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The ten finalists are:



**Dr Abdul Malik Hassan**  
 He grew his father's nasi lemak business from a single stall to more than 40 outlets islandwide. Now he's teaching other hawkers how to expand their business.



**Johnson Chia & Azlee Abdul Shukor**  
 They showed courage on Nov 2 when they stopped to help a driver whose car had crashed at a Seletar Expressway underpass and got her to safety just before the car burst into flames.



**Loh Kean Yew**  
 He became the first Singaporean to win the Badminton World Federation World Championships on Dec 19, capping an excellent run in the last three months where he beat six out of the world's top 10 players.



**Porsche Poh & Silver Ribbon**  
 Ms Porsche Poh and Silver Ribbon (Singapore), the charity she co-founded, laboured to fight the stigma against mental illness way before mental health issues became a national concern today.



**Sakthibalan Balathandautham**  
 He donated part of his liver to a baby he had never met after coming across a plea on social media. After a successful recovery, he is now an advocate for organ donation.



**Joan Poh**  
 The rower successfully pursued her Olympic dream while balancing commitments as a staff nurse in Tan Tock Seng Hospital's renal department, taking several stretches of no-pay leave to train and compete abroad.



**Yip Pin Xiu**  
 The swimmer, who suffers from a progressive nerve condition, won two Paralympic golds this year. She is not just a force in the water but also a champion for inclusivity.



**Asanul Fariq Sani & Norhasyimah Awaludin**  
 The couple got emotional after seeing a single pack of instant noodles left in the kitchen of a family they visited. They now provide free groceries for the hungry right from their Tampines home daily.



**Lynn Wong**  
 She quit her pursuit of a PhD in business studies to become a defender of Chinese heritage and culture. She is involved in multiple Chinese clan associations, and is a distinguished martial artist.



**John Cheng**  
 Passionate about food innovation and sustainability, he is keen to support local food start-ups, providing them with resources to grow. He is also seeking sustainable solutions to feed the growing global population.

The Straits Times Singaporean Of The Year 2021 Award, presented by UBS, seeks to honour the positive and sustainable impact made by Singaporeans and celebrate the triumph of the human spirit in bringing about a better world.

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