




Our Vision: "A just and harmonious society rooted in the gospel values of love, freedom and peace."

Our Mission: "To restore the dignity and potential of marginalized individuals and communities by facilitating access to holistic education, health, livelihood, and stable shelter."



POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS

"The exploitation of the planet has already exceeded acceptable limits and we still have not solved the problem of poverty."

EMBRACE THE ENVIRONMENT IN LOVE

Dear friends in Christ,

Pope Francis said that, "Religions have a very important role in this task of promoting care and respect for the environment. Faith in God leads us to recognise Him in His creation, which is the fruit of His love for us, and which requires us to care for and protect nature." Let us unite and be of one mind and one spirit as we strive to protect and safeguard our environment.

Over the past month, the papers have been rife with reports of natural calamities and disasters. Our homelands of Kerala and Maharashtra have been ravaged by

the rains which have destroyed farmlands and houses, damaged crops and taken lives. We are working towards providing aid and help to as many disaster stricken areas as possible through all your generous contribution. I thank you for your contribution which will help them sustain themselves and rebuild their lives post this disaster. I am certain the Lord will bless you bountifully for helping Him by helping your brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus.

May our relationship with nature not be driven by greed, to manipulate and to exploit, to lay

waste and destroy, but rather may the divine harmony that exists between us beings and nature be conserved in the spirit of logic and care. I pray that the Lord Almighty, Creator and preserver of all may protect us all from disaster and grant us the courage and goodness to help those that are in need.

Yours in Christ,
Mar Thomas Elavanal



Mar Thomas Elavanal
Bishop of Kalyan

EDITORIAL

BE SENSITIVE TO THE ENVIRONMENT

The evolution of humankind is largely dependent on the quality of the environment and the resources it provides, and the natural environment plays a vital role in ensuring the survival of present and future generations. The earth and its environment are potentially under threat because of numerous human-induced factors, and climate change may drastically alter the conditions of human sustainability. The consequences of climate change on communities are increasingly being felt in many parts of the planet. Climate change is not merely an environmental, scientific, or economic issue; it has become a humanitarian issue too. Increased climate variability and greater intensity and frequency of extreme weather events aggravate humanitarian needs in emergencies and

lead to water and food stress, as well as to changing patterns in the geographical spread of diseases. Over the last two decades the number of recorded disasters has doubled from approximately 200 to over 400 per year, while over the last decade the number of people affected has tripled. Environmental issues are increasing day by day. Every month we come across natural calamities like flood, landslides, drought etc. It is the need of the hour to be more sensitive to our Mother earth and protect the environment from its destruction.



Fr. Joby Kurian
Executive Director,
Karunya Trust

INAUGURATION AND BLESSING OF RURAL SOCIAL OFFICE



Karunya Trust has an extension office which was inaugurated on 20th July at Badlapur. The dignitaries Rev. Bishop Thomas, Fr. Paul and Karunya Trust Directors and staff were present for the program. The office was blessed and

inaugurated by Rev. Bp Thomas Elavanal. Bishop Thomas began the prayer and blessed the new Karunya Rural Office. The children from Ashram school at Rahtoli, Badlapur and Morachapada village made the celebration grand through their wonderful

song and dance. The dignitaries gave their message to all present for the program and officer from Panchayat samiti shared their enriching experiences with Karunya Trust.

‘NURTURE NATURE’

For the last three years, Karunya Trust has started a tree-planting campaign in the villages of Kalyan Block of Thane District of Maharashtra. Earth is collapsing due to large

scale industrial development and environmental degradation. The effects of climate change are mainly visible on earth. It is a small initiative towards ‘Nurture nature’. On July

6, 2019, Karunya Trust collaborated with Forest department of Kalyan and planted 5000 trees with its 55 employees in the Manavali village of Kalyan Block.



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This place is doing such a wonderful job in making the life of these beautiful little angels. God bless them with all the happiness.

