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Disabled Adults & Youth Being Rewarded, Encouraged & Accepted in Kinta

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Daybreak Centre, Gopeng

The concept of Daybreak was the brain child of the Cairns Cairns Methodist Church which, in 1992, gave substance to the concept when church members raised RM52,000 to help establish the Main Centre in Ipoh.

That was just the beginning and today Daybreak Centre has a Men's Workshop cum Hostel as well as a Group Home for Women which started in March 1994. And on March 18, 1995, the training centre in Gopeng was officially opened by Canadian High Commission First

Secretary (Political and Economic)
Mr Daryl Copeland.

It was a joyful occasion indeed because it marked another milestone in the history of Daybreak -- an acronym for Disabled Adults and Youth Being Rewarded, Encouraged and Accepted in Kinta.

In her welcome address at the official opening, chairperson Datin Sandra Lee said the main thrust of Daybreak is to teach people with disabilities and equip them with skills so that they can function as independent individuals within the community.



Hearing impaired Artist Liew Thian Yuen (Right) handing over a Souvenir present to Mr. Daryl Copeland

Daybreak has also been most fortunate to have the voluntary assistance and support of many individuals from various churches and voluntary organisations.

She went on to say that when the Centre at Ipoh started, it attracted many people with disabilities from various parts of Perak. "But we found that a large number were from the Gopeng-Lawan Kuda-Jeram area. It was soon obvious that to reach more people with disabilities in the area, we would have to start a Centre in Gopeng itself."

This was confirmed by the Yayasan Sultan Idris Shah (YSIS) and Daybreak decided in faith to start a training Centre in Gopeng."

"We are indebted to the former State Executive Councillor for Public Utilities and Communications Datuk Dr Song Yong Pheow who was instrumental in getting us the place and to the Perak Water Board for permission to do some extensions to accomodate our training facilities."

"We are now sharing the premises with two other welfare organisations -- YSIS and Gopeng Disabled Welfare Association."

"The Canadian High Commission came to our aid in establishing this Centre in Gopeng through its Canada Fund for Local Initiatives programme. This has indeed been a

gesture of compassion from the Canadian people, reaching out across the seas, serving as an excellent example of people who support the idea of a Caring World."



Girl Extraordinary

Haslinda Haja Mohideen, 24, a cheerful girl who always has a smile for everybody at Daybreak Centre found her life changing for the better since she joined us in 1993. Below is her story of how Daybreak has brought hope and sunshine into her life.

"My name is Haslinda. I was born normal. Unfortunately, when I was just 11 months old, I contacted polio and subsequently was unable to walk normally again. My right leg became small and weak and I had to use crutches to walk."

Linda, as she is fondly known in Daybreak Centre, was fortunate that her family, friends and teachers were really supportive. Consequently, she was able to go through her primary and secondary education.

After Form Five, she earned an income from giving tuition and doing cross-stitch. "Although I was able to earn a small income working in the home, I longed to work in a place where I would have friends and



Haslinda on her Motor-cycle

colleagues."

It was Linda's aunt who told her about Daybreak Centre and this was to change her life entirely. "I contacted Daybreak Centre and later went for an interview. My interview was successful and I was taken into the Centre for training."

"After trying me out in the production department for three months, they transferred me to sales department where I felt most happy."

"On March 1, 1993 Daybreak Centre appointed me as their clerk. Since I started work, I got a lot of encouragement and guidance from my colleagues, volunteers and committee members. Daybreak Centre really lighted up my life."

Today, Linda leads a very independent life, driving herself to

work in a four-wheel motor-cycle. She also got a special parking bay, just beside the Centre, following her appeal to the City Council.

Linda hopes that other people with disabilities would also be given the same opportunity to develop themselves and lead an independent life.



How Can You Help?

Our store has a full range of gifts ranging from hand-towels, aprons, stuffed toys, cushion covers, basket ware, framed pictures, vases, mugs, canisters, soap dishes, towels, smocked dresses, hand-painted t-shirts and shoes for adults and children, hand-crafted cards, quilts, smocked cushions, placemats and wall hangings.

When you buy any item from Daybreak Centre you will be buying with meaning too because, besides acquiring something that is beautiful and meaningful and of use, you will also be helping us to meet our escalating expenses.

Alternatively, you could send us a cash donation. Any amount is acceptable because every bit of financial support we receive counts. Cheques should be crossed and made payable to Daybreak Centre.



We're at:-

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Our Opening Hours Are:-

PM (Mon - Fri)
AM (Saturday)