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## 100 WOMEN WHO CARE: SINGAPORE CHARTER

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What can \$100 do?

It can provide **dozens of Tubs of Love** to low-income mothers leaving the hospital with their newborns, offering desperately needed supplies in Singapore.

It can **feed 300 displaced, injured, and homeless foreign workers** for two full weeks in Singapore.

It can offer over **\$5000 in support to foster families** through Home for Good in Singapore.

It can help **make a sick child's dream come true** through the Make a Wish Foundation in Singapore.

It can assist the Star Shelter in providing a **safe refuge for women and children** who are victims of family violence in Singapore.

It can act on the impassioned presentation of an eighth grade SAS student and supply necessary goods and services to the **Darul Ishaan Orphanage** in Singapore.

But it can't do any of that alone. 100 Women Who Care know this.

When SAS teachers, Kelly McFadzen and Alison Cuthbert started a charter of this worldwide charitable organization in Singapore, they hoped that through the SAS community, they could make \$100 turn into \$10,000 for non-profit organizations in Singapore.

“My sister was a participant in Canada, and the stories she’d share were remarkable. Women were pooling their money to become a powerful force for good in local, thoughtful organizations. I want to share that experience with the SAS community; I want to share that experience with Singapore,” says Kelly McFadzen.

[100 Women Who Care Singapore](#) is part of the [100 Who Care Alliance](#), launched in North America and active around the world. They operate on basic and valuable principles: Identify needs in your local communities. Gather together. Give.

At four meetings a school year, participants voluntarily bring \$100, listen to presentations on behalf of local charities, and then vote at the meeting for the charity to receive that day’s donations. It’s simple, but it’s powerful. As a team, the resources lead to big impacts. But each \$100 may be teamed as well: “We welcome high school students and encourage mother-daughter teams to come together,” says Kelly. “Most of all, we want women from the SAS community to show up. We’d love to fill the room with people who care about Singapore.”

In this modern and unique city-state, famous for clean MRT transport, ever-expanding shopping malls, and countless eateries, it’s easy to focus on what seems like ever-present abundance. Like all communities, this is a place where people live, thrive, but also have needs, real needs. Kelly and Alison hope 100 Women brings attention to the causes in their host country and also allows participants to feel invested in their community.

Alison Cuthbert says, “100 Women is special not just because women gather together en masse to donate funds, but also because we get to hear local stories. Those stories matter and educate us on the needs in our community. And there are definitely needs out there.”

If you’d like to hear those Singapore stories, 100 Women Who Care would love for you to join. They welcome participants from every facet of the SAS community. Like them on [Facebook](#) and stay tuned for future meetings after school, usually in the SAS middle school library. Additionally, if you have a story to tell, 100 Women Who Care wants to hear from you and the charity you support or represent. Please get in touch to have your local cause featured at a meeting.

What can \$100 do? When used thoughtfully, and in good company, \$100 can do an awful lot in Singapore.

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