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## **Feting Fresh Starts**

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The ISCOS (Industry & Services Co-operative Society) 30th anniversary charity gala, held in early September at Marina Mandarin's ballroom, celebrated 30 years of helping ex-offenders to successfully reintegrate back into society. Themed Beyond Black And White, the glitzy event, which was graced by guest of honour President Halimah Yacob, saw attendees turn up in colours other than black and white.

ISCOS took the opportunity to officially launch its ISCOS ReGen Fund, a charity fund that supports programmes such as the Fairy Godparent Programme, which provides academic assistance to children of ex-offenders by way of bursary awards, sponsored tuition and mentoring.

The night's menu was curated by Benny Se Teo, co-founder of Eighteen Chefs and The Meathouse, while entertainment included performances by Clement Chow, Inch Chua, MAS1A, Sara Wee and Ding Yi Music Company. The ISCOS 30th anniversary gala, which also saw a silent auction of art by Barry Yeow, raised more than \$440,000.