



*Donor Report
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The Heart Fund is a sub-fund of NUHS Fund Limited, for the purpose of assisting heart patients in need of financial aid and supporting continuous medical research and education programmes in the field of cardiovascular diseases.

NUHS Fund Limited is a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG) and a registered charity with IPC status. The charity was set up to promote medical research and development as well as provide health related services for the benefit of the Singapore Community. A key objective is to address unmet gaps not covered by existing government and community assistance schemes and to assist patients who are determined to be in need of financial assistance with the costs of medical treatments, including the costs of the recovery process.

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OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS



47 PATIENTS
were assisted



74 applications approved

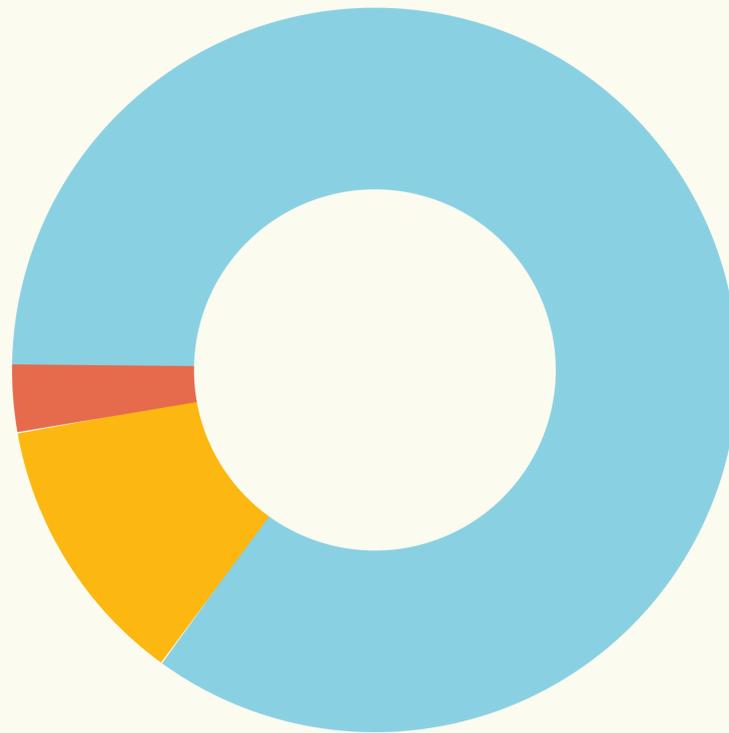


12 patients had more than one application approved

Majority of the charts in this report are based on application data

BY CITIZENSHIP

For Singaporeans who have access to Medifund, support is provided for areas excluded by Medifund.

