

Choir raises RM12,000 for sick kids

Proceeds from concert go towards wish-granting organisation

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CHOIR performers from the All About Love (AAL) Benefit Recital Series raised RM12,072 in support of Make-A-Wish Malaysia – a non-profit organisation which grants the wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses.

AAL was co-founded by friends Hoo Sim Li, Aaron Lee and Cedric Tan.

Hoo said the recital was aimed at providing fundraising support for selected charities.

“This year, we wanted to acknowledge our future generation – the children. So, we approached Make-A-Wish Malaysia in hopes of helping with their fundraising,” she said during a cheque presentation ceremony at the organisation’s office in Menara MBMR, Kuala Lumpur.

She said all the performers (a mix of both professional and amateur musicians) as well as cast and crew were volunteers.

Hoo, who was also the organising chairman of the recital series, said they decided on an Earth-themed tribute to mark the concert falling on the same day as Earth Day.

To further commemorate the occasion, there were three original compositions by Lim Hoong Bee: *Make a Wish*, a composition in honour of the beneficiary, *Love for the Earth* and *All About Love Theme Song*.

The benefit was a success with some 200 attendees at the All About Love – Celebrating Earth Day For A Brighter Future recital held at the Damansara Performing Arts Centre (DPAC).

The last two recitals by AAL in 2015 and 2016 saw the proceeds channelled to the National Stroke Association of Malaysia (Nasam) and Breast Cancer Welfare Association Malaysia, respectively.

Make-A-Wish Malaysia chief executive officer Irene Tan said the donation could fund the wishes of three children.

“Every child’s wish is different and we try to cater to the individual. We believe that the impact of a wish could last a long time,” she said, adding that they were happy over the money raised.

She added that the foundation worked with several hospitals to grant wishes to children.

“We aim to give to children in need, so we have targeted the government hospitals first.

“But, we are looking to expand our hospital list,” she said.

Tan said they hoped to grant 70 wishes this year alone and increase the grants to 360 wishes in total.

Wishes granted have included simple items such as a laptop and a trip to the beach to more unique experiences like touching dolphins and becoming a police officer for a day.



Hoo (centre) and Lee (right) presenting a cheque to Tan after successfully raising the money through a concert.

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