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Tan Puay Kern (standing, left), chairman of the ChariTrees 2025 organising committee, and former Singapore president Halimah Yacob (standing, fourth from left) with youth at the launch of the event. PHOTO: TRCL

[SINGAPORE] The festive season has come early to the Marina Bay waterfront, with more than 70 Christmas trees adorning the walkways as part of the annual ChariTrees fundraising event.

This year, the goal is to raise S\$1 million. The amount will benefit four long-time partner charities.

They are The Business Times Budding Artists Fund (BT BAF), disability services and support organisation SPD, Samaritans of Singapore and Kidney Dialysis Foundation.



This year marks the 15th edition of ChariTrees. PHOTO: TRCL

Under the returning theme "Blossom of Hope", ChariTrees 2025 continues to embody the belief that every act of kindness helps.

Tan Puay Kern, chairman of the ChariTrees 2025 organising committee, said: "The theme... represents our collective journey of growth and giving."

This year marks the 15th edition of the event. The lighting of the trees was officiated by former Singapore president Halimah Yacob, who is also the chancellor of the Singapore University of Social Sciences.

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