

Hosts wanted for charity tea parties

Proceeds from three-day event for cancer associations

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DOING charity can be as easy as hosting a simple morning tea with your best friends at home.

The Breast Cancer Welfare Association (BCWA) and the National Cancer Society Malaysia (NCSM) took the idea to reality when they launched their inaugural fundraising event *Jamuan Teh Malaysia*, modelled after Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at the residence of Australian High Commissioner to Malaysia Penny Williams recently.

"It is easy to do and does not need much effort. Anyone can organise a morning tea with friends or among their school mates," said Williams.

She added that the event was the best known fundraiser in Australia by the Australian Cancer Council (ACC) and was dubbed the world's largest simultaneous tea party ever held in a country.

The fundraiser, started in 1994 by the ACC, had since managed to raise over RM170mil

"It has been a fantastic initiative in Australia and I am sure it will be for Malaysia, too, where the organisers have added a touch of Malaysian style in it including the tea bags, too," said Williams.

The *Jamuan Teh Malaysia* is an effort to raise funds for NCSM and BCWA to continue their services to the public from providing psycho-social support such as hospital



For a worthy cause: (From left) Breast Cancer Welfare Association president Ranjit Kaur, Breast Cancer Welfare Association patron Puan Sri Akmal Abd Salam, National Cancer Society Malaysia adviser Datuk Zuraidah Atan, Australian High Commissioner to Malaysia Penny Williams and Prince Court Medical Centre chief corporate officer Mimi Asche launching the 'Jamuan Teh Malaysia' recently.

visits, group sharing, non-medical aids, public education, breast health workshop to breast self-examination demonstration, offering support and palliative care.

The *Jamuan Teh* is open to any interested individuals, organisations, communities or schools in aid of BCWA and NCSM.

The host can organise the *Jamuan Teh* in whatever form they choose from Aug 13 to 16, making

sure there is a donation box where guests could make contributions for the food served.

Alternatively the host could also make plans for charity auctions or sale of cookies and snacks.

Guests at the *Jamuan Teh* may also buy two unique keepsakes: a lime green teacup and saucer priced at RM15 or a host apron for RM10 each.

After registration with NCSM or

BCWA, the host would receive a host kit within seven working days, which will contain the information pack, promotional materials for the *Jamuan Teh Malaysia* such as posters, flyers, balloons, donation box, donation forms, invitation cards and tea bags.

For details, visit www.jamuante-hmalaysia.blogspot.com or call (BCWA) 03-7954 0133 / (NCSM) 03- 2698 7300.