

## Spreading some cheer to the less fortunate

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Mansor (left) presenting a bag of rice to a resident during the Santa In D'House programme.

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**KUCHING:** The festive spirit of giving in conjunction with Christmas is alive and well in the city with several organisations making their rounds to help the less fortunate.

The Sarawak Federation of Women's Institutes (SFWI) brought early Christmas cheer to 45 cancer patients at the Sarawak General Hospital with a surprise visit bearing gifts and other Christmas goodies.

Led by its Social, Recreational and Welfare Committee chairman Salbiah Abdullah, members also presented them with basic necessities.

"We hope activities like these would help ease the burden of those in need and at the same time, cheer and lift their spirits," SFWI said in a statement.

The visit was part of the association's outreach programme under SFWI Care and Share initiative that was launched by its patron, the Sarawak governor's wife, Toh Puan Ragad Kurdi Taib in May 2016 in Miri.



SFWI members posing with a patient after the visit.

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Earlier this year, members distributed gifts and donations to needy families in conjunction with Hari Raya Aidilfitri and Gawai celebrations.

Meanwhile, the state Federal Secretary Office, in collaboration with staff from other Federal agencies, organised a "Santa Claus In D'House" programme, which saw the group distributing gifts and giving donations to the less fortunate.

Led by Sarawak Federal Secretary Datuk Mansor Man, the group distributed basic necessities and Christmas presents to single mothers and poor families in the Kota Samarahan, Padawan and Serian areas.

"Similar to our Gawai and Hari Raya charity programme this year, the Santa Claus In D'House programme aimed to lessen the burden and bring cheer to the less fortunate," the state Federal Secretary Office said in a statement.

Donations for the programme were collected at Bangunan Sultan Iskandar (Federal complex) from Dec 1 to 15.

The state Malaysian Administrative Modernisation and Management Planning Unit (Mampu) director Banges Munga took part in the programme along with other officers including Mary Tamos Sidle who represented the National Registration Department.

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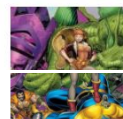
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