

Title : Volunteers bring festive joy to Muslim patients of HCA Hospice Care
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SINGAPORE: Some 60 volunteers spread the Hari Raya festive cheer to the needy on Saturday.

They formed groups and went to the homes of 30 Muslim patients who are being cared for by the HCA Hospice Care.

Some of the volunteers are MediaCorp staff. HCA is one of MediaCorp's adopted charities.

Each group presented the patients with goodie bags filled with cookies and hong baos.

The cookies were specially baked by NorthLight School students. Each jar of cookies carries heart-warming messages from the students to the patients.

This is the second time HCA has embarked on such a project. The first festive visit was carried out during the Chinese New Year celebrations in February this year.

HCA hopes to spread the festive mood among patients and their families during the coming Deepavali and Christmas celebrations.

HCA provides comfort and support to patients with life-limiting illnesses and their families. It does this through a Hospice Home Care service and a Hospice Day Care Centre.

HCA is the largest hospice home care provider in Singapore, with for more than 41,500 patients so far.

Its hospice home service is provided free of charge to more than 3,400 patients annually.

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