AGEING FAMILIES IN SINGAPORE
An overview of demographic characteristics, mutual support arrangements, and public attitudes.

Increasing numbers and proportion of aged resident households*

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Families are a key source of support for the elderly

**PHYSICAL SUPPORT**

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**EMOTIONAL SUPPORT**

- 88.6% of elderly residents* are told about personal problems
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**FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

- 86.9% of elderly residents* provide financial support
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Source: Housing and Development Board (Sample Household Survey, 2013)

Elderly members play important roles in their families

CAREGIVERS
In 2011, almost 1 in 3 elderly aged between 65 and 74 years, who had grandchildren, reported looking after their grandchildren

CONFIDENTS
78% of elderly Singaporeans reported that their family members told them about their personal problems

Source: Ministry of Social and Family Development (National Survey of Senior Citizens, 2013)

Singaporians hold positive attitudes towards the older generation

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