

**COMPOSITION OF FAMILIES FOR LIFE COUNCIL
1 AUGUST 2015 - 31 JULY 2017**

S/N	Name	Designation	Sector	Other info
Chairperson				
1	Mr Ching Wei Hong  56 years old, married with 2 children aged 18 and 19	Chief Operations Officer, OCBC Bank	Private Sector	Re-appointed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member, Advisory Council on Community Relations in Defence (ACCORD) – Family and Community Council <p>“I am excited to be part of this dynamic movement to champion strong and stable families in Singapore. In our rapidly changing world, the family is one constant that can keep us connected to what truly matters. Although cultivating strong family foundations is a process that requires consistent attention, it is rewarding. Ultimately, these little things keep the fabric of our society together, and I hope that ‘Families for Life’ would be able to play an active role in encouraging all of us to make the family a priority.”</p>
Members				
1	Mr Brian Liu  33 years old, single	Management Consultant, Ernst & Young	Private Sector	Re-appointed <p>"I'm grateful to be reappointed, which allows me to continue to understand and contribute to the meaningful, yet daunting task of building a space here in Singapore for families to thrive and grow. I hope to faithfully and meaningfully represent the views of young professionals and singles, in the context of our fast-paced and hyper-connected culture."</p>

2	<p>Mr Chinnu Palanivelu</p>  <p>39 years old, married with 2 children aged 4 and 7</p>	Senior Audit Manager, BDO LLP	Private Sector	<p>Re-appointed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth leader, National Youth Council, INSPIRIT • Board member, Association for Persons with Special Needs • Council member, ACCA Singapore • Member, Advisory Committee, Student Care Centre • Grassroots leader, Bishan-Toa Payoh grassroots organisation <p>“I am excited to be reappointed to service another term of two years and would like to use this opportunity to build partnerships with various civic and community organisations to bring family related educational activities and seminars to heartlanders, blue collar working groups and PMETs. Families of these groups are diverse and hence it is imperative for FFL to bring relevant educational and bonding activities to strengthen family units. I am associated with numerous professional institutions and non-profit organisations and would like to use this network to connect FFL’s activities to outreach to more families.”</p>
3	<p>Mrs Claire Nazar</p>  <p>44 years old, married with 2 children aged 11 and 17</p>	Director, Kalco Law LLC	Private Sector/ Family Life educator	<p>Re-appointed</p> <p>“With the internet and advances in technology fast changing the way we work, play and talk, families today are facing far more complex issues and social challenges in building strong family bonds than ever before. As a marriage educator, my observation is that successful marriages and parenting are learnable, teachable and reproducible, in spite of the challenges of their generation. It boils down to having the will <i>and</i> the right tools for the job. The Smart Nation vision for Singapore would not be complete without looking into how we can build Smart marriages and families. As Council member of Families for Life, I hope to see how we can create platforms to address these challenges and to work with community partners to equip families with relevant skills and knowledge in order to meet the challenges of tomorrow.”</p>

4	<p>Ms Anita Fam</p>  <p>52 years old, married with 2 children aged 14 and 16 years</p>	<p>Board Member, National Council of Social Service</p>	<p>Social sector</p>	<p>Re-appointed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman, Central Regional Health System Advisory Council • Co-Chairman, Evaluation Panel, Community Silver Trust • Member, Enabling Masterplan 2 Implementation Committee • Board member, National Council of Social Service • Management Committee Member, Sembawang Family Service Centre <p>“In the decade that I have volunteered in the arena of family and marriage, I have grown in the certainty that family IS the cornerstone of life. Tough times are made less challenging when we have our family to stand by us to give us the emotional and moral support. That way, we draw added strength and resolve as we don't feel alone when the going gets tough. Personally, I see my role in the Families for Life Council as a 'persuader' - to convince more of us to consciously make family and time with family a priority in life. It's an honour and a privilege to serve another term. The work has been deeply meaningful.”</p>
5	<p>Mr Ling Kin Huat</p>  <p>61 years old, married with 1 daughter</p>	<p>President, Society of Sheng Hong Welfare Services</p>	<p>Social sector</p>	<p>Re-appointed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice Chairman, Taoist Federation of Singapore • Working Committee of National Steering Committee on Racial and Religious Harmony • Council member, National Council on Problem Gambling <p>“It has been an honour to be reappointed as Council member for Families for Life. I believe a lot more can be done to promote the core values of the Council to build strong families and encourage family bonding. I am humbled and delighted to be part of the positive changes in achieving a resilient society by paving ways in forming strong familial relationships. I strongly believe in providing equal opportunities to the less fortunate and less privileged. I see family as the foundation of a strong community, thus strengthening and nurturing families is what we are striving for.”</p>

