

Pfizer hosts Christmas Lunch with Lighthouse Welfare Home

Kuala Lumpur – 29th December 2014 – The festivity around Christmas would usually fizzle out on Boxing Day. Just when everyone thought it was time to bring out books and school bags to prepare for the new term, Pfizer Malaysia decided to treat the 50 odd children from Lighthouse Welfare, Bangsar to a day of frolicking and fun. Bangsar Shopping Centre's Jungle Gym was abuzz with 58 children, their care-takers and almost 25 Pfizer volunteers excitedly looking forward to the activities that were mapped out for them on 29th Dec 2014.

What was initially a grant contribution by Pfizer Malaysia for Lighthouse Welfare Home to register 14 children in a home schooling program later developed into the volunteers from Pfizer wanting to do more for these children. The kids were clearly overwhelmed by the warm welcome they received from their Big Sister/ Brother- a role played by the Pfizer volunteers. Receiving door gifts from the volunteers, the children dug excitedly into these goody bags donated by Pfizer's Sports & Social Club- PFIRST. . The children took part in activities such as musical chairs, chicken dance and other games prior to witnessing the cheque hand-over ceremony marking Pfizer's commitment to improving access to education.

The founder of the home, Mrs Steven in receiving the cheque from Azwar Kamarudin, Pfizer's Corporate Affairs Director, expressed her gratitude when she said "providing the children with sound education sets the way for them- it means more when the child has trouble coping in a public school. Pfizer has definitely been a great help to us in sponsoring the SOTAM Home schooling program with their contribution".

Ranging from 6 months to 18 years old, the children proved that it didn't matter if one was in the teens to be thrilled at the presence of Santa Claus who handed candy canes and cookies energizing the atmosphere around the kids. The volunteers wasted no time in carrying out the extra activities that they came prepared for. Teenage girls enjoyed getting tattoos, as well as manicures done while the younger ones opted for face painting. Needless to say this was a crowd puller of the day as volunteers were seen pampering the children while bonding with them over selfie sessions and group photos.

Medical Scientific Liaison, Esther Lee was impressed that the older children were natural at baby-sitting the younger ones as they were treated to a buffet lunch when she clearly expressed "I've never seen young teenage children as responsible especially when they knew what was at hand- the skating rink and endless fun with their fellow members".

Training Manager, Carol Tan displayed her ability in controlling the crowd of children who were excitedly waiting to access the Jungle Gym which had been allocated for an unlimited play time on the day as everyone joined in the birthday celebration of 7 children who were born in December. As how she put it in her own words "It didn't matter that I had to wake up early to be here today even though I'm on year-end leave. Our efforts are paid off when you see the happy smiles on these children's faces as they skate in groups, holding hands and even some enjoying the pampering sessions that we prepared for them".