

## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### **Announcement of Halfway House to be Operated by PPIS**

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1. As a non-profit organisation for women and their families, PPIS is dedicated to working with women of all ages in carrying out their multiple roles in society. For the last 68 years, PPIS has rendered our services to meet the needs of women in their different phases of life, as well as the needs of their families.
2. In our efforts to empower and uplift women who may face different challenges, PPIS is working with the Singapore Prison Service to operate a halfway house for women, regardless of race or religion, to strengthen the aftercare support for former offenders.
3. PPIS has worked closely with offenders and their families by rendering them assistance through our family services. We had previously established an eco-system of social, emotional and financial support to multi-stressed families, including former offenders, through our Family Service Centres.
4. PPIS is currently piloting an in-care group intervention programme, “Cut the Loneliness: Bridge Connection”, for women serving their sentence. Besides reaching out to the women who are incarcerated, the programme also focuses on interventions for their family members. In addition, we also support the *Dadah Itu Haram* campaign against drugs.
5. With PPIS’ network of holistic services and experience in working with offenders and their families, we believe that the new halfway house for women will enhance the services available to women who are undergoing the process of reintegration into society.
6. In upholding our dedication towards serving the community, our organisation recognises how crucial it is in providing a safe space for this group of women through rehabilitative programmes.
7. PPIS President, Madam Rahayu Mohamad says: “Women are pillars in the family and community. We hope to provide an environment that will bolster their journey towards change so they can better reintegrate into the family and the community.”



8. PPIS remains committed to fulfilling our mission of inspiring women and strengthening families. In doing so, we hope to elevate women in our community to secure their well-being, as well as their families' well-being.