

Students get a helping hand

KUALA LUMPUR — Sometimes, all it takes to change a student's life is a chance and someone who believes in them.

A total of 717 primary and secondary students from 15 schools will be getting that chance through 'Rotary Kasih', a student adoption and life transformation programme jointly implemented by Rotary Club and MyKasih Foundation.

The programme was launched at SRJ(T) Vivekananda recently, where Rotary District 3300 presented RM250,000 to MyKasih Foundation to implement the community service project.

In her speech, Rotary District 3300 governor Kirenjit Kaur acknowledged MyKasih Foundation's matching contribution of an additional RM250,000 to enable the project to benefit the selected students, including 50 pupils from SRJ(T) Vivekananda who hail from low-income households.

The Rotary Kasih project adopts the MyKasih 'Love My School' cashless bursary scheme, where students are able to draw down on monthly allowances of between RM60 and RM80 and pay for items at the school canteen and bookstore using their Rotary Kasih smartcard.

Other than improving nutrition amongst the students, the project aims to help ease the burden of underprivileged families and enhance students' learning abilities.

"In line with our 'Light Up Rotary' theme, students adopted under this project will be empowered via a Student Life Transformation Programme," said Kaur.

"Rotarians will be attached to each school to monitor the students' progress and special intervention programmes will be introduced to support the personal transformation of our beneficiaries."

In addition to helping the students prepare for their examinations, the students will be provided with value-based programmes which include mentoring and coaching, as well as opportunities to participate in leader-



Two of the beneficiaries with members of the Rotary Club Bangsar.

ship seminars and motivation camps.

"The main goal of this programme is to develop the students into productive wholesome nation builders," said Kaur.

Representing MyKasih Foundation at the launch were trustee Datuk Yaacob Amin and managing director Jeffrey Perera. Others present included Rotary Club Bangsar president Anne Teoh, SRJ (T) Vivekananda headmistress Tamil Selvi and Rotary Club officers.

In thanking Rotary, Yaacob said: "The ded-

ication and care for the students' wellbeing demonstrated by the Rotarians in the execution of this community service project is truly exemplary.

"We hope the students will embrace these wonderful opportunities presented to them and aim for the stars to achieve excellence".

MyKasih Foundation chairman and co-founder Tan Sri Dr Ngau Boon Keat also expressed his gratitude to Rotary, which has been a long-serving partner to the communi-

ty and to MyKasih Foundation since the latter's inception in 2009.

"Various Rotary Clubs throughout the country have given their support towards the MyKasih programme. They have been instrumental in helping us identify and register potential food aid recipients, as well as in the implementation of programmes such as health screening in target communities and education awards for deserving students," he said.



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