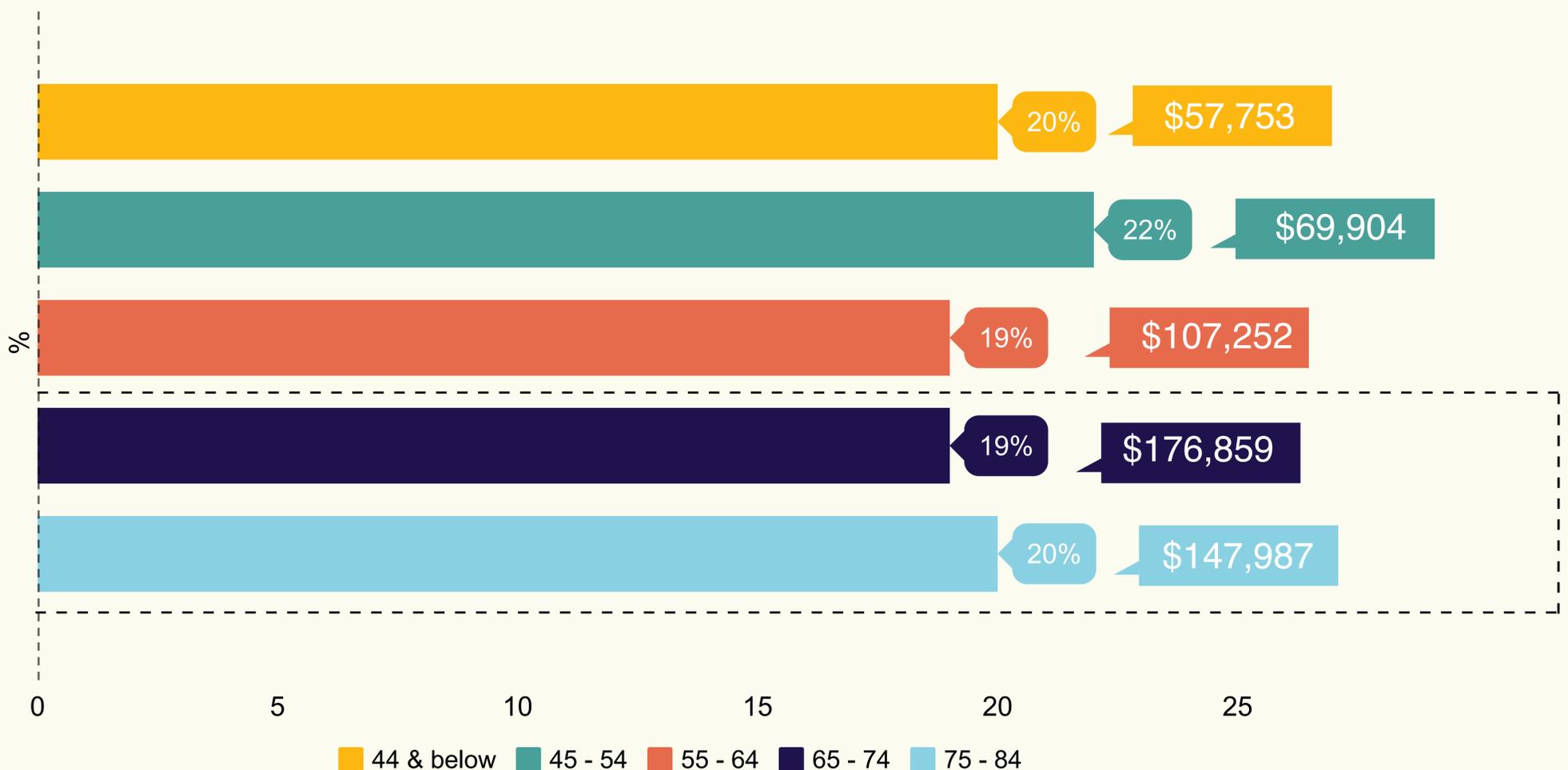


■ Singapore Citizen (85%) ■ Permanent Resident (12%) ■ Resident Foreigner (3%)

Resident Foreigners have spent a "reasonable" time in Singapore (working, schooling or supporting family who are Permanent Residents).