Peyush Goel
-Volunteer

Project Gyansaathi - Shivaji Nagar, Govandi, Mumbai. Reported by - Gyansaathi Team

JOHNSON AND JOHNSON VISIT



Gyansaathi had its Sports Day event on July 16, 2019. Both indoor and outdoor games were played by the children and were joined by 11 volunteers from Johnson and Johnson Company. In

the morning 11 children played chess and caroms and after the lunch break teachers took students to R.B.K Ground for cricket and football. They were given energy drink, colouring box, painting

books, pen, umbrella, pencils and other school materials by J & J volunteers. It was a day filled with sportsmanship, enthusiasm and memories to cherish.

RANI BAUGH & BHAU DAJI LAD MUSEUM



In May, Exposure visits were arranged to Nehru Planetarium, Discovery of India, Rani Baugh & Bhau Daji Lad Museum. It was an educational visit, it provides an opportunity to learn the elements about science and history of India. There are models on display like, Buddha, Shivaji Maharaja etc. Next we

entered the sky-Theatre show. Various elements of the universe, such as comets, meteors, the cosmos, and the eclipses and there was a person who gave more information about space and solar system. It gives very informative knowledge about the Universe/Space in a simple yet scientific

manner. Children below 12 years visited the Zoo and saw the Hamblot Penguins in the enclosure also saw the Spotted Deer, Hippopotamus and Birds. They were thrilled on seeing the birds, especially the bats, wild animals, plants etc. It was a learning experience for the children.

VACATION CAMP



Gyansaathi Summer Camp was conducted from May 7 to 9. Students were divided into 3 groups as

per their age groups. Teachers took games, activities, drama, singing, dancing, crafting, GK competition

etc. Every day the camp started with prayer and ended with different fun games. Teachers formed different groups for inculcating team spirit among the students and they were given activities. These groups were ranked as per their participation, performance and accuracy. All students had lot of enjoyment and relaxation through this camp.

HEALTH CAMP



Health awareness Program about malnutrition was conducted for students at Gyansaathi on June 22. The main purpose of the program was to sensitize parents about the

importance of healthy diet, how to prevent malnutrition, hygienic measures to prevent infections and promote better health. The session was taken by a team of ‘Doctors for You’ with four

objectives (a)to improve the nutrition and health status of balwadi children in the age group of 3.5-6 years, (b)to improve the physical, mental and social development of the children, (c)to reduce the incidence of mortality, morbidity and malnutrition, (d)to enhance the capability of the mother to look after the normal health and nutritional needs of the child through proper nutrition and health education. The session included activities like informative talks, role play and discussions. Height and weight of the students were taken to assess a child's physical growth in relation to other kids. Undergrowth children were noted by the Doctors for further health care assistance.

LIBRARY SESSION



Reading session was taken by a team of United Way on 23rd May at Gyansaathi. These activities were organized to develop understanding of how books can entertain and inspire all students. They gave brief information about

importance of reading, benefits of library, world reading day and how it was connected to Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. They were made aware that reading improves concentration, vocabulary and develops language and writing skills. After that they told 2

stories by enacting the characters which is in the storybook. They gave library bags free of cost which includes story books of different languages like Marathi, Hindi and English.

VOLUNTEER WORK BY PARISHIONERS FROM ST. GEORGE CHURCH, PANVEL



Under the leadership of Fr. Paul Kundumparambil, Parish Priest of St. George Church, Panvel, 58 youth and 20 Pithruvedi member volunteers for the painting work in Laveli

village of Ambernath Block on June 5, 2019. They painted 6 houses with full of enthusiasm and energy. It says “Everything that you do makes a difference in somebody’s life.” Karunya Trust is grateful

to all the volunteers for their hard work and appreciates the contribution which has made a great difference in people’s lives through volunteering work.



“Karunya is doing great work by helping these underprivileged children. The amazing factor is the discipline and seriousness which is being developed by you guys. I appreciate your work and happy to be a part of such initiative keeps it up.”

