10 dialysis machines for NKF



(From left) Vivienne Cheng, Goh Seng Chuan and NKF chief executive officer Chua Hong Wee with the machines. Pic by Abdullah Yusof

CARING: The machines, worth RM45,000 each, will be distributed to National Kidney Foundation's dialysis centres in Kedah, Johor and Klang Valley

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BERJAYA Cares Foundation recently contributed 10 dialysis machines worth RM45,000 each to the National Kidney Foundation of Malaysia (NKF).

NKF Malaysia Board of Directors vicechairman Goh Seng Chuan said that the dialysis machine will be distributed to other centres in Kedah, Johor and the Klang Valley.

"NKF has 1,450 dialysis patients receiving treatment in 25 dialysis centres nationwide currently, and the numbers are growing annually," said Goh.

Berjaya Corporation Bhd executive director Vivien Cheng said this was the foundation's way of reaching out to those in need in communities.

"With four to five thousand new cases in Malaysia, we hope that our contribution to NKF will improve its ability to cater to the growing number of kidney patients," said Cheng.

Tang Ah Nyah, 64, a kidney patient, who has been undergoing treatment at an NKF centre for the past six years also expressed his gratitude to the foundation for their contribution which will help to treat more kidney patients.

Zaitun Ahmad, 58, who is also undergoing dialysis at an NKF centre, said the centre helps kidney patients undergo treatment at affordable costs.

"The cost of using a dialysis machine is high.

"In private hospitals, you have to pay at least RM250 per treatment but here we are charged subsidised rates," said Zaitun.

Those who are interested to pledge and help NKF's kidney patients can call NKF's fund-raising department at 03-7954 9048, or send an email to fundraising@nkf.org.my.