6	<p>Mrs Sarojini Padmanathan</p>  <p>53 years old, married with 3 daughters</p>	<p>Chief Operating Officer, Singapore Indian Development Association (SINDA)</p>	<p>Social sector</p>	<p>Re-appointed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member, Tribunal for the Maintenance of Parents, MSF • Member, LKY Bilingual Committee, MOE • Member, Indian Programmes Advisory Committee, MDA • Council member, Singapore Human Resource Institute (SHRI) • Member, Ethics Council, NHG <p>"I am delighted to be re-appointed to the Families for Life Council. It has been a pleasure serving on the Council and doing my part in promoting strong family bonds and healthy marriages.</p> <p>Parents are the catalysts for a lifelong family relationship and in creating a strong social fabric which is fundamental to the social wellbeing of our country. I would like to create greater awareness and reach out to more parents in this pursuit of engaging them to play a stronger role."</p>
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7	<p>Dr Tan Ern Ser</p>  <p>61 years old, married with 2 sons aged 25 and 29</p>	<p>Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, and Head Social Lab, Institute of Policy Studies, National University of Singapore (NUS)</p>	Academia	<p>Re-appointed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Advisory, MSF • Adviser for Socioeconomic Research and Chairman, Research Advisory Panel, HDB • Chairman, Programme Advisory Panel for Sociology and Psychology, UniSIM • Member, Disciplinary Committee, PSC <p>“FFL is a good and meaningful social cause which aims at strengthening Singapore’s social fabric and making family life a wonderful experience which lingers on. I am happy to have a part in such a venture. I hope to nudge Singaporeans to think about family relationships in a way which is positive, supportive, and warm, and based on love, not obligation. My mantra is that love produces willing support and sacrifice, while obligation produces resentment and avoidance. My desire is to see all children brought up in a warm, supportive environment, full of fun, laughter, and opportunities; and growing up to be fine people with a sound mind, positive outlook, and always on a look out for others. I also desire to see Singaporeans enjoying the parenting experience and giving love to and receiving love from the children they raise.”</p>
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8	<p>Dr Thang Leng Leng</p>  <p>50 years old, married with 2 sons aged 14 and 20</p>	<p>Associate Professor and Head, Department of Japanese Studies, Deputy Director, Centre for Family and Population Research, Honorary Fellow of College of Alice and Peter Tan, National University of Singapore (NUS)</p>	Academia	<p>Re-appointed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair, Fei Yue Family Service Centre Management Board • Member, Management Board of Fei Yue Community Services and Centre for Seniors <p>“Family is about relationship building across the life course. It is about inter-, intra-, and alternate generational bonding through love and caring. As a member of the Families for Life Council, I hope to contribute to the raising awareness and support for intergenerational cohesion to build strong families – including relationship building between grandparent and grandchildren.”</p>
9	<p>BG (NS) Ishak Ismail</p>  <p>52 years old, married with two daughters aged 21 and 23</p>	<p>CEO, Defence Services, CWT Limited</p>	Private sector	<p>New Appointee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Director, Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) • Chairman, Advisory Panel for SAF Advanced Schools, SAFTI Military Institute. • Member, External Review Panel on SAF Safety • Member, ACCORD (Family & Community Council) <p>“Family is life, it transcends whatever we do in our life regardless of what else we do to keep us busy, be it our jobs or who we become.</p> <p>Being on Families for Life Council is a new opportunity for me to understand and provide my thoughts on how we can support families, especially fathers, in navigating life’s challenges.”</p>

10	<p>Mr Jeff Cheong</p>  <p>39 years old, married with 3 children</p>	<p>President, Tribal Worldwide Asia</p>	<p>Private sector</p>	<p>New Appointee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Digital Officer, DDB Group Singapore • Managing Director and Executive Creative Director, Tribal DDB (Worldwide) <p>“Looking forward to be part of this Council to learn and share ideas to strengthen the bonds in families. After all our families are what we live for.”</p>
11	<p>Ms Lin Ruping</p>  <p>64 years old, married with 2 children</p>	<p>Local artiste</p>	<p>Media sector</p>	<p>New Appointee</p> <p>“Family bonding is important. I hope to share stories about families and to encourage everyone to treasure their loved ones.”</p>
12	<p>Mr Gurmit Singh</p>  <p>50 years old, married with 3 children aged 18, 14 and 1</p>	<p>Freelance entertainment artiste</p>	<p>Media sector</p>	<p>New Appointee</p>

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Outgoing Member				
1	<p>Mr Effendy Ibrahim</p>  <p>42 years old, married with 4 sons</p>	<p>Senior Director, Commercial & Channel Marketing, APJ, Symantec Corporation</p>	<p>IT sector</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board member, MENDAKI • Member, Data Protection Advisory Committee

