

E-hailing customers can help kidney patients

GRAB Malaysia and National Kidney Foundation (NKF) are joining hands once again in raising funds to purchase a dialysis machine.

In this collaboration ongoing until June 30, Grab users can convert their GrabRewards points into a donation to NKF via the Grab app.

Every 600 GrabRewards points can be converted into a RM5 donation.

NKF chief executive officer Chua Hong Wee expressed the foundation's gratitude to all Grab users for their support and generous contribution in last year's fundraising campaign.

"Each dialysis machine has an average service span of eight years or an average of 35,000 running hours.

"We hope this fundraising campaign alongside Grab will help generate enough

money to buy another dialysis machine to support more end-stage renal failure patients," said Chua.

Iris Chang, head of Grab Malaysia's country marketing, said the response last year was overwhelming.

"Grab is humbled by the opportunity to be a conduit to encourage our customers to join in and do our bit for the community.

NKF needs to raise RM24.9mil each year

to subsidise dialysis treatment for patients at its 28 centres nationwide.

It is a non-profit charitable organisation helping Malaysians suffering from end-stage kidney failure, who lack access to or cannot afford dialysis treatment. It currently has more than 1,600 patients.

Those keen to contribute towards NKF's cause, can find out more at nkf.org.my or call 03-7954 9048.