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NGC Energy staff and Kuala Lumpur AIDS Support Services Society volunteers work together to assemble a shelf at Faith Helping Centre as part of the community volunteer programme.

NGC ENERGY has renewed its the sponsorship of MiraGas liquefied petroleum gas cylinders for shelter homes under the auspices of Malaysian AIDS Foundation and Malaysian AIDS Council.

Now in its seventh year, the sponsorship entails a total of 912 units of MiraGas LPG cylinders valued at RM 24,624 that will be distributed among 16 shelter homes providing treatment, care and support to 367 men, women and children living with or affected by HIV and AIDS nationwide.

“We at NGC Energy strive not only to meet the needs of our consumers but also enrich the lives and experiences of families and communities in which our business operates,” said NGC Energy general manager Julianna Kamaruddin.

“Our partnership with the Malaysian AIDS Foundation and Malaysian AIDS Council has enabled us to enhance their shelter home service delivery and affect

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positive change in the social and health outcomes of underprivileged communities affected by HIV and AIDS.

“The MiraGas LPG cylinder sponsorship is a symbol of our commitment to providing an energy solution that fuels the hopes and dreams of our community as well as the aspiration of a society free from the negative impact of HIV and AIDS.”

This year’s sponsorship was marked by a community volunteer programme at Faith Helping Centre, a shelter home operated by the Kuala Lumpur AIDS Support Services Society.

Established in 1994, the centre offers a temporary refuge to men living with HIV who are neglected by their families. Using a peer-to-peer approach, services offered at the shelter home — such as basic nursing, counselling, health and treatment literacy, as well as medical

and welfare referrals — help to improve their quality of life and equip them with the skills, support and confidence upon reintegration into society.

“We are heartened to note that a pilot project that began with just six shelter homes in 2010 has grown into a full-fledged nationwide programme,” said Malaysian AIDS Foundation chairman Prof Dr Adeeba Kamarulzaman.

“As we continue to accelerate our efforts to improve access to lifesaving HIV treatment for underprivileged Malaysians, we are grateful to NGC Energy for the continued support and hope it will inspire other industry players to follow suit.”

Over the years, NGC Energy has contributed a total of RM157,572 through the MiraGas LPG cylinder sponsorship as well as to other fundraising activities of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation.