

Nurses help raise funds for kidney patients

KUCHING: Kidney patients, family, friends and members of the CHKMUS-MAA Medicare Charity Dialysis Centre gathered at the grounds of the dialysis centre at Jalan Laksamana Cheng Ho recently for the Charity Fun Fiesta.

The aim of the event was to promote awareness of kidney diseases and raise funds for charity.

Supported by its partner, Che Hia Khor Moral Uplifting Society (CHKMUS), nurses from the MAA Medicare Charity Dialysis Centre (MAA Medicare) in Kuching organized the carnival which featured more than 40 booths which offered lively music, arts and crafts, food, line dancing, games for children and many other interesting activities.

Speaking at the launching, Aliyah Karen, CEO of MAA Medicare highlighted that the fiesta had grown into one of the biggest fundraising activities for the centre over the years.

"The Charity Fun Fiesta was organised by our nursing staff who care for 163 patients at our dialysis centre.

"In high spirit and colourful t-shirts, the local communities were involved for a good cause. The support and contribution from sponsors, partners, vendors and the community has helped the event to succeed. We are most grateful.

"With all the changes and challenges in healthcare over the last few decades, the role

of the centre's nurses has expanded even more," said Aliyah.

Besides providing clinical care to the patients, the nurses did well to raise more than RM25,000, she pointed out.

Usually held at the end of the year, the Charity Fun Fiesta is in support of the centre's subsidy programme, The Patient Welfare Fund.

The programme provides additional assistance such as medical assistance, food and groceries and transport allowance to poor patients.

A yearly outing and monthly birthday celebration are part of the commitment to help the kidney patients feel at home and appreciated.



WINNER of a lucky draw receives his prize.