



“FOOD KIT RAMADHAN” AIDS NEEDY FAMILIES

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Sekolah Kebangsaan Kampung Tunku headmaster, Khairul Anuar Abdul Azid (left) with recipients of the “Food Kit Ramadhan” programme organised by the school and My Kasih Foundation. Pic BY KHAIRUL AZHAR AHMAD

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Sekolah Kebangsaan Kampung Tunku (SKKT) captured the spirit of the fasting month by distributing Ramadan food kits to 120 families of its students whose family members are among the disabled, asnaf [extremely poor], and single mothers.

The programme, carried out in association with My Kasih Foundation aimed to help the needy with basic food supplies for those with the house income below RM1,500.

The distribution of Ramadhan food kit was held simultaneously with Free Market 5.0. People in the neighbouring areas collectively gathered used clothes, books and household

goods to be donated to the school which later was given away for free as charity.

SKKT headmaster, Khairul Anuar Abdul Azid, said each kit contained daily necessities like rice, cooking oil, flour and sugar that was worth RM150. The sponsorship came from various sources – retail stores and individual donations.

“We did not only receive used goods but, there were some anonymous contributors who donated brand-new clothes like telekung and kain pelikat in a large amount,” said Khairul Anuar.

He added, the sole purpose of this programme is to aid the underprivileged families of the students of SKKT. He looked forward to reach out to more families hoping that this contribution will ease their burden.

“The process of selecting the recipients was very thorough. We had to go through the database of the students and selected the families who have the lowest income and compared it with the living cost in Petaling Jaya,” said Khairul Anuar.

To further validate the data, each of the shortlisted family must present their monthly payslips as a proof of income. The school also visited the students’ houses to ensure that they are truly qualified to receive the aid.

“We are also selective in terms of the students’ performance and the parents’ participation in any of the school’s programmes and events. We want to choose the students who are active but financially unstable,” he said.

My Kasih Foundation, a non-profit organisation has helped thousands of families by providing food aids aiming to improve the livelihood of the community.

“Our missions are to help and educate the poor. However, our main purpose is to ensure that at the end of the day, the family is able to put food on the table,” said Jeffrey Perera, My Kasih Foundation deputy chairman.

“The recipient of the welfare from each family is the mother as she is the one who does grocery shopping,” he added.

My Kasih Foundation employs cashless transactions as to ensure the transparency and avoid mishandling of funds with the usage of MyKad. The funds received will be credited into the recipients’ MyKad and can only be used to buy essential food items at the appointed retail stores like Giant, Econsave and Mydin.

