

RUMAH SOLEHAH EID CELEBRATION: A LOONEY GOOD TIME!!

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The Rotaracters and G&S Section volunteers having a looney good time with the children from Rumah Solehah at GSC Mid Valley

The residents of Rumah Solehah, a Muslim home for HIV-positive women and children, were in for a special treat this Raya. The Rotaract Club of Kuala Lumpur (RACKL) organised a first-time visit to Mid Valley Megamall for a feast at McDonald's and to catch Looney Tunes: Back In Action at Golden Screen Cinemas. The event was made merrier by the involvement of several members of the G&S Section of The Institution of Engineers, Malaysia (IEM). A few kind-hearted G&S members also chipped in to sponsor the simple lunch for the residents of the Rumah Solehah.

A convoy of volunteer drivers negotiated damp roads to transport the residents from and to the home in Bandar Tun Razak as the passengers looked on in awe at the size of the shopping mall and the excitement of going to the cinema for the first time. A host of other volunteers were on hand to welcome the troops and lead them to McDonald's. The children indulged in a sumptuous lunch and adding to the festive joy, McDonald's contributed balloons and toys. The fun did not stop there as the children engaged in a game of 'pass the parcel'. The children received the presents while the baby-sitter had to serve the "punishment".

A pairing system was established whereby each of the 16 children had a volunteer who baby-sat them throughout the time in the busy complex.

The children were surprisingly well-behaved for

their first-ever cinema experience in unlit surroundings as well as staying put and quiet for the entire duration of the movie. The kids were richly entertained by the Looney Tunes characters especially Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck.

The children, aged between 10 months and 8 years old, were also presented with duit raya upon arriving back at Rumah Solehah.

With such wonderful memories of the event, the G&S would like to thank the Rotaracters and contributors who made this event possible. ■