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PRESS STATEMENT

The Malaymail article on 26th July 2017 reported that Baby hatch falls short of objective as the number of babies placed in the baby hatch is only 35 since 2010 while 679 babies were found abandoned, according to the statistics by Women, Family and Community Development Minister, Datuk Seri Rohani Abdul Karim.

Since its establishment in 2009, OrphanCare Foundation has facilitated the adoption of 171 babies brought to our baby hatches. In addition we have counselled 100 biological mothers to raise their babies instead of giving them up for adoption.

It needs to be clarified that the majority of Birth mothers or couples prefer to meet OrphanCare staff instead of leaving their babies anonymously in the hatch.

Aside from the 35 babies placed in the baby hatch, we have successfully managed to counselled 100 biological mothers who finally decided to parent their own child rather than giving them up for adoption.

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 the parents to raise awareness about Reproductive Health issues.

Trustees of OrphanCare Foundation respectfully disagree with the statement above. As an NGO, we are trying hard to ensure that these unfortunate babies can be placed with loving families, in line with our motto 'Every Child Needs A Family'.