

# Gift of **vege** **patch** from volunteers

## Company's employees teach children the joy of gardening

**I**REKA Cares conducted a home improvement activity in its first environment-themed programme with its adopted home, Rumah Kanak-Kanak Angels recently.

Volunteers and children cleaned up the home and planted some trees within the compound to cultivate a sense of appreciation and responsibility towards the home and nature.

The children enjoyed the process of weeding and replanting and learnt how to take care of the plants.

The home's compound was transformed into a 'mini' vegetable garden as trees such as chillies, lemon grass, mint leaves, pandan and sweet potato were planted.

Every child was given the task of caring for their own plants.

"This spring cleaning activity to improve the home's living environment was made possible with everyone's involvement.

"It was a delight to see the children's enthusiasm in making the mini vegetable garden a reality," said Ireka Cares action committee head Stanley Loo.

Group deputy managing director

**Do it like this:** See Kim Wah showing Leon, 11, and Jimmy, 9, the right way to weed grass.

and CSR steering committee chairman Datuk Lai Foot Kong said, "The Ireka Cares programme has come a long way since we first started in July 2010.

"We aspire to leave a deeper impact than mere monetary contribution, and it's fulfilling to see active participation by Ireka staff."

Previously, Ireka Cares had adopted

Lighthouse Children's Home in Bangsar and Rumah Hope in Petaling Jaya with yearly themes of Community, Arts, Recreation, Environment and Sports which make up the "Cares" acronym.

Rumah Kanak-Kanak Angels was set up in 2004 to provide shelter to underprivileged or abandoned children between five and 16 years old.



**A memento:** Ireka Cares volunteers in a group photo with the children of Rumah Kanak-Kanak Angels.



**Full concentration:** Ireka Cares volunteers and the children 'greening' up the compound of the home.