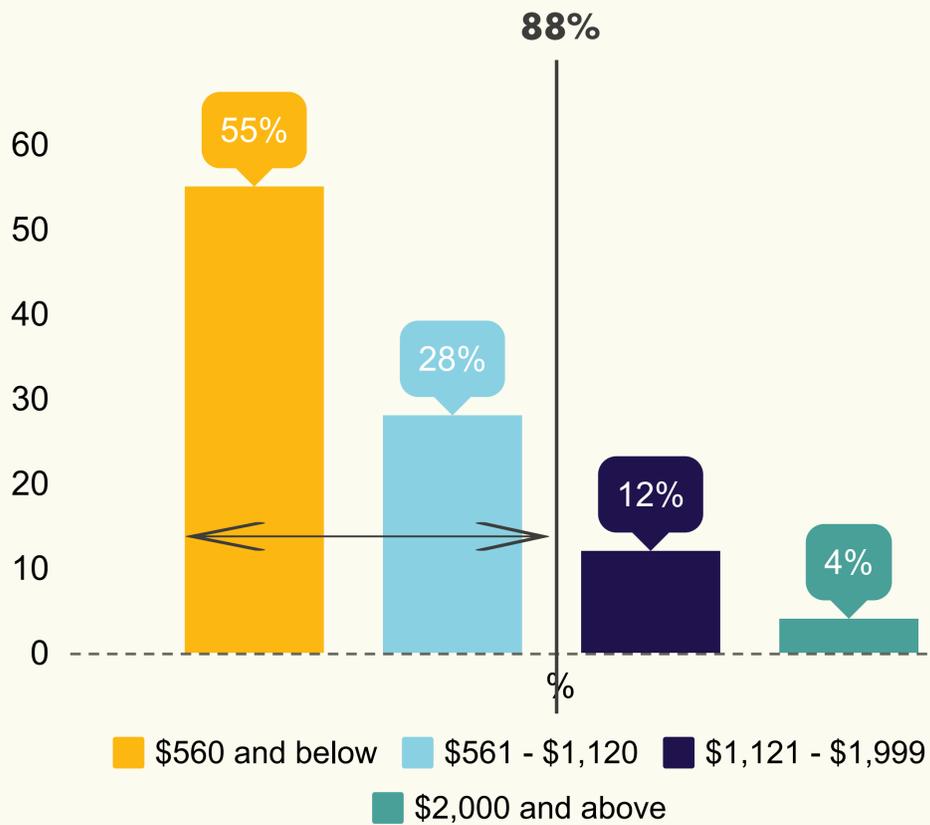
BY AGE GROUP

The elderly comprises of the largest segment (by dollar amount) supported by the Fund, reflecting our aging population and increasing costs of healthcare.



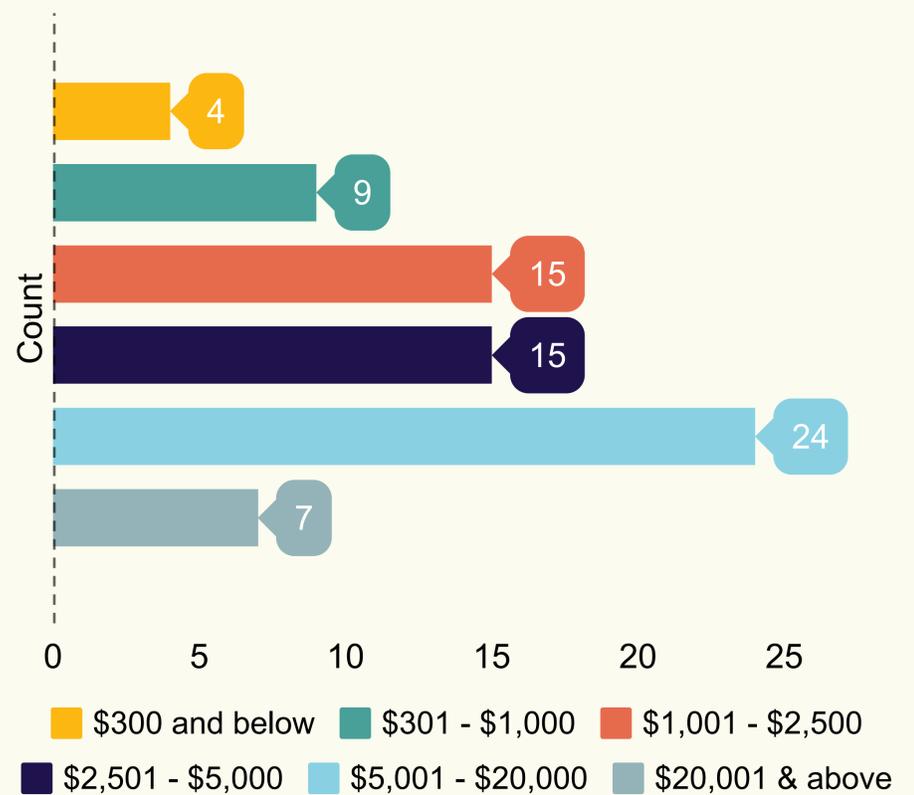
BY PER CAPITA INCOME

88% of our applications belong to the lowest 30% of our community by Household Income (Department of Statistics), Year 2013.



