

## Tan Chin Tuan Nursing Award

Tan Chin Tuan Award's 2nd runner-up Senior Enrolled Nurse, Ms Jenny Yong says there is no greater feeling than being able to contribute her part and to support patients in need.

As a school student, Jenny remembers watching the team of nurses who has cared and supported her grandfather during his stay at Singapore General Hospital. "The simple gestures of assurance and words of comfort had warmed my heart", said Jenny.

She started out as an enrolled nurse in TTSH's general ward at the age of 19. She had worked in TTSH's operating theatre unit before joining HNF. She said: "Providing care to patients at home allows me to get to know them better and to coordinate their needs. Care coordination is important to ensure patients are properly cared for at home. It also allows elderly patients to age with dignity and in comfort."

As senior enrolled nurse at HNF, Jenny works mostly with elderly patients, some of whom are homebound and suffer multiple chronic

illnesses. She makes frequent home visits to assist our patients with simple wound dressing, changing of feeding tubes and urinary catheters.

Jenny sees it as a privilege to help others. She always goes an extra mile for patients in need. Recently, one of her patients is scheduled for a minor eye surgery. As he does not have any family members, Jenny fetched him back from his surgery after her shift ended. She said: "There is no greater feeling than being able to contribute my part and to continue providing support to my patients".

For Jenny, nursing is her calling and the satisfaction in seeing patients get back their life on track is what makes her continue to be a nurse.

"I am happy that my hard work and commitment are recognised and I feel honoured to win this award. In healthcare, it is essential to expand and pick up new skills set and I want to learn as much as I can, to provide better care for patients to the utmost of my capabilities".



*From left: Dr Della Suantio Lee, Chairman of D.S. Lee Foundation and Mr Edwin Tong, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Ministry of Health, presenting the award to Senior Enrolled Nurse, Jenny Yong, third-prize winner of the Tan Chin Tuan Award 2018*