Asha Dhandhaliya,
Bal Prafula Organization.

IFTAR PARTY



Gyansaathi celebrated IFTAR Dawat on June 1st in the Gyansaathi premises with community people. On that day Children’s Parliament along with their teachers planned the entire day.

Children turned up in traditional attire on the occasion. It was a good opportunity to connect with the community. Gyansaathi children also learn to respect other religion.

‘Seed Ball Making’ at Hotel Orchid



Hotel Orchid involved Gyansaathi children in eco-friendly activity “Seed Ball Making” on June 15 through Children’s Parliament. The hotel staff gave brief information about this nature care activity and provided buckets of mud in

which the seeds were already mixed. CP students made 22000 seed balls which would be sent to Orissa cyclone affected areas for further plantation. All students were highly enthusiastic to make it a big success.

TEACHERS TRAINING



Teachers training was conducted from July 22 to 25 by Pratham NGO on teaching, planning, methodology, different training tools were introduced and new techniques were

taught with practice sessions. This training was very impactful for staff as they gained knowledge, techniques and learned different styles of teaching.

Project Savli, Nahur, Mumbai.

Reported by -
Savli Team

PRO- ECO @ ORCHID HOTEL



Children’s Parliament (CP) 15 members and 2 Savli staff participated in Pro-Eco activity “Seed Ball” making at Hotel Orchid on 4th June 2019. Orchid Hotel is a five-star hotel, known for its environment friendly

component and this included making “Seed Balls” which was sent to Orissa in cyclone-affected areas. Children were very enthusiastic and enjoying and playing with clay. They had set a target of 10 thousand seed balls which was achieved within 4

hours. Orchid hotel team praised children for their tremendous hard work and feel for the cause. The motto of Pro Eco was able to reach new heights and the whole team was able to share their part in this noble cause for protecting the environment.

CAREER GUIDANCE



Career guidance session was held for 80 children on 13th April to motivate and give information about career choices for Savli children by Mrs. Asha

Dhandhaliya from Bal Prafula. In this session, information on MPSC & UPSC exams and other government exams were provided, for children to understand better career

options for their future based on their interest post their 10th and 12th grades in different streams of Science, Arts and Commerce.

SPORTS DAY



87 children participated in Sports day on April 30th . The objective of the

sports day was to allow children to show their talents and to inculcate the

importance of sports in children’s life. Competitive games such as

Kho-kho, Langdi, Tug of war and Handball were played. Children actively got involved in forming groups and performing in

all the games as a group. The winning teams were awarded Gold and Silver Medal, certificates and chocolate for the runner

ups. Sports gives children a scope to come out of their comfort zones especially girls.





“Amazing and enriching experience in study tour with children. All the best to all the children and Karunya- keep the good work going.”

Vidya Iyer,
Deutsche Bank.

STUDY TOURS

Study tours were organized for Savli children on 16th April, 3rd May and 21st May 2019 to Traffic Park, Fire Brigade, Nehru Science Centre and Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Vastu Sanghralaya. Children got an understanding of traffic rules, safety during fire situations, information about stars & planets, ancient and traditional utensils, and war equipment along



with the history of Mumbai. Deutsche Bank employees volunteered for these tours and shared their knowledge with the Savli children.

ROCK AND ROLL SHIKSHAN 2019- SEASON 6



Rock And Roll Shikshan 2019-Season 6 vacation camp was conducted for Savli children on April 23 & 24. Children’s Parliament (CP) arranged this confidence building vacation camp with Savli staff and initiated the activities for this camp. It gave a platform for children to build leadership quality in them and sharpen their management skills. Various fun activities were arranged for children such as Charlie chaplin show, Games, Quiz competition and paper bag making.

