

Charity food fair in support of hospice care

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COME and patronise Penang Hospice Society's Hospice Day 2018 charity food and fun fair this Sunday.

Food, health screening, children activities, exhibitions, entertainment, short movies, arts and games are available that day from 10am to 2pm at Rumah Hospis Pulau Pinang in Jalan Ayer Itam.

Penang Hospice Society chairman Datuk Dr Sharom Ahmat said they hoped to raise RM100,000 from the charity food and fun fair for the charitable non-governmental organisation.

"Penang Hospice Society provides holistic medical care in the homes of any resident of Penang with an advanced illness by our palliative care nurses and doctors, through our Hospice-at-Home Programme.

"We help patients to relieve pains and also provide assistance and training to their family members to cope with the illness at home," he told a press conference in Komtar recently.

He said other than cancer patients, the organisation also has about 10 percent of patients who do not have cancer but other serious illnesses which are not responding to the medical treatment.

"At any one time we have about 170 patients under our care, and the cumulative number of patients helped until end of 2017 was 9,082 persons," he said.

Dr Sharom said there was no fee imposed for the services to ensure that everyone was able to access the much needed care and services without having to worry about the costs.

"Therefore, we spent about RM1.2mil per year on operational cost. We relied on government grants, as well as public donations and fundraising programmes for funds.

"We hope that the public would support our cause by joining

our charity food and fun fair," he said.

Also present were honorary secretary Dr Oo Khaik Cheang and state Health Committee chairman Dr Afif Bahardin's special officer Ahmad Al-Farooqi.



(From left) Ahmad Al-Farooqi, Dr Oo, Dr Sharom and other hospice members showing the banner for the upcoming Hospice Day 2018 event after the press conference in Komtar, Penang.