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Reaching out to the needy on Deepavali

MEMBERS of Ivorycares let their hair down as they mingled freely with 47 children, single mothers and senior citizens of Seri Cahaya Welfare Home during the Festive of Light celebration. Despite it being a belated Deepavali festivity, laughter and joy filled the home at Permatang Damar Laut in Batu Maung here when the children engaged themselves in the ‘break the balloon’ and ‘pass the pingpong ball’ games.

The mood of Deepavali was very much alive when the children were busy filling up a giant Kolam brought by the Ivorycares volunteers to the home with colourful crate paper balls instead of the usual coloured rice.

Some were spotted choosing their favourite colour balls while others were waiting anxiously for the glue to stick the balls.

Over at another corner, the volunteers conducted seed art workshop with the children by filling in the drawings of turtle, zebra and fish with colourful beans.

The children were grinning ear to ear when they receive a Deepavali packet containing some dollar notes from the volunteers as a symbol of blessing.

Earlier, the home received the volunteers by preparing a simple yet elaborated vegetarian lunch for them to enjoy with the residents.

Volunteers helped to scoop the food for the children and enjoyed a light moment with them over the lunch.

Ivorycares vice president I Ann Tan said they have earlier organised two rounds of charity sales at Penang Times Square to raise fund for the programme.

“Proceeds from the sale were then used to purchase daily essential items such as cooking oil, rice, biscuits, body shampoo, bihun, chocolate and malt powder drinks as well as purple packets for the residents.

“We will definitely make this a yearly affair as it brings joy to reach out to the needy during this season of sharing, giving and caring,” she said.

The home president T. Kaliamah thanked the group for cheering the residents up.

“The daily essential items will certainly be very useful to us,” she said.



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The children later bid farewell to the volunteers by presenting them a thank you song.

Caption: One for the album...Volunteers of Ivorycares posing for a group photo with residents of Seri Cahaya Welfare Home together with the giant kolam to mark the end of the fun-filled visit.

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