

# Dialysis centre's special event draws 200

**KUCHING:** More than 200 people gathered at CHKMUS (Chia Hia Khor Moral Uplifting Society) - MAA Medicare Charity Dialysis Centre in Jalan Laksamana Cheng Ho here for a special event themed Celebrating Joy and Fun with kidney patients and their families recently.

The event was held in conjunction with the festive holiday season and officiated at by MAA Medicare senior vice-president Aliyah Karen.

"It's a season of sharing and giving and what better way to bring everyone together just to have some joy and share some happy moments with the patients and the people who cares and supports us

throughout the year," said Karen.

"Our special thanks to CHKMUS who has stood by and supported us with this joint partnership since 1998," she added.

The centre is presently taking care of 160 patients and it has opened another floor this year to cater to the comfort of the patients.

"To keep kidney patients happy and alive has been our goal and today, we have indeed come a long way and are truly grateful that many donors and kind people have supported us. We thank every single person who has in one way or another assisted us in helping these patients," she stressed.

During the event, 47 school children who are kidney patients were given new T-shirts, while five patients received gifts for being the most compliant and disciplined patients throughout this year.

Gifts and goodies were also presented to those present, while games were also held during the event.

Christmas hampers were also given to patients who celebrated the festive season, while three staff of the centre - Magdelene Supen (15 years service), Moses T'nun (10 years) and Gladys Jalin (5 years) - received long service awards from Karen.

Each received a pewter and RM1,000 and RM500 respectively.