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"We, as citizens of Singapore, pledge ourselves to forget differences of race, language or religion and become one united people." Every Singaporean child recites the pledge from heart. Yet, during the pandemic last year, we have read in the news many instances of racial discrimination and hate.

Instead of highlighting racial disharmony and racial discrimination, I would like to share with you my personal stories about multi-racial harmony that I have experienced personally in my community. I hope these stories will encourage you readers to be willing to extend the same helping hand when the need arises to people around you irregardless of race.

during the initial covid-19 period, when there was a shortage of facemasks, my Malay neighbour sewed handmade masks and gave it out to my family. We were so touched by her thoughtfulness. I also remember seeing notices in different languages (Mandarin, English, Malay, and Tamil) in the lifts, asking if anyone needed help with buying groceries to call a number for help. There was also a time when there was a shortage of hand sanitizers, neighbours in my block collected hand sanitizers for each other, some even putting bottles of sanitizers in the lift, for



everyone to use. And when Gojek announced that they would give out free rides for everyone going for their vaccinations, my sister and I shared the good news by leaving post-it notes wedged between the main doors of our neighbours. Many of our neighbours were not aware of the promotion and were very appreciative of our reminders.

Some neighbours also took the initiative to pack bags with snacks, toiletries and daily necessities and left them outside the doors of families who were under quarantine; different races alike. We also helped to ensure that everybody is taken care of, and nobody is left out. In addition to the pandemic, every-time my mother fell ill, our neighbours of different races will come and deliver home-made soup and dumplings, telling my mother to get well soon. The generosity of our neighbours and acts of kindness will forever be etched in my memory. I thus strongly recommend people to forge strong bonds with their neighbours, if they are of different races, because ^{even} there is only one race. That is the human race.

Singapore is a unique country. Inhabited by multi-racial citizens, home to many foreign workers, domestic helpers, diverse expat community and visited by many tourists every year. To build a united nation, 'regardless of race, language or religion.' needs effort from each and every



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one of us. Let's all do our very own part, I believe that if everyone does it, we can make Singapore a more harmonious place to live in.

