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PRESS RELEASE

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The relocation of Baby Hatch centre targeted to help place more babies and children with caring families

OrphanCare is facilitating the adoption process through comprehensive screening tools to ensure the adoptive parents are qualified and capable to make sure the well-being and happiness of the children.

PETALING JAYA, 9 AUGUST 2017 – OrphanCare today announced the relocation of Baby Hatch centre from Kampung Tunku to Bukit Gasing Petaling Jaya to house the increasing number of staff and strengthened efforts to help place more babies and children with caring families.

The Baby hatch facilities equipped with air-conditioning, mattresses and pillows, lighting, closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras, including sensors to detect the body weight and trigger the alarm to alert the centre’s caregiver that a baby had been placed in the hatch.

“In 2010, when our first baby hatch was opened in Petaling Jaya, we received 19 babies. The number increased to 38 in 2011, 40 in 2012, 42 in 2013, 31 in 2014, 39 in 2015 and 36 in 2016. Our baby hatches in Johor Bahru and Sungai Petani, Kedah were established in 2013 and 2015 respectively. To date, in 2017, we received a total of 24 babies. Last week within a space of less than a week, 2 babies were placed in the hatch here. We suspect the recent increase in numbers could be attributed to our new improved website launched in May this year.



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We are aware that the baby hatch is only one part of the solution to the baby abandonment issue. We have been and will continue to conduct talks throughout the country targeting mostly students and parents to raise awareness about Reproductive Health so they will take responsibility towards their choices in life” says Tan Sri Faizah, Chairman of OrphanCare Foundation.

With the relocation of the new baby hatch centre, it is hope that more lives can be saved and these precious babies can be cared for by loving families. To date, we have saved 272 babies where 172 babies were adopted by caring families and 100, were brought home by their birth mothers after counseling, to be cared for by the mothers themselves instead of giving them up for adoption. While through our Family Based Care programme, we have arranged for 16 orphans to be adopted and 11 children reintegrated with their families.

As much as the importance of the mission to save babies, OrphanCare affirm that facilitation of adoption are made through comprehensive screening process includes in-depth adoption forms, face-to-face interview, a Potential Adoptive Parent training, and pre and post home visits to the adoptive parents residence conducted by the Social Workers to ensure the well-being of the child and to assess if counseling is required by both the adoptive family and the adopted child to increase the chances of a successful adoption. OrphanCare is advocating a paradigm shift about how Malaysians care for orphans and other vulnerable children and deal with the often heart-wrenching circumstances of unmarried women facing an unplanned pregnancy alone.

ABOUT ORPHANCARE FOUNDATION

OrphanCare Foundation was established in 2012. It advocates and works to give children who are in institutions and unplanned newborn babies whose lives are at risk the opportunity to grow up in the care of a loving family.

It works closely with the Ministry of Women, Family & Community Development and the Department of Social Welfare. It has partnered with Lumos, an international non-profit



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organisation that advises nations about deinstitutionalisation (DI), to coordinate the nation's transition from institutional care to a family and community based care system for children.

OrphanCare Foundation, OrphanCare DI office and the Petaling Jaya baby hatch are now located at 54, Jalan 5/60 off Jalan Gasing in Petaling Jaya, Selangor. OrphanCare also operates two other baby hatches, in Sungai Petani, Kedah and Johor Bahru.

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