsibly, driving meaningful and measurable impact.

As at 31 March 2026, CFS has raised over S\$386 million in donations, including legacy gifts, and disbursed more than S\$244 million to charitable causes across Singapore. For more information, visit www.cf.org.sg.

About the Agency for Integrated Care

The Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) aims to create a vibrant care community for people to live well and age gracefully. AIC coordinates and supports efforts in integrating care to achieve the best care outcomes for our clients. We reach out to caregivers and seniors with information on staying active and ageing well, and connect people to services they need. We support stakeholders in their efforts to raise the quality of care, and also work with health and social care partners to provide services for the ageing population. Our work in the community brings care services and information closer to those in need. For more about us, please visit <https://www.aic.sg>.

ANNEX: Programmes selected for wider implementation to over 130 eldercare centres

Programme Name	Programme Description
1. Magic! Magic!	Magic workshops where seniors learnt and performed magic tricks.
2. Senior Chef Cook	Seniors prepared and shared their favourite dishes with fellow seniors.
3. Beyond the Walls	Immersive projections of starry skies, nature scenes and classic films for bed-bound residents in nursing homes.
4. Fun with Coding	Seniors build and code robots, and are trained to guide other seniors.
5. Drum and Fitness	Staff are trained in drumming through online learning and facilitate drumming lessons with other seniors using exercise balls and their favourite music.
6. Drone Soccer	Drone-based competitive play that encouraged teamwork, peer learning and strengthened hand-eye coordination.