

Schooling aid for kidney patients' children

KUCHING: Forty-four children of CHKMUS MAA Medicare Charity Dialysis Centre Kuching patients were all smiles when they received school supplies for the 2015 school term.

Under the Kids@Medicare Programme, schoolbags inclusive of school and daily necessities are given to school going children of the patients from the dialysis centre.

Thousands of school bags and items are handed out to about 250 children each year.

This year, the donation is made possible with the sponsorship from Roche Malaysia.

The programme was held in conjunction with the recent opening ceremony of CHKMUS Kidney Foundation (CHK Moral Uplifting Society Kidney Foundation) and

CHKMUS-MAA Medicare Charity Dialysis Centre which was officiated by Head of State, Tun Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud.

In line with the former Chief Minister's message to encourage more organisations to promote social welfare through its funding and programmes, Datuk Tay Chin Kin, Chairman of CHKMUS Kidney Foundation was glad to hand out the school items including bags, t-shirts, towels, stationery and vouchers for Bata shoes to the children.

"Once again, we are thankful to Roche Malaysia for its support in our Kids@Medicare Programme for the second consecutive year.

"This small gesture actually helps ease our patients' financial burden and brings some cheer to these kids, who will return to

school with new items," said Allyah Karen, CEO of MAA Medicare.

She added: "Besides the giveaways to the kids in Kuching, all of our patients' children from other 12 dialysis centres nationwide will receive the same support.

"In total, we are supporting about 250 kids.

"Each dialysis centre will provide the school supplies respectively and we are looking to complete our programme in Kajang, Kota Bharu and Kota Kinabalu by December."

The CHKMUS MAA Medicare Charity Dialysis Centre Kuching, located at Lorong 8, Jalan Laksamana Cheng Ho, currently cares for 167 patients, who receive highly subsidised treatment at a fraction of the cost.



CHILDREN of patients receiving their school terms. Also present is Roche Malaysia representative, Chong Yuh Ling (right, third row).