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Three friends rev up for charity

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WHEN three friends with a passion for racing got together to participate in the Merdeka Millennium 12-Hour Endurance Race 2000, they decided to do something for charity.

Calling themselves as Team RFC (Racing for Charity), they got their friends to pledge any amount for each lap they were able cover at the Sepang F1 Circuit on the eve of Merdeka Day.

The three were Danaharta Berhad managing director Azman Yahya, Ekovest Berhad managing director Aminuddin Omar and Tongkah Holdings Berhad executive chairman Mokhzani Mahathir.

They covered a total of 237 gruelling laps during the race and managed to collect more than RM200,000 which they decided to donate equally to three charitable organisations.

On Sept 8, representatives of the three organisations turned up to collect their portion of the donation at a ceremony held at the Tongkah Holdings Bhd office in Damansara Heights.

Accompanied by Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, they handed over cheques worth RM65,000 each to the National Kidney Foundation, Monfort Boys' Town and Tasputra Perkim.

Dr Siti Hasmah, the wife of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, is the patron of Tasputra Perkim.

The National Kidney Foundation was represented by its vice-chairman Dr S.S. Gill, Monfort Boys' Town by its director Brother Peter Issac and Tasputra Perkim by its chairman Elahe Norman.

"Pledges are still coming in and will be distributed equally among the three charities," added Aminuddin.

Thanking the team for its contribution, Issac said the funds would go "a long way" towards meeting the operating costs at the home.

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