



Keep up the good work: Cheah (right) handing over the keys to the second NKF LifeCheck mobile screening unit to Dr Zaki.

Helping hand for charity

Kidney foundation gets a new bus for mobile screenings

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THE National Kidney Foundation (NKF) can now help more people prevent kidney failure with the launch of its second NKF LifeCheck Mobile Screening Unit.

The NKF LifeCheck is a 40-seater bus designed specifically to carry out free health screenings in rural areas, while raising awareness of chronic kidney diseases.

The first NKF LifeCheck was launched in 2008 and it has benefited close to 150,000 people nationwide.

The first bus is now stationed in Alor Setar, and will cover Kedah, Perlis, Penang and northern Perak, while the second one will cover the central and southern regions of peninsular Malaysia.

This NKF LifeCheck is sponsored by Sunway, which raised funds through a series of charity dinners.

A total of RM877,380 was raised from these events and Sunway will also sponsor maintenance and operational costs for the first two years of the second NKF LifeCheck.

Sunway Group founder and chairman Tan Sri Dr Jeffrey Cheah said many patients only found out about kidney disease when they were in the late stages.

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"Prevention is definitely better than cure. With this LifeCheck, we can build awareness of kidney diseases and kidney failure," Cheah said.

The NKF is a non-governmental organisation which provides services such as kidney dialysis and health screenings.

The health screenings will be conducted by trained staff. Should they find something wrong, they will give the patient a note to advise them to consult a doctor.

NKF Malaysia board of directors chairman Datuk Dr Zaki Morad Mohd Zaher said the manpower and operational costs to provide complimentary health screening to the community amounted to approximately RM400,000 a year.

"Hence, the need for NKF to continuously source sponsorships from corporations to be able to reach out and screen more members of the community.

"We welcome help from anyone and are very thankful to the Sunway Group for their continuous support," he said.