

## FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS



**One of the nursing students looking at a baby at the ward**

Recently, seven nursing students and I, accompanied by the Head of School, Ms. Jeya Devi Coomarasamy, and a Senior lecturer Ms. Than Soon Nyet visited Ward KK 3 (Oncology), Pediatric Institute, Hospital Kuala Lumpur. The main purpose of this visit was to distribute hampers donated by students of the Diploma in Nursing Group 2006/2008 and the Bachelor of Nursing (Hons.) group 2006/2009, as well as staff of School of Nursing, to cancer patients at the hospital.

Sister Rozah Ahmad greeted us on arrival and gave a short briefing on the personalised multi-disciplinary, state-of-the-art care that is given to the children of all ages who suffered from blood malignancies and disorders. We then went around the beds to present the hampers, cakes and drinks to the children. We helped the little tots inflate the balloons and played with the children to help cheer them up.

The visit, although brief, left us with a lasting impression. We saw first hand and were able to understand what oncology nursing is all about. We also realized that work in this area is stressful and requires a special dedicated group of nurses like Sister Rozah to provide in an open, welcoming environment for these ailing children and their parents.

We parted from the children with a heavy heart and promised the nurses that we and other student nurses from UCSI would visit them and the children again.

We now fully believe that caring can only come from the heart!

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1. Assoc. Prof Jeyadevi with her students
2. Students spending time with the patients
3. UCSI nursing student handing over a goodie bag
4. Sister Rozah Ahmad briefing the students

