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Chiltern House Preschool Raises RM5,000 for Lighthouse Children's Education

More than 200 families flock to the charity carnival to lend their support



KUALA LUMPUR, February 27th, 2017 - Chiltern House Preschool, a centre under Julia Gabriel International, successfully concluded a fundraiser with their biennial charity carnival with took place at CITTA Mall in Ara Damansara. Following the tremendous support from the preschool's parents and children, the carnival effectively raised RM5,000 from sales of tokens - all of which are to be channelled to the Lighthouse Children's Welfare Home Association to support the children's education.

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Parents with their children, family and friends started pouring in to The Space at CITTA Mall from 9.00am. The carnival opened with a show-stopping performance by the Chiltern House Alumni's 24 Seasons drum troupe, which comprises former students of the preschool aged between 7 to 12 years old. The Alumni group has been a strong advocate to the bilingual preschool and this year, they even had a booth selling scented slime made by the former students.



[Chiltern House Alumni opening with their 24 Seasons drum performance]

“We’re grateful to our hugely supportive Alumni parents for relentlessly contributing to our fund-raising events over the years with many coming back, year in year out. It’s a joy seeing our current and former students come together for a good cause. On that, we would also like to thank parents of our current students who supported the cause by taking turns as volunteers during the carnival.” commented Wang Pau Lee, Centre Director of Julia Gabriel International, Malaysia.

At the carnival, visitors could choose from a variety of booths on food and drinks, games, arts and crafts and beauty. Popular booths which include Knock the Cans, Beanbag Throw, Lucky Ducky, face painting and the bouncy castle were a hit among the children.



[A child getting her face painted at the beauty booth]

Following the theme, “The Enchanted Forest”, teachers and children were dressed in their favourite fairy tale characters and each booth was modelled after popular children’s fairy tale stories. As this carnival also marked the celebration of Julia Gabriel International’s tenth year in Malaysia, “The Giving Tree and its Keeper” were introduced to host and organise games and quizzes for both children and parents. Julia Gabriel International’s Principal of Schools, Sharon Jacob, took on the role of the “Keeper”.



[Principal of Schools, Sharon Jacob as the Keeper explaining the rules of the Elf Hunt game, alongside the Giving Tree]

The Julia Gabriel Centre team of specialist teachers also made a special appearance, performing a sing-along and their signature “Silly Stupendous Spectacular Stories” storytelling session with the children, much to everyone’s delight.



[Storytelling session by the Julia Gabriel Centre specialist teachers]

With the Lighthouse Children’s Welfare Home Association selected to be the sole beneficiary of the carnival, Steven and Jacinta, Founders of the Lighthouse Children’s Welfare Home Association expressed their gratitude towards the preschool’s charitable effort.

“We would like to thank Chiltern House Preschool and the team from Julia Gabriel Centre for acknowledging the needs of the children in the centre and for coming forth to assist us over the years through donations, tutoring and education sponsorships. The contribution through the carnival initiative will definitely help in providing us with the means to finance the children with the additional tuition and extra-curricular classes they need to develop their skills to aspire for a better future.” commented the couple.

Pau Lee explained the idea behind their fund-raising efforts, “We chose the Lighthouse Children’s Welfare Home Association because we believe that every child has the right to receive good education. Lighthouse is a family-run home, and all of their children come from poverty. We would like to open their doors to better education, even going to classes for music, learning a new language, and sports. Every year, our fund-raising events are ‘by children, for children’. By regularly organising charity events such as bake sales, carnivals and art shows, we want to empower our children to believe and understand that they too can make a difference and impact the world through their actions.”



[Children, parents and teachers dressed as their favourite fairytale characters]

The carnival was supported by CITTA Mall, alongside a host of invited vendors selling healthy granola snacks by Better Eats, personalised cards and crafts by June Ho, Danish-inspired children's clothes by Copenhagen Delights and handmade soaps by Slow Soaps, among others. The vendors contributed a part of their sales at the carnival towards the fundraising.

Located in Bangsar, the Lighthouse Children's Home Welfare Association currently cares for 60 children. They live with the Lighthouse founders, Steven and Jacinta, who provide a nurturing and secure environment, with focus on raising the children in a loving, family-orientated home.

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