

Special day filled with fun activities

NKF-Rotary Damansara Centre organises Family Day for dialysis patients and family

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Happy birthday: Dialysis patients celebrating their birthdays at the Family Day.

IT WAS a happy moment for dialysis patients at the NKF-Rotary Damansara Dialysis Centre Selayang when Taman Templer assemblyman Datuk Subahan Kamal attended their Family Day recently.

The special event for dialysis patients was jointly organised by the Rotary Club of Damansara and the National Kidney Foundation of Malaysia.

The objective of the event was to bring dialysis patients and their families closer and provide a platform for their families to interact with each other.

Over 200 participants including family members, friends, Rotary Club members, guests and NKF staff took part in the event.

"Families play an important role in the social fabric of the dialysis patient,"

said Subahan, who also visited the dialysis centre, where patients on dialysis greeted him warmly and they were each presented with a goody bag.

Throughout the morning, everyone was entertained by patients, who participated in karaoke sessions, games, dances and also birthday celebrations for dialysis patients.

The children also joined in the fun, winning prizes for balloon blowing and other contests organised for them.

Health screening was provided by the NKF Life Check team for members of the public who attended the event.

NKF Board of Governors member Tan Sri Datuk Clifford Herbert thanked the Rotary Club for their initiative in providing a day for dialysis patients to

enjoy themselves, a welcome relief from the many hours spent on dialysis.

Rotary Club of Damansara president Francis Arulanandam, said they planned to turn the Family Day into an annual event.

Kamaruddin Abu Bakar, a dialysis patient at the Selayang centre, thanked all those who had helped make the programme a success and for all the support given.

The highlight of the event was a *bhangra* dance by Pritam Kaur, a dialysis patient at the centre, with her family.

The thumping beats were too hard to resist as the audience were pulled in to dance along.

A birthday celebration was also held for those patients whose birthdays fell in the month of March and April.