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KUCHING: There was joy at the Che Hia Khor Moral Uplifting Society (CHKMUS)-MAA Medicare Charity Dialysis Centre (Kuching centre) yesterday as happy children were presented with back to school supplies.

A total of 36 children were given the stationaries.

They are the children of patients currently undergoing dialysis treatment every alternate day, four hours per session at the centre.

The annual Kids@ Medicare programme launched in 2009 is to assist patients' children in their preparation for school each year and is part of the two key projects of the Foundation. The other project is the Patient's Welfare Fund (PWF).

MAA Medicare Charitable Foundation (Medicare) Chief Executive Officer Dato' Aliyah Karen said: "At the end of the school year, we provide them with schoolbags and essential items such as school shoes and socks, books and stationaries to help ease the burden of our patients who find it difficult to cope with additional expenses."

The Kuching centre located in Jalan Laksamana was voted as the winner of the Best Centre last year in the whole of Malaysia.

The centre provides highly subsidised treatment for 172 patients who cannot afford treatment at private hospitals or centres.



Aliyah (centre) having a group photo with the children.

Aliyah said due to the increasing number of patients, the Kuching centre recently expanded a new wing to segregate the patients according to their sponsorship and income level.

Caring for their large number of patients, the centre operates four shifts on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5am to 11pm with 36 machines and health care professionals.

MAA Medicare has 12 dialysis centres in Malaysia. In 2017, MAA Medicare will be the first NGO to operate a dialysis centre for the lower income patients in a private hospital- Tawau Specialist

Medical Centre in Tawau, Sabah.

Aliyah said there are about 830 patients under MAA Medicare in Malaysia and Kuching centre is its largest centre.

Due to the commitment and dedication of the Foundation, it has been recognised internationally with four awards in 2016: European Society of Quality Research-Gold Award for Best Practices 2016 on June 4 in Brussels, Belgium.

It was the sole foundation to be recognised amongst 75 winners from 63 countries.

In Rome on July 25, the foundation was honoured with the Diamond Eye Award

for its Quality, Commitment and Excellence.

At The BIZZ 2016 in Marrakesh, Morocco on Oct 5, it received the World Business Leader Diploma and trophy in recognition as an Inspirational Company by the World Confederation of Businesses (Worldcob).

In Dubai on Nov 29, the foundation was honoured for the fourth time with The Majestic Falcon Award for Quality and Excellence 2016.

Aliyah said that it was a major achievement for the foundation to be recipient of the esteemed awards which gave it paramount exposure to the world.