BY FUNDING AMOUNT

Funding support provided is crucial to our beneficiaries as their medical expenses exceed their Per Capita Income.



Financial Assessment is performed by Medical Social Worker based on Medifund criteria.

EVERY HEARTBEAT MATTERS!

Edwards Lifesciences, based in Irvine, Calif., is the global leader in patient-focused innovations for structural heart disease and critical care monitoring.

The company's commitment to giving back runs deep. In 2004, the company established what is now the Edwards Lifesciences Foundation, which supports underserved heart valve and critically ill patients, and strengthens the communities where employees live and work. Since its inception, the foundation has gifted more than \$60 million to hundreds of non-profit organizations around the world.

In 2014, Edwards has established a signature charitable initiative, Every Heartbeat Matters, that focuses on impacting the global burden of heart valve disease by supporting the education, screening and treatment of one million underserved people by 2020. In 2018, Every Heartbeat Matters reached this goal early and revised it to impact 1.5 million. Over 11 million people in the U.S. and millions more globally are affected by this deadly, yet treatable, disease. With a community of 60+ non-profit partners, they are dedicated to continuing this work in educating, screening and treating underserved patients in need across the globe.

NUHS Fund Limited is proud to be one of these non-profit partners since 2017, contributing to the initiative's stunning success!

- 8 financially disadvantaged heart patients underwent Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI), a minimally invasive procedure that not only added years to their lives but improved their quality of lives.
- 107 general practitioners and family physicians engaged in Continuing Medical Education (CME) events to date, where they received the latest updates on heart valve disease and treatment to enable earlier access of therapies to patients.

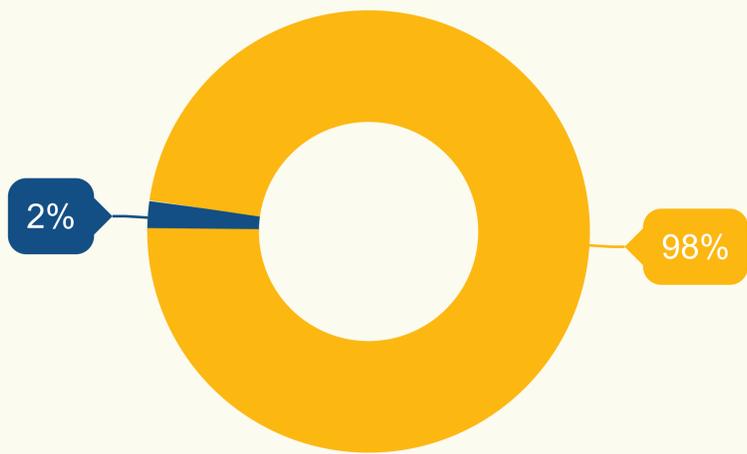
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YOUR GIFT HAS GONE TOWARDS



■ Medical Education / Research (2%) ■ Needy Patients (98%)

♥ Financial assistance when other avenues of financial support are not available or insufficient for costly procedures and long term medical treatment.

♥ Better patient care due to continuous research and upgrading of skills by our Heart Centre professionals.

SINGAPORE HEART FACTS



1 OUT OF 3
deaths is caused by heart diseases or stroke



Cardiovascular disease accounted for **30.1%** of all deaths in 2017

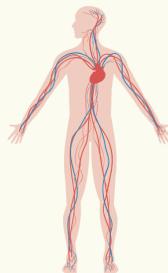


17 PEOPLE
die from cardiovascular disease (heart disease and stroke) every day

DIABETES AND THE HEART



Diabetic patients are **2 to 4 TIMES** more likely to suffer a heart attack than those without



High blood glucose in people with diabetes builds up fatty deposits that affects blood flow in vessels, causing heart diseases



Smoking **DOUBLES THE RISK** of heart disease in people with diabetes

MAINTAIN A HEALTHY HEART!



Exercising lowers blood pressure and reduces strain on the heart. It increases levels of good cholesterol to help transport fats away from the heart arteries.



Have 2 portions of fruits and 2 portions of vegetables daily



Have regular health screening