



Citin Hotel general manager Sukwindar Singh handing out the cheque to Azlinda Rasli at the National Heart Institute.

RM20,000 to help heart patient undergo corrective surgery

KUALA LUMPUR: A 22-year-old heart patient is looking forward to a long and healthy life now that the RM20,000 she needs for surgery has been raised.

Azlinda Rasli's story was highlighted in the *New Straits Times* in May, and caught the attention of the management of Citin Hotel, part of the Compass hospitality group.

And recently, general manager Sukwindar Singh presented a RM20,000 cheque to Azlinda at the National Heart Institute (JNI) to cover the cost of the operation.

"We are happy to be able to help her and her family. We wish her a fast recovery and share her hope and desire

to resume a normal life."

Azlinda, from Kampung Baru Chendering in Kuantan, was diagnosed with a leaky heart valve early last year.

She had been active in sports during secondary school. But because of her condition, she had to give up her active life and her job.

She was unable to pay for her operation because she earned only RM800 a month, some of which she gave to her parents to help support her three schoolgoing siblings aged six to 21.

JNI clinical specialist Dr Zaigham Rasul said Azlinda's condition is at a "moderately advanced stage" and should recover in a couple of months.