



CHERISH

Cameron Highlands Educational, Rehabilitational, Informative Special Home

FUNDRAISING PROPOSAL · GENERAL APPEAL & ROOM SPONSORSHIP

Help us complete the new CHERISH Centre

A purpose-built home and learning centre in Tanah Rata, Cameron Highlands, for up to 50 children and young people with Cerebral Palsy, Autism and Down syndrome, aged 3 to 25.

CADANGAN MENBINA SEBUAH PUSAT PEMBELAJARAN DAN PENJAJAAN
DI ATAS TANAH KERAJAAN, WILKIN TANAH RATA, DAERAH CAMERON
HIGHLANDS, PAHANG DARUL MAKMUR.
UNTUK TETAPAN PERTUBUHAN PEMULIHAN INFORMASI DAN PENDIDIKAN
KHAS CAMERON HIGHLANDS (CHERISH).

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78%

BUILD COMPLETE

RM 1.59M

STILL NEEDED

50

CHILDREN CAPACITY

Since 2012

SERVING THE HIGHLANDS

The new CHERISH Centre, Tanah Rata · photographed October 2026 | Funding position as at September 2026 | Reg. No. PPM-012-06-16042012

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A message to our friends & supporters

Why we are reaching out

Since 2012, CHERISH has given children with special needs in Cameron Highlands a place to learn, grow and be cared for. About 40 children with Cerebral Palsy, Autism and Down syndrome, aged 3 to 25, have been trained through our programmes so far.

For more than a decade we have worked from a rented two-storey terrace house. To meet growing demand and give our children the standard of care they deserve, we are building a permanent, purpose-designed centre on government-allocated land in Mukim Tanah Rata. The building is about **10,000 sq ft**, will take up to **50 children**, and is now **78% complete**.

Close to RM 1.5 million has already been raised, entirely through public donations and community fundraising, and paid to our contractors. About **RM 1.59 million** is still needed to finish the building. We are asking individuals, families, companies and organisations to help us finish it, either with a general donation or by **sponsoring a room** in the new centre. All donations are tax exempted (LHDN. 01/35/42/51/179-6.8449).



Our current home: a rented terrace house that serves roughly 8–10 children.

Our Mission

To provide programmes that speed up the development of persons with disabilities in Cameron Highlands; to help them build life skills and prepare for independent living; to support their families with knowledge and resources; and to build community awareness of their dignity and potential.

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About CHERISH

A community-rooted NGO with a 14-year track record

REGISTERED NAME

**Pertubuhan Pemulihan,
Informasi dan Pendidikan
Khas Cameron Highlands**

REGISTRATION NO.

PPM-012-06-16042012

ESTABLISHED

16 April 2012

CHAIRMAN

En. Azham Bin Aminudin

GOVERNANCE

**Volunteer Board: bankers,
paediatricians, retirees,
farmers, housewives,
students**

FUNDING TODAY

**Public donations & Welfare
Department (JKM)**

The children we serve

Three main developmental conditions, all served under one roof · ages 3 to 25

CHERISH serves children and young people aged 3 to 25 with Cerebral Palsy, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Down syndrome and other developmental disabilities. Many of our students have gone on to mainstream schooling or supported employment after graduating from our programmes.

Cerebral Palsy

Physical therapy, mobility support, adaptive equipment and accessible learning environments for children whose motor function is affected.

Autism Spectrum

Sensory regulation, structured teaching (TEACCH), Applied Behaviour Analysis, communication aids (PECS, AAC) and social-skills development.

Down Syndrome

Speech-language therapy, individualised education plans, life-skills training and transition support into mainstream school or supported work.



EIP sessions: one-to-one learning with teachers using hands-on materials.

What we do

Multi-disciplinary programmes delivered at the centre

Multi-Disciplinary Assessment

Periodic review by paediatric specialists and therapists to track progress and update IEPs.

Speech-Language Therapy

Communication, articulation and language development for children with delays.

Occupational Therapy

Fine-motor, daily-living and functional independence skills.

Physical Therapy

Mobility, balance and gross-motor work for children with cerebral palsy and other physical needs.

Special Education (SPED)

Functional literacy, numeracy, social skills and preparation for mainstream school.

