

PERTIWI Foster Child Project

Launched in 1976, this programme was inspired by Mr Zain Azhari, a prominent lawyer and a staunch supporter of PERTIWI. The objective of this project is to aid primary and secondary students who have academic potentials but are financially lacking. Financial assistance is therefore provided to the identified students, through their respective schools. The financial assistance provided is RM40.00 per month for Primary school students and RM60.00 per month for Secondary school students. A total of 1,863 students have benefitted from this project since its inception, and they come from all over Peninsular Malaysia.

There are different types of foster parents. Some prefer to foster a single student at a time, while others sponsor as many as 10 children simultaneously. Some foster parents will communicate and interact with their foster children, even spending time with them during school holidays, while others are satisfied to contribute the funds only. In general, the selected students are informed of their benefactors, with many of the children taking the opportunity to write to the foster parents, thanking them and expressing their appreciation.

To make this project a reality, an education fund was set up, with the donors mainly from the Klang Valley area. It was due to the generous contributions from these donors that made it possible for PERTIWI to carry out the 'School Uniform' programme on November 24, 2012. Primary and Secondary school students from the Klang Valley area, specifically the Loving Home Care Centre (*Pusat Jagaan Rumah Kesayangan*) in Petaling Jaya, the Seri Pantai Secondary School in Kuala Lumpur, as well as selected students from Puchong and Gombak, received vouchers worth RM100.00 for the purchase of school uniforms and shoes.

To carry out this project, PERTIWI has established a working committee. This Committee is responsible in managing the affairs associated with this project and to ensure it is well regulated and orderly.