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Gifts of hope for underprivileged kids



CHRISTMAS came early for the children at House of Joy when OSK Foundation organised a Christmas party and delivered presents to them.

Themed "Gifts of Hope", the corporate social responsibility initiative by the foundation identifies and gathers wish lists from selected homes prior to major festivals.

It then works towards granting the wishes of the children or senior citizens from these homes.

"The gift wish tickets this year were displayed at Plaza OSK's lobby, and we received overwhelming response from our staff and even our tenants who were eager to participate. All the wish tickets were taken up within two days," said OSK Holdings Bhd group corporate communications head Foo Wen Sze.

"The gifts were collected, compiled and delivered by our staff. In addition, OSK Foundation donated RM2,000 towards the running of the home," Foo added.

The volunteers also helped set up a Christmas tree at House of Joy and coordinated games with the children.



The children from House of Joy with OSK Foundation staff during the Christmas party.

One of the games allowed the children to show off their creativity as they were tasked with dressing up a person using only newspapers and masking tape.

Among the looks that the children came up with were a warrior, a princess and even a Ninja Turtle.

One of the caretakers, Lesley Mah, said the home was grateful for the initiative.

"It's not easy to run these homes as the number of children we take

care of is increasing. We depend largely on public donations.

"We are thankful that organisations like OSK Group are able to lend a helping hand to support these children," she said.

House of Joy is a non-profit welfare organisation that provides shelter and care for 53 children who are orphans, underprivileged, neglected or poor.

It also cares for the elderly and young adults who are destitute, mentally-ill or slow in learning.