Behavioural Support (ABA)

Applied Behaviour Analysis to manage challenging behaviour and improve interaction.

Parent Support & Training

Counselling, workshops and parent groups to extend care into the home.

Medical & Nursing Support

On-site nurse to manage seizures, medications and minor incidents.

Vocational Training

Baking, sewing, gardening and self-care for older students preparing for adulthood.

Besides therapy and special education, CHERISH has run art and craft, music therapy, cooking and baking, gardening, and adaptive sports such as bocce for years. These activities build fine-motor skills, confidence, teamwork and practical life skills. The new centre will have proper facilities to host all of them.



Art and craft class: painting and making together.



Art and craft: every child at the table, every child creating.



Baking class.



Gardening class: planting seedlings.



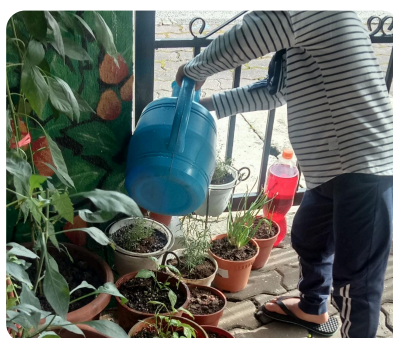
Outdoor bocce, adapted for wheelchair users.



Art and craft, 2017.



Cooking and baking: practical skills for independent living.



Tending our potted garden.



Bocce: focus, balance and fun.

The new CHERISH Centre

Lot 1, Mukim Tanah Rata, Cameron Highlands · site 10,759 sq ft · build-up approx. 10,000 sq ft

The centre is being built on government-allocated land in Tanah Rata by **T.E. Dinamik Sdn Bhd** (CIDB Grade 7), supervised by **Liz Thomas Architect**, in line with Malaysian building codes and OKU accessibility standards. A first-floor extension added to the original design brings the build-up to about 10,000 sq ft.

Site possession was on 1 March 2025. Progress Payment Claim No. 10 was certified in June 2026, and the building is now **78% complete**. The remaining work is mostly finishes, fittings and utility connections.



Inside the new centre: the dining hall, looking east (October 2026).

OVERALL BUILD COMPLETION

78%

Foundations, columns & ground beams	Excavation, R.C. footings, columns, ground-floor slab and substructure.	DONE
First floor, staircase & roof structure	First-floor slab, R.C. staircase, steel trusses and Monier tile roof installed.	DONE
Walls & external plastering	Internal and external brickwork, plastering and damp-proof course.	DONE
Doors, windows, plumbing & external works	Aluminium windows, metal door frames, plumbing, drains, pre-mix road and sewerage system.	IN PROGRESS
First-floor extension & variation works	First-floor platform works and approved variation orders; first progress claims issued August 2026.	IN PROGRESS
Finishes, M&E, fire system & handover	Plaster ceiling, floor and wall tiles, painting, ironmongery, electrical fit-out, fire alarm and hose-reel system, lightning protection, Certificate of Practical Completion.	PENDING

Facilities planned for the new centre

Therapy Rooms

Dedicated spaces for physical, occupational and speech-language therapy.

Sensory Room

Adjustable lighting, textures and sound for children with sensory-processing differences.

OKU-Friendly Infrastructure

Ramps, wide doorways, tactile paving and adjustable-height furniture.

Accessible Toilets

Grab bars, changing tables for older children and anti-slip flooring.

Inclusive Playground

Outdoor area with adaptive swings, rubber flooring and a sensory garden.

Quiet Zones

Low-stimulation spaces for children to calm down when overstimulated.

