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GAB Foundation celebrated its 5th anniversary recently, having donated close to RM3 million and reached out to 16,000 Malaysians through its environment, education and community initiatives.

Key achievements include rehabilitating the 'Sungei Way' river through a transformative community engagement programme, helping more than 6,000 pupils improve their level of English proficiency, and carrying out more than 60 community projects nationwide.

GAB Foundation was set up in 2007 to carry out Guinness Anchor Berhad's corporate social responsibility initiatives in three key areas – environment, education and community.

The Foundation, through its W.A.T.E.R Project (Working Actively Through Education and Rehabilitation), had worked closely with NGO, Global Environment Centre, local community groups and government agencies to improve the water quality of the 'Sungei Way' river. Today, the river which once had a Class IV-V water quality rating (extremely polluted) is now classified as Class III (suitable for living organisms).

In the area of education, the Foundation has initiated the English Programme to promote English proficiency amongst primary school students, especially those studying in vernacular schools. Apart from that, the Foundation has also donated reading corners to schools and learning centres across Malaysia.

The Foundation also dedicates a full work day for its employees to participate in its annual 'Big Day Out'. Started in 2010, the event provides staff and GAB business partners with the opportunity to be directly involved in enriching and empowering the lives of the community. To-date, over 60 community projects have been carried out across Malaysia. Activities include the planting of 200 mangrove tree seedlings in Sepang, conducting basic health screening for village folks in Hulu Selangor and the building of a physical therapy area for a school in Petaling Jaya for children with special needs.