

# PERSATUAN DAYBREAK

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

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## *A Charity Concert Dinner*

A grand Charity Concert Dinner was held at 7pm Sunday 17 November, 2002 in Syuen Hotel, Ipoh. This function was jointly organised by

Lions Club of Ipoh  
Boungainvillaea  
City and  
Persatuan  
Daybreak. The  
donations raised  
will be a useful  
portion towards  
the cost for  
Persatuan  
Daybreak's Socks  
Manufacturing Project.



*Dato' Ong Ka Chuan sounding the gong*

Ms. Kimberly Lee, the President of Lions Club of Ipoh Boungainvillaea City, warmly welcomed the Guest of Honour, Y. B. Dato' Ong Ka Chuan, and all other invited guests present. This was followed by a short video presentation of the training programme for the disabled at Daybreak. Then Datin Sandra Lee, Executive Chairperson of Persatuan Daybreak, in her speech elaborated the achievements of the centre since its inception in October, 1992.



*The dancers from Daybreak*

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony by several big donors.

Then the guests were entertained to songs and dances by talented artistes while they enjoyed a sumptuous dinner. There was also a modern dance performance by a group of disabled trainees from Daybreak. We are grateful to all those who generously donated and participated in this fund raising event.

### *The Socks Manufacturing Project*

The new extension to the back of our present building was completed in September, 2002. It now houses the new socks manufacturing department of Persatuan Daybreak. For the last two years, Daybreak has been packaging manufactured socks made by others for sale to school children. This experience has given us the confidence to venture on manufacturing our own socks for sale.

There are three key rationale for this socks manufacturing project.

1. This new project is needed for our training programme and will involve many trainees simultaneously. The production of socks involves eight different steps. Some are simple and straight forward while others require more skills.
2. Persatuan Daybreak has been granted permission by the State Education Department to sell these socks in schools. The sales area can be increased to schools even outside Ipoh when there may be a need later for expansion.

Y. B. Dato' Ong Ka Chuan, the State Exco Member of Negeri Perak, declared open the Charity Concert Dinner by sounding aloud a metal gong. He praised both the organisers for showing compassion for the handicapped by raising donations for the socks manufacturing project. It was followed by Mock Cheque Presentation and

3. The revenue received from the sales will be used in giving incentives to the trainees according to their performance. The incentives given to the trainees are



*Trainees operating knitting machines*

aimed at spurring them to better achievements. This new project is very suitable for providing skill training and has a non-profit objective. Furthermore, each disabled trainee will also benefit from a generous grant of RM 200 per month from the Social Welfare Department for being productively employed.

We seek your prayers and support for this new venture in Daybreak's Ministry for the disabled.

### *Testimony by an Employee*

My name is Haslinda Haja Mohideen. I was born normal but I contracted polio when I was just eleven months old. As a result my right leg was small and weak and I had to use crutches to walk. When I started schooling I faced many problems like climbing up stairs and transportation. Thanks to the wonderful help of my teachers and friends, I was able to overcome these difficulties. I continued my education until form five with the support and assistance of my family and caring friends.



*Cik Haslinda at work*

I was confined to my home after my SPM examination as I was not able to find any employment. I managed to get a small income by giving some tuition and doing cross-stitch work at home. I was lonely then and I yearned to work in a place where I could have friends and colleagues. I had only few friends visiting me at home.

I was referred to Daybreak Centre by my aunt who encouraged me to learn handicraft. After an interview at Daybreak Centre, I was selected as a trainee in the production department in December 1992. Later I was transferred to the sales department. I was happier working at the sales outlet as I could meet many different customers. I found the work challenging and I learnt about billing and invoicing. Later I was promoted as a clerk. I received a lot of encouragement and guidance from the staff and management of Daybreak. I was given the opportunity to learn to use the computer and to attend courses to improve myself. I had difficulty in using public transport. I started moving around on a modified motorbike since July 1993.

I thank God for helping me all these years in learning to overcome my disabilities and providing the opportunities to improve myself. Last year I was appointed as the Administrator of Persatuan Daybreak. I am now the proud owner of a new, modified Kancil car. I thank every one who has one way or another helped me to improve myself.



To: Our Customers, Donors, Supporters & Volunteers  
*Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year*

From: The Management & Staff,

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#### **Donations:**

We would be grateful for any donation to us. Cheques should be crossed and made payable to Persatuan Daybreak.