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

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*Come Celebrate Christmas With Us In Daybreak*



*Although Christmas is just round the corner don't despair if you have not done your Christmas shopping yet. This is because Daybreak Centre has a range of really delightful things which are suitable as gifts for friends, relatives, children and teenagers.*

These gift items are available in our shop in Ipoh or you could also buy them at our week-long Charity Christmas Bazaar 1995 which will be held from December 16-23 at Ipoh Parade in Greentown.

But most of all we just want to share with you what has been happening these last few months. Slowly but surely, we have managed to place out some trainees for employment thanks to the co-operation from some factories in Ipoh.

These trainees have adapted well to their new working environment. While we have had a busy year we know that all the work that we are doing with people with disabilities would not have been

possible without your support and donations.

We would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who had helped, supported or donated to Daybreak Centre.

Your kindness and generosity have certainly been a source of encouragement to all of us at Daybreak. We therefore want to wish all you lovely people a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Please also note the re-vamped opening hours for Daybreak Centre.

9 am - 5 pm (Monday-Friday)  
9 am - 2 pm (Saturday)



## *Partners in Reaching out to People with Disabilities*

The Management and Staff of a factory in Kawasan Perindustrian Sillbin are mighty proud that they are able to help a group of people with disabilities find new meaning in life through gainful employment.

In January 1995, Daybreak Centre was looking around for a factory which would like to give employment to some of our trainees. We contacted Limton

Parts Manufacturer Sdn Bhd and the Management was keen to co-operate with us in this exercise.

Four trainees -- Jessie Chen, Chew Teng Hong, Andrew Whatford and Prabakaran Nair -- were sent to Limton for work and everybody from the Management to the Staff took special care to make them feel at home. Today, these four are still working in the factory and Daybreak Centre continues to stay in touch with the supervisors to monitor their progress.



*Mr. Lim Keng Bong  
(M.D. -- Limton Parts Manufacturer Sdn. Bhd.)*

*Daybreak Centre manager Lim Kim Bee spoke to Managing Director Mr Lim Keng Bong recently for his views on the successful employment of these four trainees.*

*DAYBREAK : It is almost a year now since Daybreak Centre sent the four trainees to Limton Parts Manufacturer Sdn Bhd for work. What do you think of their performance and contributions to your company?*

*LIM : This is the first time we had participated in a programme such as this whereby we take in people with disabilities and the mentally slow to work in our factory. I personally like the idea very much because it not only solves our workforce shortage problem but also gives those who are less fortunate in our society an opportunity to earn a salary.*

*DAYBREAK : Was it difficult to take in our trainees to work in your factory?*

*LIM : Not at all. Our supervisors recognise that they are special people and had quickly identified sections in the factory which did not require machine work and is quite safe. The work involved is basically quite simple, routine and repetitive by nature and the Daybreak Centre trainees fitted in quite well.*

*Once they get the feel of the work they will be able to carry on with some supervision. All the four trainees have adapted quite well and we are glad to have them as part of the team.*

*DAYBREAK: Do you think it is feasible to take in more people with disabilities or those who are slow to work in Limton?*

LIM : I feel that all people, irrespective of who they are, deserve an opportunity to prove themselves. I am glad we are able to provide the opportunity for these four to be gainfully employed. As our capacity production is increasing, we hope to be able to take in more staff with disabilities. I feel that as corporate citizens we have to give back something to the community and what better way than by providing people with disabilities with a job which will bring them financial independence.

I also feel it is only right that companies should have a heart for the less fortunate in our community and I hope more firms will create or find jobs which is suitable for people with disabilities.

I know that Jessie, Teng Hong, Andrew and Prabakaran are an important and integral part of our production assembly which is labour intensive. Without them carrying out some of the work in the pre-blocking department, it will create production problems.



### *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 donation. Any amount is acceptable because every bit of financial support we receive counts. Cheques should be crossed and made payable to Daybreak Centre.

Gift wrapping problems? Leave it to us at Daybreak. When you buy any of our products, do allow us to gift wrap it for you. Or let us put the products into a rattan basket of your choice so that you will have a lovely hamper to give away. As for rattan baskets, we have an assortment of them to suit all your needs. All these baskets are made by people with disabilities.



We're at:-

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