

# Walking the distance for the needy

**CHARITY NIGHT:** More than 400 people join double celebration to raise funds for those suffering from renal problems

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**M**ORE than 400 participants in the Walk-A-Mile charity night walkathon made their way to Plaza Pelangi at Taman Sri Tebrau to participate in a double celebration which coincides with the Mid Autumn festival recently.

The charity night walkathon was organised by the MAA Medicare Charity Dialysis Centre as part of its effort to raise funds and create awareness of those suffering from renal problems.

Flagging off the event at 7pm was PNB Plaza Pelangi assistant manager Nazrul Abdul Hamid. All par-

ticipant were holding colourful lanterns while walking a distance of almost 2km towards Taman Sri Tebrau.

The Walk-A-Mile event which began in 2011 has since grown to become one of the biggest fundraising activities for the centre over the years.

The dialysis centre is also supported by the JB Lions Club through its Renal Care Foundation by providing a 12-seater van worth RM90,000.

The centre zone manager Rosnah Jalli said there had been a drastic increase in the number of people seeking dialysis treatment at her centre and the funds raised through such events would help to save lives.

She also said that this year's Walk-A-Mile event was deliberately held in the evening instead of the usual mornings to celebrate the Chinese Mid Autumn festival.

"We are delighted with support given and hope the new van would better improve our services to the community," said Rosnah.



Participants in the Walk-A-Mile charity night walkathon posing with their lanterns to commemorate the event.