

SHINING GOOD DEEDS

AmBank-MyKasih aid for 50 poor families from Subang Jaya

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SUBANG JAYA: Fifty hardcore poor families from Subang Jaya are the latest to benefit from the AmBank-MyKasih Community Programme.

AmBank Group will contribute RM52,000 to the families with an allowance of RM20 per family per week for a year to help defray the costs of essential daily food items such as rice, sugar, flour and cooking oil.

Recipients will have their aid channeled via their MyKads and can do their grocery shopping at Mydin Mall in USJ Subang Jaya.

The programme includes a series of financial courses designed to suit the needs of recipient families. Volunteers from donor and non-

governmental organisations will help conduct courses aimed at guiding adult members of poor families to manage their finances as well as improve their budgeting skills.

"The MyKasih programme does more than provide food aid. It also aims to improve the lives of families through education and skills training," said MyKasih Foundation chairman Ngau Boon Keat at a press conference at Mydin Mall yesterday.

"In other words, it is to teach a man to fish so he will not go hungry again."

Manoor Maniraju, a 28-year-old single mother-of-two from Bandar Sunway, said she would apply for the programme.

"I do odd-jobs, and rely on aid from relatives and friends," she said, adding her husband left



CHARITABLE HAND: AmBank group chairman Tan Sri Azman Hashim (centre) posing with happy recipients of AmBank-MyKasih Community programme in Subang Jaya

the country soon after their second child was born and had not returned since.

Jivasothi Muthu, 55, also from Bandar Sunway, said she and her three children were grateful recipients of the programme.

"I earn money by cooking and cleaning for one of my neighbours. It is hard to make ends meet although my eldest daughter goes to work," she said, adding that her two younger children are sickly.

Pangsapuri Angsana Residents

Association president Azmy Awang, 44, commended AmBank-MyKasih for coming to the aid of the 50 poor families in Subang Jaya.

"Pangsapuri Angsana is one of few places where single mothers and the hardcore poor seek shelter in USJ1 where the rental rates are comparatively cheaper," he said.

"As everybody can see, the happiness of families receiving aid can be seen in their relieved faces."

AmBank Group first teamed up with the MyKasih Foundation last

November to sponsor 100 low-income families in Sentul, Kuala Lumpur.

The AmBank-MyKasih programme now reaches more than 1,300 families, also in Selayang, Puchong, Jinjang, Segambut, Pandan Jaya, Cheras, Klang, Batu Caves, Lembah Pantai, Kayu Ara, Sungai Buloh, Gombak, Ayer Itam in Penang, Tanjung Langsat in Johor, Tambun in Perak, Bentong in Pahang, Kota Baru in Kelantan and Miri in Sarawak.