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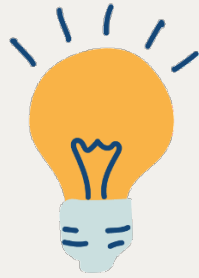
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Objectives

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The Idea

What people need
in Singapore:

A household budgets study



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THE STRAITS TIMES

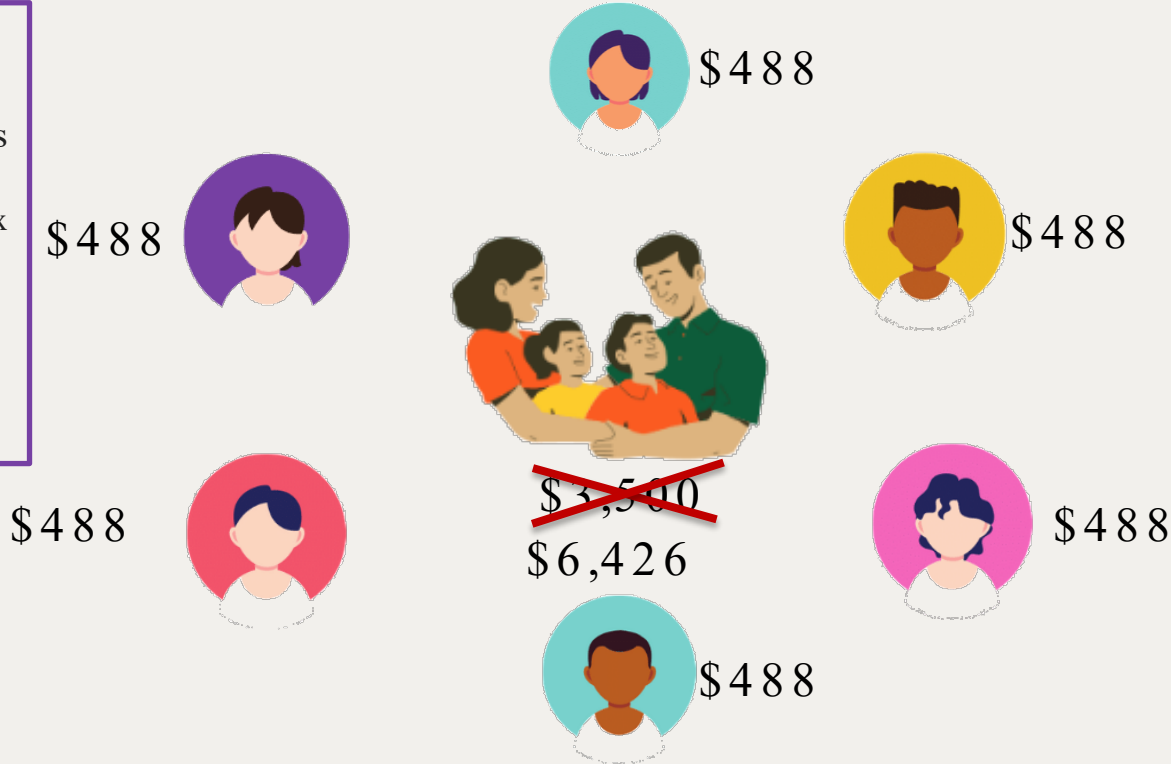
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Family of four needs \$6,426 a month for basic standard of living in S'pore, says study

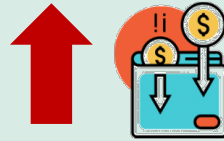
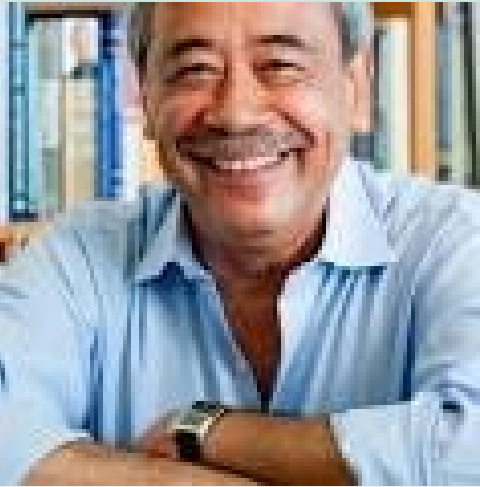
<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/politics/family-of-four-needs-6426-a-month-for-basic-standard-of-living-in-spore-says>

What is the Abundant Community Initiative?

- 2 Restaurant meals (\$100)
- 2 plays/ concerts (\$100)
- Grab rides (\$20 x 5 = \$100)
- 1 riding lesson (\$100)
- Coffee (\$4 x 22 = \$88)



