

# MAA Medicare brings cheer to kidney patients

**KUCHING:** Over 200 people gathered together at the CHKMUS – MAA Medicare Charity Dialysis Centre, in Jln Laksamana Cheng Ho for a special event – ‘Celebrating Joy and Fun’ with kidney patients and their families in conjunction with the festive holiday season.

“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 care and supported us through-out the year? asked ‘Aliyah Karen, Senior Vice President of MAA Medicare”

“Our special thanks to our partners, Chia Hia Khor Moral Uplifting Society (CHKMUS), who has stood by and supported us with this joint partnership since 1998. From over 20 patients, we

now care for over 160 patients and this year another floor has been opened up to cater for the comfort of our patients,” she added.

Officiating the special event she added “We are very happy to see so many people benefit from what we started years ago. 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.”

47 school going children of the kidney patients were given new t-shirts to celebrate the day while 5 patients received gifts for being the most compliant and disciplined patients throughout the year 2013.

Christmas hampers were also given to those patients who were celebrating and 3 staff from the centre received their long service awards from the ‘Aliyah. They were Magdelene Supen (15 years of service), Moses Anak T’nun (10 years) and Gladys Jalin (5 years) who each received a pewter and RM1,000 and RM500 each.

The event which started at 11.00am ended at 3.00pm with many gifts, games and goodies for everyone who came to the event and enjoyed the funfair and game booths.

The CHKMUS – MAA Medicare charity dialysis centre is the largest of its’ 12 centres nationwide.

Currently MAA Medicare cares and provides highly subsidised treatments to over 800 patients.