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Isdam aims to raise RM600,000 for needy

KLANG, Fri. - The Islamic Specialist Doctors Association of Malaysia is organising a charity dinner to raise funds for its 'Isdam - Tabung Ihsan Sang Wira' which was launched last year.

Isdam president Dr M.A. Sidek Nontak said they are targeting to raise some RM600,000 so that they can utilise the money to help those in dire need, especially hole in the heart and kidney patients of all races.

He said so far RM25,000 has been raised through public donations and banks, and there were pledges of some RM30,000.

The first patient to receive RM1,000 from the fund was 14-month old Khairunnisa Hasan from Kampung Sungai Lang in Banting who suffers from hole in the heart.

Her parents Hasan Jiran, 36, and Ezanim Sawal, 29, need RM1,000 every month for Khairunnisa who is kept in an air-conditioned room so as to control the temperature which was important for her recovery besides being hooked to constant oxygen supply to prevent any form of infection and is on special food recommended by doctors.

Within 14 months, Khairunnisa has undergone six operations to help her stay alive and probably lead a normal life like other children in years to come.

She suffers from large ventricular septal defect or hole in the heart at ventricular level.

Hasan who earns RM700 as a contract worker, has to support his wife and three other children - Mohd Izwan Nazhif Hasan, 7, and twins Siti Nabila and Siti Nabiha, six. Dr Sidek said the remaining money from the fund would be given to another 115 people, mostly kidney patients.

At the charity dinner scheduled to be held in October with guest of honour being Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, they hope to raise funds by selling the tables at RM3,000, and RM5,000.

"We welcome donations from individuals, companies and corporate sector. Every sen donated will go a long way to reach our target," he added.

All payments should be made out to ISDAM-Tabung Ihsan Sang Wira, Persatuan Doktor Islam Malaysia, No, 8-3 Lorong 6C/91, Taman Shamelin Perkasa, 56100 Kuala Lumpur.

Dr Sidek said those who wish to book the tables can do so by calling 03-9861000/92006287.

All donations made to Isdam-Tabung Ihsan Sang Wira are tax exempted.

Isdam is also planning to open a kidney dialysis centre with some 10 haemodialysis machines where patients will be charged a minimal fee.

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