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A GROUP of volunteers comprising 26 lecturers and 60 students from College of Foundation and Diploma Studies (CFDS) at Universiti Tenaga Nasional (Uniten) recently organised an Arts and Culture Fundraising Carnival to raise fund for cancer patients in Malaysia.

The money was channelled to National Cancer Council Malaysia (Makna).

Programme director Lavanyah Prabu said CFDS lecturers and students were committed to serving the community.

She said the volunteers spent five months preparing for the event.

"Among the activities were an art workshop on different types of arts, including glass painting, sketching and doodling.

"There were also stage performances and food and information booths, including Makna's booth that created awareness about early detection of cancer."

The ceremony was launched by Uniten deputy vice-chancellor (Imanagement and development) Professor Dr Siti Salbiah Mohamed Shariff.

She released a dove that symbolised

the spirit of love and kindness. Present were Makna representatives and Rhonda Kortum from the Society of Welfare and Human Capital Development, Selangor.

Programme adviser Alicia Philip said there would be more of such volunteering programmes. She said serving the community was important to help students develop as a wholesome individual.

"Uniten students ought to be role models to their peers."

Students and lecturers had fun volunteering and building a close bond with each other. Aqilah Mohd Zamri, one of the committee members, said the event brought her closer to her peers and lecturers as they spent a lot of time planning and executing the carnival.

Visitors who had lost a loved one to cancer shared their feelings at the carnival. Students Eszleen Sies and Aniza Mohamed Nor said they were touched when participants lit candles to pay tribute to those who lost their lives to cancer.

Philip said the carnival was a success, and had achieved its goal of raising funds for cancer patients and developing the spirit of volunteerism among youths.



1. The team that made Arts and Culture Fundraising Carnival possible. 2. Arts and Culture Fundraising Carnival's art workshop instructors from The image Creator, Sketchnation and Malaysian Sign Language. 3. 'Hold On, Pain Ends', a pledge to stand hand in hand with cancer patients. 4. Professor Dr Siti Salbiah Mohamed Shariff (second from right) releasing a dove to launch the Arts and Culture Fundraising Carnival at Uniten. 5. Luminary bags with candles to pay tribute to cancer warriors. 6. One of the performing acts entertaining visitors at the carnival.