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BACKCHAT

MyKasih Charitable Foundation, Malaysia



I was invited to become a board member of the MyKasih Foundation, a non-profit organisation aiming to help less fortunate Malaysians regardless of race, religion and descent.

Aid is delivered to the housewife of the recipient family. A bi-monthly allowance is deposited in her MyKasih account which can be used to purchase essential food items at

designated retail outlets using her Malaysian ID card (MyKad).

MyKasih aims to break the poverty cycle by using technology and working with volunteers to provide household budgeting and financials skills counselling to participating families.

It also provides after-school tutoring and life skills training to the children and works with volunteer groups to organise education programmes and training activities for teens and young adults.

Needy families are identified by community groups such as Rotary and Lions and 100% of every donation goes directly in to Malaysian families.

Partners already involved in the program include The Dialog Group, EON Bank Group, Caltex, Giant and Genting Malaysia. The MyKasih Foundation has been able to support more than 900 families since its inception in April 2009.

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