

Joining forces to buy dialysis machine

Local artiste, street dancers and youth clubs raise funds in aid of National Kidney Foundation

NATIONAL Kidney Foundation (NKF) received a dialysis machine, thanks to the joint efforts of internationally acclaimed Beatboxer and recording artiste Shawn Lee, award-winning Rejuvenate Dance Crew (RJVN), and Region 5 Selangor Leo Clubs.

On receiving the machine, foundation project head Na Lai Chun, said he was deeply touched that they used their talents and art to spread awareness.

"It certainly helps us in our journey to care for 1,500 patients at our 26 dialysis centres nationwide," he said.

The ceremony was a highlight of their efforts in raising funds for a dialysis machine and subsidise dialysis fees for poor patients.

Both Lee and the dance crew being the Youth Ambassadors of the kidney foundation launched a programme called Coolbeans last year.

They travelled to schools and colleges in the Klang Valley, Penang, Perak, Pahang, Sabah and Sarawak.

Aside from talks, exhibitions, concerts and showcases, they also raised funds by selling merchandise and albums.

Recently, the Leo Clubs in Region 5, Selangor, the youth ambassadors and celebrities organised another Coolbeans concert at Petaling Jaya Live Arts called the Leo Musical Charity Concert 3.0 and raised another RM20,000.00. With that, the efforts of the young stars raised an overall amount of RM50,165.00.

"We felt that it is the right time to give back to the needy. Being the NKF Youth Ambassador, I can only thank all my friends and fans for the support and for sharing this cause.

"We hope to encourage more young people to be aware of their bodies through organisations like NKF and never stop aiding those in need," said Lee at the ceremony.

For details on future NKF activities or to donate towards NKF efforts, call 03-7954 9048 or visit <http://www.nkf.org.my>



Lee (kneeling) and some of the Rejuvenate Dance Crew members at the handover of the dialysis machine to National Kidney Foundation.