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Foundation receives donation to assist those with HIV

AS IT is the holy month of Ramadan, many organisations have stepped up their contribution for the less fortunate.

One of it is the Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC), which organised a special Ramadan Iftar event for 50 people living with HIV, including orphans and communities from two orphanages and two shelter homes recently.

Maybank Berhad, DagangHalal.com and Radius International Hotel also lent their support and contributed to the event.

Some of the guests of honour who graced the event were MAC president Tan Sri Mohd Zaman Khan Rahim Khan, Radius International Hotel Kuala Lumpur senior vice-president Datin Meiwun Meilanny, chief executive officer Albert Ng, DagangHalal.com chief executive officer Khairil Ismaha-fiz Muhadzir and corporate partners from Maybank Berhad.

The highlight of the event was the Malaysian AIDS Foundation (MAF) donation cheque presentation from Maybank cards and unsecured lending head B. Ravintharan to Zaman, witnessed by Faizal Tahir, a Red Ribbon celebrity supporter and ambassador-spokesperson for PAL Scheme.

Maybank Berhad contributed a total of RM46,845 to MAF, whereby the proceeds were collected from the auction sales held at the annual Maybank Treats event recently.

All the proceeds will be channelled to the medical aid scheme, PAL scheme, to

provide medical assistance for Malaysians living with HIV in order to prolong and improve their quality of life.

"We hope this contribution will go a long way to improve the quality of lives of Malaysians living with HIV," said Ravintharan.

This ceremony was also graced by Red Ribbon Celebrity Support Supporters (RRCS) including Fahrin Ahmad, Datin Umie Aida, Faizal Tahir, Dayang Nurfaizah, Owen Yap, Shah Shamshiri and Zainal Alam Kadir.

The celebrities also spent time mingling and chatting the night away with the community living with HIV.

Dayang Nurfaizah was delighted to help MAC in their noble cause in providing treatment, care and support programmes for women and children living with HIV and AIDS.

"I am happy to assist the council in raising funds as well as create public awareness. I believe that with a positive attitude and a good support system, women and children living with HIV and AIDS can have a better quality of life," said Dayang.



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For a good deed: Malaysian AIDS Council and Malaysian AIDS Foundation organising committee and staff, the Red Ribbon Celebrity Supporters and those involved in the event posing for a group photo.



Special gifts: Orphans from a shelter home receiving 'duit raya' and goodie bags from Faizal (left) and Khairil.