

Akmal Nasrullah (centre) flanked by Leong on his left and Syed Norulzaman on his right with corporate sponsors at the Mah Sing Foundation Appreciation Dinner 2023 in Kuala Lumpur.

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Foundation receives RM5mil

Funds will be used for programmes to help elderly, chronically ill and homeless

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MAH SING Foundation's (MSF) community outreach programmes received a boost after corporate sponsors cumulatively donated a total of RM5mil.

The funds will be used to undertake education, health and economic empowerment programmes next year, aimed at uplifting the underprivileged.

MSF chairman Datuk Syed Norulzaman Syed Kamarulzaman said these would include programmes for the elderly, chronically ill and home-

"We will distribute the funds to the appropriate support groups.

"It will hopefully make a lasting difference in their lives," he said in his speech during the Mah Sing Foundation Appreciation Dinner 2023 in Kuala Lumpur.

Syed Norulzaman also thanked corporate sponsors for their support.

Deputy Local Government Development Minister Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir, who was guest of honour, expressed appreciation for MSF's efforts.

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Norulzaman said MSF had raised more than RM5.5mil in donations from 2020 to 2022.

He said funds were disbursed to various government agencies to provide support to those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, benefitting more than 200,000 people.

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"They included 20 heavy-duty critical care ventilators which were given to 10 government hospitals.

"These were in addition to 150,000 face masks for frontline workers from Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) and several ministries," he said.

A sum of RM440,000 was also donated to 10 non-profits distributing food aid to low-income families, he added.

Guests at the event were



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Representatives of 13 beneficiaries such as Rotary Club of Sentul, Hopes Malaysia Community At Heart, Ideas Autism Centre, Taylor's University, Women of Will and Yayasan Generasi Gemilang were present.

Incepted in 2005, MSF is the charitable arm of Mah Sing Group Bhd which carries out the company's corporate social responsibility initiatives.

Its programmes are centred around three key pillars namely

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education for needy children, community development as well as health and well-being.

Also present were Mah Sing

Group founder and group managing director Tan Sri Leong Hoy Kum and chairman Tan Sri Abu Bakar Abdul Jamal.