

# Volunteers help out at home

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**M**EMBERS and volunteers from several Lions Clubs in the Klang Valley came together for five days of fellowship with the old folks and children of Rumah Charis in Puchong recently.

The home's cook was on festive leave and the inmates had no one to cook for them from Oct 21 to Oct 25.

Lions Services for Children district chairman Mok Chee Meng, upon learning of the home's plight from home manager Suzanne Lee, conveyed the need to interested Lions Clubs.

Lions Clubs which helped out included Lions Club of Cybercare Kuala Lumpur, Lions Club of Bangsar, Lions Club of Mega City, Lions Club of Taman Tun, Lions Club of Bukit Kiara, Lions Club of KL North, Lions Club of



KL South, Lions Club of KL East, and Lions Club of Pantai Hills.

"Response from the clubs was so overwhelming that several clubs had to be put on hold as there were not enough days to accommodate the number of clubs," said Mok.

Throughout the period, the home held an air of excitement as members would gather in the kitchen to prepare the dishes to feed the 65 residents, including 17 senior citizens and 35 children.

The old folk could be seen enjoying themselves with helpings of the food. While having their meals, they often relayed to the members stories of their lives and how they had come to the home.

The children had their fair share of fun with a peace poster contest organised for them on the first day.

They were given two hours to draw and colour what they felt best represented the theme 'Celebrate Peace.'

Three winners were later selected with each receiving a cuddly bear. One winner was also named for submission for the final selection at Berjaya Times Square on Nov 12 to compete alongside submissions from other Lion Clubs in the district.

Meanwhile, Mok said he is constantly in search of sponsors who can help sponsor a child or fund children's development programmes under the Lions Children Development Centre.

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Lions' Clubs members admiring the children's art work.

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