Project Bharari, Ambarnath

Reported by -
Bharari Team

TRAINING ON GENDER AND EXPOSURE WITH CLA MEMBERS



Training on gender and exposure with CLA members held at Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, on 14th July organised by KNH with the Association of Jagori Foundation (Himachal pradesh) Jagruti and Usha from Karunya Trust staff was present for this training Mr. Navneet the resource person explained that Gender is focused on patriarchy. Masculinity sex and sexuality, activities were conducted on Gender

related topics which helped to enhance knowledge on gender. It is deeply rooted in our community and patriarchy is the reason behind it. From 22nd to 25th July CLA members visited Mount Valley development association and Purkal organization to see the business done by SHGs and individual woman. This exposure helped CLA members to gain knowledge about business and Networking to start the business. KNH National Coordinator Ms. Kamalika conducted the training on database and reporting on 25th July which cleared all doubts regarding the reports. Training cum exposure not only helped Karunya Trust’s staff but also CLA women.

HEALTH IS A REAL WEALTH



Sheetal Balu Ughade, Saged 19 year residing at Aghanwadi village, since last 6 months was sick and after her primary tests doctor diagnosed a heart problem. Doctors suggested surgery. Sheetal’s family is economically backward. Her father earns daily wages, and was unable to pay Rs. 26000/- for surgery, therefore he sold his domestic animal and saved some amount for his daughter’s surgery as well as her medical treatment. Due to lack of document and different names in Adhar Card and School leaving certificates, family was not able to benefit health schemes. Karunya Trust’s staff Mr. Shivaji Aghan helped the family to benefit medical treatment Under Mahatma Jyotiba Fule Jan Arogya Yojana. Staff visited Sheetal’s school and requested the Principal to issue the school leaving certificate according to her original name as Sheetal. She is operated and improving her health. She is happy and her family is grateful for the support and helped rendered by Karunya trust.

AMBITIOUS WOMAN INVOLVED IN BUSINESS...



I am Revati Sanjay Maude, aged 40 years, permanent resident at Sonavale, member of Jaswandi Self-Help Group. We are 4 family members

staying together. Karunya trust has been working for SHG since last four years, I have been motivated through various trainings, but through the training on

business plan, I gained knowledge and an idea to start own business and according to that I set my goal to have a poultry farm in which Karunya Trust has helped and supported to avail Government scheme on poultry. I submitted all the document with the help of Karunya staff and received 100 chickens. I am grateful to Karunya Trust for supporting me financially in the beginning. My family income has increased through this business. Karunya Trust has helped me financially to expand my business by giving IGA. Once again I thank Karunya Trust for giving me this opportunity to start my own business. I am happy and feel proud to be the member of SHG and connected with Karunya Trust.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS BROUGHT SMILE ON SCHOOL GOING CHILDREN



Education is one of the most important aspects observed by Karunya trust . Since 2013 Karunya trust has been empowering tribal community through Self Help Group Approach. Tribal Children are supported and benefited by various activities organized by Karunya Trust. ST. Paul’s Church at Ulhasnagar, Immaculate Conception Church at Dombivli and Mrs. Rita Fernandes from Infant Jesus Church parish provided educational materials. Karunya Trust is grateful to all benefactors for their generosity and kindness which has helped 980 school children to have educational material. Through educational support children are regular to school and have improved their study, drop out number is declined. Parents have saved the note books amount which can be utilized for their children’s health and food. Children as well as parents are happy to see their children going regularly to school and taking interest in their studies.



"It was a great experience to be part of the cycle distribution event for the top scorers and prize distribution for 12th Std students. Best wishes & prayers to all the children of Savli & Gyaansathi. May God bless you abundantly. Keep smiling."

