

APPEAL TO CHERAS COMMUNITY TO SHOW SOLIDARITY TOWARDS THE UNDERPRIVILEGED



Ng Yon Wah talking to 6-yr-old John Peter as Tan Hon Ching shakes hands with Esther Wong Mun Yee, while Lim Ze Ming, 14, of Rumah Victory looks on

43-year-old Ng Yon Wah was devastated when he discovered that he was suffering from kidney failure three years ago.

Life has taken on a change for this former glass fitter, whose daily routine includes kidney dialysis at least three to four times a week at the Charis-NKF Dialysis Centre in Taman Billion, Cheras.

Today, like many other kidney patients, Ng is unable to get a permanent full-time job. However, with the help of friends, he has started his own computer printer cartridge re-inking business to earn a living. "I hope that more people in the community will understand and sympathise with kidney patients, who have to go for dialysis during odd hours of the day," he said. "To be self-sufficient, these patients need jobs badly."

Ng was one of the kidney patients who came forward to speak on behalf of the Charis-NKF Dialysis Centre, an identified beneficiary of an ambitious fund raising campaign jointly-organised by the CMC Centre (Giant Hypermarket Taman Connaught), Jubilee Initiatives Malaysia Bhd, and University College Sedaya International (UCSI).

Themed, CMC Christmas Celebration of Love Carnival, the month-long Christmas celebration will have a different focus every week.



The organising committee of the CMC Celebration of Love Carnival

According to its organising chairman, Pastor Foo Moy Peng of Jubilee Initiatives, the committee hopes to raise funds to support various beneficiaries, including Persatuan Kebajikan Charis, Great Commissions Social Concerns Centre Berhad, Rumah Victory, Charis Community Services Bhd. and Malaysian CARE.

“Currently, the event is being planned, but Cheras folks will have much to look forward to at for this year’s Christmas Carnival,” she said.

Foo urged corporate citizens and business owners, especially those who operate in Cheras, to come forward to donate to the charity fund. “There was also a cheque presentation during the opening ceremony at CMC on Dec 3. The Member of Parliament for the Bandar Tun Razak constituency, Y.B. Datuk Tan Chai Ho, was the Guest-of-Honour,” she said.

UCSI Edu-Jays made a special appearance at the carnival on Dec 16. “There were lots of fun for young people, when the Edu-Jays turn up with their quizzes and give away freebies” said Foo.

Another beneficiary of the Carnival is Persatuan Kebajikan Charis, 76-year-old Tan Hong Ching, who has been living in the home for the past 18 months, said he hopes that Cheras residents would come forward to support the events. “I hope more people will come forward to help old people like me,” he said.