

Using gifts for a good cause

Members of Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Damansara Jaya's (SMKDJ) Leo Club, aged between 15 and 17, successfully raised funds for the National Kidney Foundation of Malaysia (NKF) through a charity concert recently. The concert featured a line-up of performances by talented students from SMKDJ itself.

The fund raised from the concert was funneled towards the purchase of a dialysis machine for NKF to help treat kidney patients who are poor. NKF, a non-profit charitable organisation, is dedicated to helping Malaysians suffering from end stage kidney failure who lack access to or cannot afford dialysis treatment.

The "From Gift to Gifts" charity concert, the sixth that the club had organised under the guidance of the Lions Club of Petaling Jaya, aims to aid dialysis patients in NKF and to create a sustainable impact in improving the lives of its communities. To date the club has managed to raise RM240,000 in total from the charity concerts.

NKF chief executive officer Chua Hong Wee was present to receive a mock cheque from the Leo Club at the event.

"The Leo Club has been a steadfast supporter of NKF's cause and it is amazing to see the next generation showing great efforts in making a difference for the community. We hope that they will continue to inspire their nearest and dearest



(Third from right) Chua Hong Wee, receiving a mock cheque with the amount of RM40,000 from "From Gift to Gifts" Charity Concert 2019, organised by Leo Club of SMK Damansara Jaya.

to contribute to noble causes and eventually make positive changes to the world," said Chua.

Over the past 50 years, NKF has been providing affordable dialysis treatment to patients who are from

the lower income group. In 2019, it is estimated that NKF requires RM24.9 million to subsidise over 1,600 patients for their dialysis treatment in 28 NKF dialysis centres nationwide.