Where the funds go

Project cost and funding position as at September 2026 · from certified contracts, variation orders & progress claims

RM 3,064,500

TOTAL APPROVED PROJECT COST

RM 1,458,676

ALREADY PAID TO CONTRACTORS, RAISED FROM THE PUBLIC

RM 1,592,526

STILL NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE BUILD

HOW THE RM 3.06M PROJECT IS FUNDED



■ 47.6% paid from public donations ■ 0.4% building fund balance ■ 52.0% still to be raised

Total project cost

ITEM	RM
Original main contract (building works)	2,530,000.00
Hoarding (perimeter), variation order	5,400.00
Variation order (additional works)	108,800.00
1st-floor extension	350,300.00
Fire-fighting system (Bomba)	70,000.00
Total approved project cost	3,064,500.00

Funding position

POSITION	RM
Total project cost	3,064,500.00
Less: paid to main contractor	(1,398,176.20)
Less: paid to Bomba contractor	(60,500.00)
Balance due to contractors	1,605,823.80
Less: CHERISH building fund	(13,297.79)
Amount still needed	1,592,526.01

What your contribution will complete

OUTSTANDING CONTRACT	SCOPE REMAINING	BALANCE (RM)
Main contract, variation orders & 1st-floor extension	Ceilings, windows & doors, floor and wall finishes, OKU ramp, painting, plumbing & water connection, external works and drains, sewerage commissioning, 3-phase electrical installation, lightning protection, telephone & data, water reticulation, first-floor extension works, preliminaries	1,596,323.80
Fire-fighting system (Bomba)	Balance of fire alarm & hose-reel installation and Bomba certification	9,500.00

Accountability: all payments to contractors are released only against progress claims certified by the project architect (Liz Thomas Architect, LAM No. A/L 227) under the PAM Form of Contract. The Bill of Quantities, certified progress claims and disbursement records are kept on file.

Sponsor a room

Put your name, your family's name, or your company's name on a space that will serve children for generations

Besides general donations, donors can **sponsor a room** in the new centre. A room sponsorship is a lasting way to honour a loved one, celebrate a milestone, or show your organisation's commitment to inclusion. The photographs below were taken inside the new building in October 2026.



Activity Room

A large, bright, multi-purpose hall for group activities, play and events.



Music Room

A home for music therapy, which CHERISH has run for years.



Physiotherapy Room & Classroom

Where mobility, balance and special-education sessions will take place.



Wet Kitchen

Supports daily meals and cooking and baking classes.



Boys' Dormitory

Safe, comfortable living quarters for boys at the centre.



Warden's Room, Teacher's Room, Sick Bay & Girls' Dormitory

Care and supervision spaces alongside the girls' living quarters.

Other spaces in the centre plan

The design also includes therapy rooms, a sensory room, quiet zones, accessible toilets and an inclusive playground with a sensory garden.

The impact of your gift

Lasting returns for the children, families and community of Cameron Highlands

5× Capacity Expansion

From a rented terrace house serving roughly 8–10 children to a purpose-built centre for up to 50.

Family Empowerment

Specialist care close to home lets parents keep working, with no more travelling hours to Ipoh or Kuala Lumpur.

Smoother Future Integration

Early intervention and life-skills training prepare children for mainstream school or supported employment.

Stronger Family Networks

A meeting point for families who often feel isolated, where parents and siblings can connect with others on similar journeys.

Inclusivity & Awareness

A visible symbol of inclusion in Cameron Highlands that reduces stigma and teaches the wider public about disability.

Local Employment & Volunteering

Local jobs for trained educators and meaningful volunteer roles for students, retirees and community members.

How you can help

Every contribution, large or small, brings the new centre closer to opening

All donations are tax exempted (LHDN. 01/35/42/51/179-6.8449).

Make a general donation

Any amount goes straight to the remaining construction works: finishes, fittings, utilities and fire safety.

Sponsor a room

Choose a room in the new centre and help complete it, in your name or in honour of someone special (see page 7).

Spread the word

Share this proposal with your family, friends, colleagues and company CSR teams.

Donation details

Bank	Maybank
Account	CHERISH Account No: 5060 4360 6488
Tax exemption	LHDN. 01/35/42/51/179-6.8449
Tax receipts	Please submit full name with IC number and address for personal donations, or company's name with SSM Number for donations under a company.

Contact us

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THANK YOU

The building is now 78% complete. With your help, it will soon open its doors to children with special needs from Cameron Highlands and beyond.

Everything raised so far has come from the generosity of the public and our community. Thank you for helping us finish what we started together.

En. Azham Bin Aminudin

Chairman, CHERISH

Pertubuhan Pemulihan, Informasi dan Pendidikan Khas Cameron Highlands

