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SHAH ALAM — Retailer Giant brought hundreds of its business partners together for a charity golf tournament recently, and successfully raised RM1.8 million for the needy.

The annual sporting event, initiated nine years ago, also aims to create a memorable experience on the fairway, for each participating golfer. This year tournament, held at Glenmarie Golf and Country Club, saw 100 golfers participating.

At the prize-giving dinner, GCH Retail (Malaysia)'s chief executive officer Tim Ashdown said: "Through the funds raised from this annual sporting event, Giant is able to support numerous charity establishments and non-government organisations, such as the MyKasih Foundation.

"MyKasih currently supports 190,545 underprivileged families throughout Malaysia. Their goal is to improve the quality of life of the less fortunate through food aid and education."

Last year, a portion of the funds raised was donated directly to victims of natural disasters, such as the floods victims in Peninsular Malaysia and the victims of typhoon Hai Yan in the Philippines, the families of those affected by the Lahad Datu incursion, and old folks homes, children with special needs and orphanages.

"In 2014, the company intends to focus more on providing help to low-income households and empowering the youth. Therefore, a bulk of the funds raised will be disbursed towards the MyKasih Foundation and the MyKasih 'Love My School' programmes," Ashdown said.

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Ashdown (front row, fourth from left) and guests before teeing off at the Giant Charity Golf Tournament.