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Young Artists in the Making - Open Hands Children's Home and Ireka Cares Learning Together

Kuala Lumpur, 8 April: IREKA CARES volunteers and children from Open Hands Children's Home (Open Hands) spent an artistic morning together on Saturday, 6 April, making cards and canvas bag painting at Weaning Tots in MyTown Shopping Centre, Cheras in Kuala Lumpur. This is a unique children-friendly café that is also equipped with a giant slide which was definitely a hit with the children.

Together with Ireka's volunteers, the 14 girls from Open Hands honed in their creative skills to produce artistic and beautifully finished products which they were able to take away with them. Open Hands is a children's home in Kajang housing only girls and over half their charges are Orang Asli girls. It was impressive to see the concentration and discipline the children put into what they were creating and some even continued painting with lunch on-the-go!

Saturday's event was a special finale event because after three years of working closely together, IREKA CARES would say farewell to Open Hands. The Action Committee is in discussions with Ireka's management to decide on the next children-focused organisation to work with for the next few years ahead.

According to IREKA CARES President, Najla, "Working with the Open Hands girls and their carers over the last three years has been both humbling and a privilege. The girls are a delight to spend time with and although it was sad saying goodbye to each other, I know that the IREKA CARES volunteers will spend time to be with the girls again in the future. I take this opportunity to thank our volunteers for their commitment and giving up valuable time to making a difference to young lives."

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About IREKA CARES

IREKA CARES is Ireka Corporation Berhad's flagship CSR programme that has been in existence since 2010. It aims to build on Ireka's expertise in Infrastructure, Real Estate and Technologies intending:

- To inspire all by helping to develop an ideal living and learning environment for underprivileged children.
- To maintain and sustain its CSR efforts through active and purposeful participation from volunteers enlisted from all staff levels across the organization.

IREKA CARES' philosophy is getting Ireka's volunteers to engage with the children directly and spending valuable time together through a series of activities and events.