

Tupperware plays fairy godmother to 17 children's homes

KUALA LUMPUR: The wish list of 17 underprivileged children's homes were granted by Tupperware Brands Malaysia last Saturday.

Its Children's Fund donated cash and items worth RM220,000 to them at the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM).

Tupperware Brands Southeast Asia Markets area vice-president and managing director David Wong presented four homes with the donations they had requested.

Pertubuhan Kebajikan Yesuvin Mahligai Selangor, Sunbeams Foundation Home and House of Matthew received RM15,000 each, while The Good Samaritan Home received RM10,000. The other 13 homes from across the country also received similar donations.

Wong said the items on the homes' wish lists were submitted to Tupperware Brands Malaysia when its sales leaders visited the homes.

The funds were raised by its sales force and employees through sales promotions of its products, premium

products, an auction of exclusive items and at a jubilee held last year, with the theme "Rice for Life" where part of the proceeds from the sale of rice dispensers were channelled to the fund.

The homes were also given food, books, mattresses, blankets and desk-top computers.

Wong said the aim of the Children's Fund was to protect, support, teach and empower children.

"Our contribution is in line with the global initiative of Tupperware Brands, to provide children with opportunities to grow up in a safe environment, develop self-respect and provide them with education opportunities. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to create a positive change in the lives of these children," he said.

House of Matthew founder and co-ordinator Pastor Michael Wright had requested for basic household items, groceries and educational materials.

He said: "The biggest expenditure in the home is groceries. We are grateful to Tupperware Brands. They have taken away an extra burden and we are

happy."

Good Samaritan Home co-founder Y.M. Ong can breathe easy as the donation will help settle the electricity and water bills, among others.

"There are times when we were short of money, and I had to fork out my own, or ask from friends. With the cash, we are covered for a few months. This is one worry off my shoulders. Our wish for an air-conditioner in our IT lab was also fulfilled.

"Computer classes can now resume after two years. Without air-conditioning, our container lab was too hot for the children," said Ong, who runs the home for abused and abandoned children.

The day included a leisurely nature walk for 100 children.

They were given backpacks, each filled with a lunch box, sports bottle tumbler and snack tubs.

The children were also treated to a hearty lunch and took part in fun activities such as learning survival skills, arts and craft and games. — *By Dawn Chan*



David Wong (right) flagging off the nature walk in FRIM, where 100 children from four homes took part.