

# Spreading Malaysian hospitality

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** A Malaysian-born woman has become a well-known figure in the Canadian social media for her charity work.

Sabria, or her real name, Sabariah Hussein, 70, from Jalan Wadihana, Johor Baru, migrated to Canada 32 years ago and is now well-known for her charity work in that country.

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curry puffs in small amounts to the mosques near where I live.

"This small gesture eventually opened my eyes to expand my charity work when seeing that many people needed my help," said the retired special education teacher when met at a public talk organised by the Putra Business School of Universiti Putra Malaysia near here.

She recalled that in 2004, after collecting contributions for the tsunami victims in Indonesia, she slept

for three days due to fatigue and without realising that she had a mild stroke.

According to the doctor, she was actually in coma those three days.

Sabariah, who grew up among 20 siblings, including 14 adopted ones, said her parents always taught them to share their *rezeki* (good fortune) and to love one another, making her feel responsible to serve society.

"Although my father was only a school teacher and did not earn a

high income, he was willing to take care of my adopted brothers and sisters," said Sabariah, the third child among six biological siblings.

She also said that as people of the Islamic faith, Muslims should always work together to do good so as to give a positive portrayal of the Muslim community.

Sabariah's charitable activities can be viewed on the Sister Sabria Foundation Facebook page. — Bernama

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