Our Inspiration



Income - 22% over 2 years

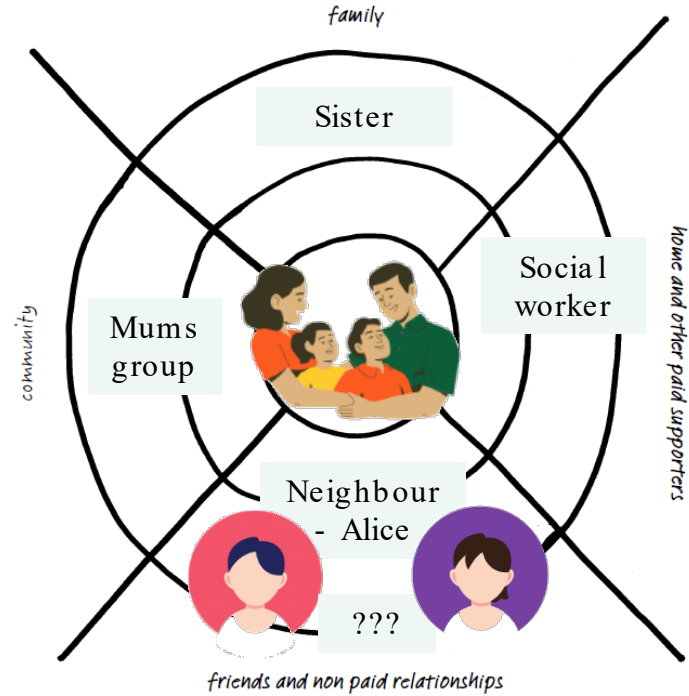


Savings - \$311 to \$976



Reliance on government programmes - 26%


Our Inspiration



Guiding Principles



- Peer-driven change
- Asset -Based Community Development
- Questioning our own assumptions



“Supporting the collective efforts of people setting their own goals and designing their own pathways to a better life is a **wide open opportunity for funders”**

“Why “Peer-Driven Change”—and Why Now?”

How did we get people involved?



Abundant Community Initiative - Social Collaborative Singapore

wiki.socialcollab.sg

No permission, philanthropy or professionals required. We are planning to mobilize small groups of 5-7 families to give directly and top up the income of low income families to a minimum level required to provide stability, coupled with a circle of support to meet ad hoc needs and even longer term aspirations.

Please see this site for details:

http://wiki.socialcollab.sg/index.php/Abundant_Community_Initiative

If interested, please SIGN UP HERE

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMLEx0Rc60wmS3G4s9EZAGIIVUqW7115F5mKkgF8D_txjqJQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Can I request that you send this to friends who you think might be interested; and ask them to also send it to their friends as well? We are trying to reach as many people as possible by a non-nefarious form of multi-level marketing.

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6 Organising Team

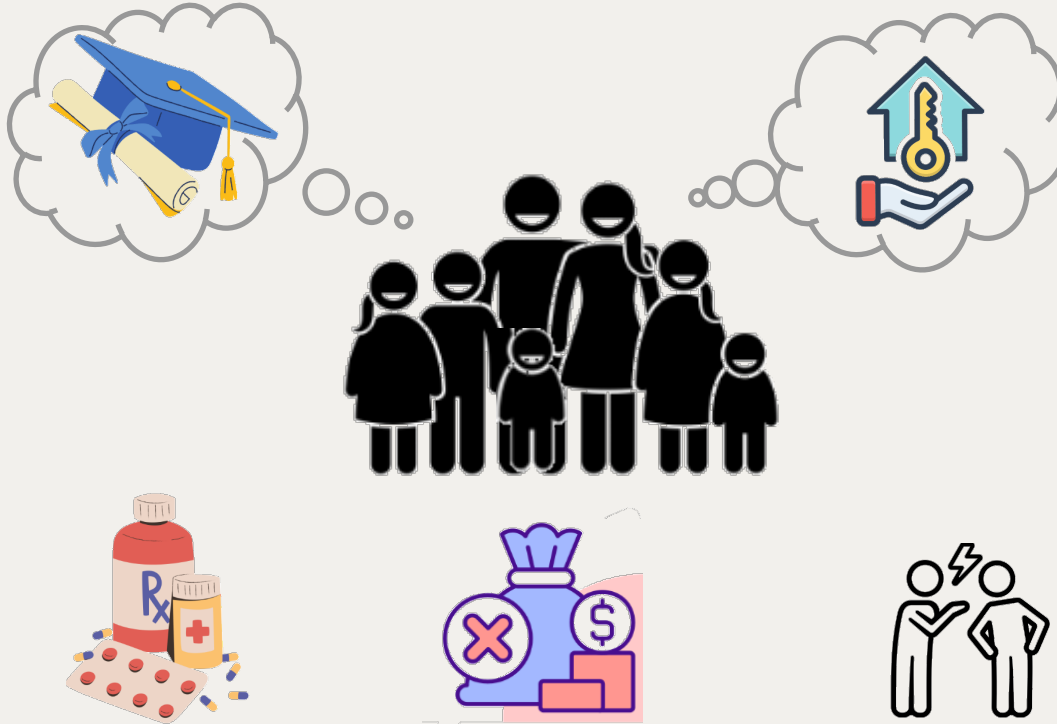
10 Givers

5 Facilitators

7 Intermediaries

4 Families

Family Profiles



Considerations & Questions



But shouldn't the state be responsible for ensuring basic minimum income?

Considerations & Questions



Isn't the current system
enough?

Considerations & Questions



Will we be creating power imbalances if more well - resourced families help less resourced families?

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How should we select families? Which families are “deserving”?

Considerations & Questions



If I am an intermediary in my personal capacity and I am also the family's social worker, how do I explain what I'm doing to the family, and differentiate my roles?

Considerations & Challenges



How do we sustain this initiative on top of our other commitments?

Call to Action



What we need:

- Your ideas and suggestions
- Your time as an organiser ,
facilitator, or intermediary
- Your generosity



<https://tinyurl.com/abundantcommunitysignup>