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# Two hours of movement for a great cause

200 participate in Zumbathon aimed at raising HIV awareness

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A TWO-HOUR Zumbathon event themed "Love Life, Be Responsible" held earlier this month helped raise funds for charity.

The event was organised by the Miss Malaysia Indian Care Association (MMICare) in aid of Rumah Ozanam in Batu Arang and Gift Her With Life Fund.

Rumah Ozanam provides housing and care for women and children living with HIV while Gift Her With Life is MMICares' charity

which strives to serve the community through sustainable education, empowerment and environmental programmes.

About 200 participants took part in the Zumbathon, which was led by qualified zumba instructor Puteri Aizza Azlan.

Programme director Sajjini Michelle, first runner-up in the

2015 Miss Malaysia Indian Global

pageant, said the top five winners of the pageant were required to organise an event to benefit the community.

"My event was aimed at creating awareness on HIV," said Sajjini.

With support from the Asian Football Confederation CSR Department, MCruncher, Vico and Happy Water, a total of RM12,000 was raised from the event.

Sajjini said she picked Rumah Ozanam as one of the beneficiaries after organising a Christmas party at the home last year.

"They were in need of financial assistance. Our contribution will go towards paying their monthly medical expenses," she added.

Besides Sajjini, the other winners of the Miss Malaysia Indian Global pageant also organised

charity programmes.

Harathi Dorairaja organised Movie Under the Stars in Penang to raise funds for Women's Centre for Change; Vinothini Karupiah organised a Zombie Night Run in aid of Kuala Lumpur Lions Renal Centre) and Vithiaa Nilamani organised Warrior Kid to support the Dyslexia Association of Sarawak.



Puteri Aizza Azlan (second from right) led the zumbathon. — Photos: M. RAJAN



AFC CSR department head R. Annathurai (left) handing over their sponsorship to Sajjini.



The participants enjoyed the workout.