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**INAUGURAL LIFE RENEWED @ MOUNT ELIZABETH NOVENA
OFFERS NEEDY ELDERLY FREE KNEE REPLACEMENTS**

Singapore, 17 October 2013 – Mount Elizabeth Novena Hospital today unveiled its first batch of four beneficiaries who have received free total knee replacements under its inaugural CSR project.

First started in September 2013, "Life Renewed @ Mount Elizabeth Novena Hospital" offers fully sponsored knee replacement surgeries to needy elderly. Since then, the hospital has screened more than ten seniors, four of whom have successfully undergone surgeries and are now on the way to full recovery.

"A bad knee can be disabling for the elderly, not only physically, but also psychologically. We want to change that," said Dr Kelvin Loh, CEO of Mount Elizabeth Novena Hospital. "Knee replacements are relatively safe and simple procedures but its benefits go beyond removing the pain of moving around. We are helping them regain their mobility, and stay active and independent so that they can lead more active and independent lives."

This noble effort is part of the Life Renewed Project, a CSR initiative by Parkway Pantai, and is supported by the Khazanah Healthcare Fund. Over the next five years, the Fund will finance various other CSR efforts at Parkway Pantai's other hospitals in Singapore: Gleneagles Hospital, Mount Elizabeth Hospital and Parkway East Hospital.

The elderly were sourced through partnering Voluntary Welfare Organisations and screened by the hospital's Orthopaedic surgeons. A typical total knee replacement would cost between \$21,000 and \$25,000, depending on the surgeons and implants used. In support of the cause, some of these surgeons and anaesthetists waived their doctor's fee so that the limited funds can benefit more patients.

Of course, undergoing surgery at Mount Elizabeth Novena Hospital also came with the usual perks of quality private healthcare. "It was like staying in a five-star hotel," said a beaming Mdm Ang Kwee Eng, 72. "We felt like we were here on a holiday!"

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About The Life Renewed Project

The Life Renewed Project is a Corporate Social Responsibility initiative by Parkway Pantai and is supported by the Khazanah Healthcare Fund. It seeks to assist patients who require financial assistance to access and reap the benefits of Parkway Pantai's wide network of world-class doctors and medical facilities. The name reflects the regaining of hope, made possible by medical intervention.

About Mount Elizabeth Novena Hospital

Mount Elizabeth Novena Hospital, Parkway Pantai Group's new hospital in the heart of Singapore's premier medical hub in Novena opened in July 2012. The modern 333 single-bedded room hospital sets new benchmarks for quality healthcare to reinforce Singapore's reputation for delivering world-class medical services to both local and foreign patients. Adopting global best-practice standards for quality patient care as well as clinical outcomes, Mount Elizabeth Novena Hospital caters to the continuing demand for high quality and competitively priced healthcare services in Singapore and around the world. For more information, please visit the website at <http://mountelizabethnovena.com>.

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