Recipes reap in $1.2m for charity

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A COOKBOOK featuring recipes of the former president’s wife, Mrs Wee Kim Wee, was unveiled on Monday. Contributions totalling $1.2 million were raised for charity.

The book, "Cooking For The President," was launched by President S.R. Nathan at the Raffles Hotel ballroom.

The book is written, photographed, and self-published by Mrs Wee’s daughter, Ms Wee Ern Hwa.

Mrs Wee chose five beneficiaries for the fund-raising drive: the Wee Kim Wee Legacy Fund for the Nanyang Technological University’s Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information; Girl Guides Singapore; the Jamiah Home for the Aged, the Life Community Support Society, and Trene, an organisation that aims to inspire youth through its leadership and personal development programmes.

More than 60 donors contributed amounts ranging from $2,000 for a copy of the book signed by Ms Wee, to $100,000 for a copy of the book signed by Ms Wee, Mrs Wee and President Nathan.

The 544-page book, which boasts 230 recipes and a biography of Mr and Mrs Wee, will be sold in bookstores at $35.95.