



The MCF committee consists of a group of volunteers from Mont'Kiara International School (M'KIS). We all work to support a common goal: **raising funds to support Malaysian Children (and their families) diagnosed with cancer**. Our biggest yearly event is the "**Cancer Awareness Week**", when together with the teaching staff, we teach the children about cancer, how to keep themselves healthy and at the same time we organize fundraising activities such as a dance-a-thon for the pre-school, a jump-a-thon for the elementary school and a run-a-thon for the middle/high school students. The students will attend an assembly which emphasizes the importance of supporting this event and all the fun activities that come with it. The MS/HS assembly has had a variety of speakers over the last years from medical doctors to parents who have lost a child to cancer.

Another yearly event is the "**Festive Season Lunch**". We organize a lovely lunch with the opportunity to do some Christmas shopping from the vendors we invite and of course one of the elementary choirs is always helping to get us into the festive season atmosphere.

Grade 11 and grade 12 IB-students, (International Baccalaureate), have their own program for community service and are involved with the pediatric oncology ward from UMMC, they spend several afternoons in the ward entertaining the cancer stricken children. They have the full support from MCF and if they need games, books or little treats, we from MCF provide the financial support.

All the money raised is used to support the pediatric oncology wards at Hospital Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia **HUKM**, Universiti Malaya Medical Centre **UMMC**, and Kuala Lumpur Hospital. We provide funds to purchase medical equipment (e.g. infusion pumps, saturation monitors) on requests of the nursing and medical staff. We also supply special long lines and chemo pots to make life a little easier for these children as it provides easier access for the medication, less pricking and prodding! In some cases we provide money for supplemental drugs, often anti fungal medication, as this is often not covered by the government system and a lot of families are not able to pay for this themselves. Last but definitely not least we supply the hospitals with a bereavement fund which is used at the charge nurses discretion. It helps families with transport and funeral costs. We also work closely together with the National Cancer Society Malaysia. They provide us with informative material and promotional products.

What you can do:

Childhood cancer is a devastating disease which does not discriminate between where you live, what race you are or what religion you believe in. Do you want to help make a difference in the fight against children's cancer? You can!!! We welcome all sorts of help; financial, but also time and even ideas on how to support these children. Do you have time to visit and read, do a game or write to be a pen pal to any of these children? Please let us know and we can get you in contact with the appropriate people/contacts. Are you looking of joining a committee? Well we are a very easy going bunch of ladies with a wide variety of backgrounds and interests and we all get together to spend some time to make a difference in a child's life!

Please visit our web side for more information or contact the chairperson Marjolein 016-6049960

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