



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

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Bringing Hope Back

through *Transition from Integrated Special Education Program to Supported Employment*

Journalist, Ellen Goodman once wrote,

"The central struggle of parenthood is to let our hopes for our children outweigh our fears".

However, not all parents have the opportunity to neither see past those fears nor hold much hope for their children, especially parents of children with learning difficulties.

Hence, in partnership with the **Perak State Welfare Department** and the **Special Education Unit from the Perak State Education Department**, Daybreak will provide vocational skills training to pupils from special schools within the Kinta area with suitable supported employment thereafter under this programme.

A total of ten pupils from two schools; SMK Sri Ampang in Gunung Rapat and SMK Jalan Pasir Puteh were selected for this pilot project.

Beginning their day at Daybreak from 8.45 am until 12.30 noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, these pupils are taught vocational skills through four main tasks of socks manufacturing, general cleaning, contract packaging and assembly, and plant nursery.

Selected teachers from each school are trained at Daybreak together with their pupils under the supervision of our own Occupational Therapist and facilitated by Madam Lim Lean Kee, a retired teacher with 25 years of teaching experience with special needs children.



▲ Pupils in their own classroom at school.



▲ Our programme trainees and their teacher having fun while learning vocational skills at Daybreak.

This would enable them to extend the vocational skills taught at Daybreak into their own academic classrooms giving other special needs children the hope of gainful supported employment after completing their academic studies.

This programme is currently in its fourth month and will be reviewed monthly over the next two years to track the progress of each pupil and the overall achievement of this hopeful pilot project.

A Year Later ... Progress Report on Daybreak Landscape Gallery

Since our last update in January, two main features of the Landscape Gallery have commenced construction, which are the main shop building and also the tube well.

APRIL 2006 NEWSLETTER

Appeal Letter for Daybreak Landscape Gallery & Expansion Plans.

JULY 2006 NEWSLETTER

Groundbreaking Ceremony.

JANUARY 2007 NEWSLETTER

- Planted palm trees along main road.
- Construction of fencing and walkway.
- Commenced installation of irrigation system.
- Shop building plans submitted to local authorities.

APRIL 2007 NEWSLETTER

Current Updates

- Commenced construction of shop building.
- Commenced installation of tube well.



THE NEXT STEP ...

- Completion of shop building and irrigation system.
- Transfer of plants to Landscape Gallery.



▲ The almost completed Daybreak Landscape Gallery shop building and its surrounding walkways.

We have come a long way since our appeal for donations in our April 2006 newsletter. A dream we had yesterday is almost a reality in the near tomorrow, thanks to all your generous contribution and support of our Landscape Gallery project, to which we owe our utmost gratitude and appreciation. We will continue to bring you updates in our future newsletter on this exciting expansion project.

Daybreak's Mobile Cleaning Team

Daybreak is proud to present our very own mobile cleaning team which began operating in January 2007. Our team have been contracted to provide daily cleaning services to clients which includes companies such as Takashima Woodwork Sdn. Bhd., Sky Online and R&S Tools And Engineering.

The team comprises of a trainer and seven trainees who are on a rotation basis. Each trainee is trained in-house on a daily basis with the everyday upkeep and maintenance of Daybreak. Their progress is monitored by their trainer and reviewed by an Occupational Therapist.

Daybreak's cleaning service comprises of two packages of either a complete and thorough clean up or general cleaning/maintenance. Depending on the package, the main duties involved are dusting, sweeping, vacuuming, mopping, washing up, cleaning and disinfecting, waxing, polishing and the removal of stains.



▲ Our trainees on the job upkeeping and maintaining Daybreak's premise.



▲ Part of Daybreak's very own mobile cleaning team posing in front of our van.

Get Involved At Daybreak!



Donate

Contribute to our vision of empowering the disabled by donating in the form of equipments and machinery or bequeathing to Daybreak.

Contribute To Our Funds

All monetary contributions to our funds are tax-deductible.
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Go Shopping

Whenever you buy gifts from our shop or plants from our nursery, you are contributing to our funds. All proceeds from sales of gifts and plants go back into the running of the centre.



Volunteer

Put your expertise to work with us at Daybreak. Volunteers with specific skills that are relevant to Daybreak's vision can help us grow. Many of our new trainees initially need individual guidance.



Employ Us

Each time a trainee is employed, a vacancy is created to accept another trainee into our vocational training programme.

Or

Provide Daybreak with contract work where revenue generated is channelled back to the running of the centre.



Sponsor Us

Many companies, hospitals and churches support Daybreak by allowing us to hold charity sales of our products at their premises.



My gift to Persatuan Daybreak RM Name of Bank

Cheque/Money Order

Please ensure that your Cheque/Money Order is made out to Persatuan Daybreak.

Please DO NOT enclose cash.

Kindly mail your donations to our address below with the following particulars attached.

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