Jamilah: State in dire need of kidney centre

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KUCHING: Sarawak is in dire need of a cohesive Kidney Centre to facilitate those suffering from kidney problems or any kidney-related conditions.

The Chief Minister's wife, Datuk Patnggj Dato Hajjah Jamilah Anu said that she would be ready to provide the necessary assistance to the state's Kidney Centre on a trial basis.

"Therefore, the Sarawak Kidney Association in collaboration with the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) Malaysia are already in the midst of discussing on ways to set up a kidney centre in Sarawak," said Jamilah during a charity dinner organised by Persatuan Wanita Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (MASNITA) at Riverside Majestic Hotel here last night.

The dinner was also attended by the wife of the Head of State, Toh Puan Datuk Patnggj Ragad Kurdi Talib and MASNITA president, Datuk Kartini Ahmad who is also the organising chairwoman of the dinner.

"Raising funds for welfare purposes is not an easy job and it involves a lot planning and decision making on what has to be done, who should be approached and what is the best approach that should be taken," she said.

"We have to convince the people on our motives and I believe that if it is done right and sincerely, members of the public would not hesitate to donate. This is because they want to know where their money will be put at and with the right method, some might even donate more than once," said Jamilah.

As a board member of the Sarawak Heart Foundation (SHF) herself, Jamilah said that for one to donate or to do any welfare work effectively, it must come with sincerity.

"Welfare starts from home and it comes in many forms. There is no limit to the types of welfare work that one individual can undertake at any time and place," she said.

Meanwhile, the charitable dinner was held to raise funds for aid both SHF and the Dialysis Centre of Sarawak Kidney Association.