PETALING JAYA: Ten non-governmental organisations received a helping hand from the Star Foundation, a charitable arm of the Star Media Group.

Star Foundation trustee Datuk Dr Mohd Aminuddin Mohd Rouse presented the cheques to the NGOs at Menara Star yesterday.

The financial assistance is to, among others, help the NGOs offset operating expenses, upgrading of facilities and the running of existing programmes.

The donation presented yesterday totalled RM355,000.

The NGOs involved include National Kidney Foundation of Malaysia, Insaf Technical Relief of Malaysia, Sisters in Islam, Women’s Aid Organisation, IJN Foundation, Montfort Boys Town and Ti-Ratana Community Centre.

IJN Foundation chairman Toh Puan Dr Hajjah Aishah Ong thanked the Star Foundation for the financial assistance.

She expressed her desire to see more collaboration between IJN Foundation and the Star Media Group in publicising the foundation’s efforts in raising awareness about heart diseases.

"The public needs to be aware that the biggest killer in the country is heart disease," she said.

Director of Ti-Ratana Welfare Society Datuk K Sri Dhammaratana also thanked the Star Foundation for the helping hand.

He said its assistance would be used to provide free meals at Ti-Ratana’s Petaling Jaya Centre.

Non-profit organisations that would like to appeal for funds from Star Foundation may write in for financial support.

Since it was set up in 2004, the foundation has donated RM16mil to various deserving bodies.

Sharing is caring: Datuk Dr Mohd Aminuddin (in red shirt) presenting the mock cheques to the happy recipients.

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