Selvin Kurian

THE EMPOWERED WOMAN IS POWERFUL BEYOND MEASURE AND BEAUTIFUL BEYOND DESCRIPTION



I am Sugandha M. Waghe, residing at Devlohi hamlet in Ambernath Block. I am working on a daily wages only earning for 2 times meals. Karunya Trust's initiative to form Self-Help Group made me aware of my own rights. By attending different

trainings and workshop my life style has changed. I have been appointed as the President of Jeevdani Self-Help Group in which I learnt to keep account and records upto date. NRLM, Panchayat samiti had organized 5 days training to form CLA. I was afraid to get involved in it, but

Sangita Shelke from Karunya Trust motivated and helped me to attend the training. Sangita Shelke has been encouraging and helping me to take up leadership for the betterment of the hamlet and Self-Help Group. With the help and guidance of Karunya Trust's staff I

accepted to be president of CLA. I have build my confidence and proud of myself. I firmly stand for the women's progress and to improve their lifestyle. I am grateful to Karunya Trust for supporting and encouraging me.

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Project Jeevan EA, Kalyan

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Jeevan EA Team

PEOPLE LED EMPOWERMENT TOWARDS SUCCESS



Caste certificates are essential legal documents for identity purpose. To get caste certificates, it's a struggle but with results. Karunya Trust has been working in 15 hamlets of Kalyan Block of Thane District of Maharashtra. Thakur communities (scheduled Tribal community) are staying in Kelni, Mhasrundi, Bangarwadi, Kunde, Dahivali, and Thakurpada hamlets and depend on forest produce and daily wages for living. The main

issue of the community is lack of caste certificates and due to this people are unable to avail the Government schemes. "Due to caste certificates unavailability, 12 children could not get scholarship and higher education," said Ganpat Hindole one of Active Leaders of Thakurpada hamlet.

On November 22, 2018, Karunya Trust organised common meeting in which 108 people participated to discuss issues of documents like 1950

residential proof or Village Registration Form no14. Karunya Trust staff motivated them to form Block level Committee before having a meeting with Tehsildar and Sub Divisional Officer. After much struggle and difficulties an application was drafted to submit to Tahsil office. On Dec 13, 2018 the Tribes visited the Tahsildar office and submitted 396 applications for Caste certificates. On May 24, the tribals received 362 caste certificates.

UNITY IS STRENGTH WHEN THERE IS TEAMWORK AND COLLABORATION...

Belkarpada is a small hamlet of K a t k a r i community of Mhaskal Grampanchayat of Kalyan block of Thane district of Maharashtra. Katkari is one of the most vulnerable communities of schedule caste of Maharashtra. 15 families of Katkari hamlet people are depending on daily wages activity and brick kiln work for their income. Migration always takes lead in Katkari hamlets. That's why people are unable to take government schemes and facilities. Belkarpada hamlet were facing drinking water problem. Drinking water issue brought Belkarpada people together and fight for their basic needs. Karunya Trust has been working for last 3 years motivating and facilitating people for their

rights. Staff from Karunya facilitated to draft an application to Gram

sabha is a one of the village decision-making function of Panchayat Raj



Panchayat (GP) regarding water facility for hamlet. On May 1, 2019 around 20 people from the hamlet actively participated in Village Gram sabha (Gram

institution) and raised water issue. Gram Sabha made a resolution and sanctioned one borewell for the community. But the hamlet faced low voltage problem. Again 15 women from the hamlet came together and visited Gram Panchayat and also Member of Legislation Assembly (MLA) and submitted the application to have electricity board in the hamlet. MLA took the issue seriously and assured to solve electricity issue within one month. On June 14 Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) and Gram Panchayat installed new Transformer for hamlet" said Uma Mukane.



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"We Rise by Lifting Others..." Robert Ingersoll



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Fund Utilisation in 2019-20

- ✓ Project Savli (Education and Nutrition Support): 350 children
- ✓ Housing project: 8 houses

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PROVIDE EDUCATION to Underprivileged children *at Project Savli, Nahur (Life threatening diseases), Project Gyansaathi, Govandi (Rag Picking Children), Project Bharari - Ambarnath Taluka (Tribals).*



PROVIDE HEALTHCARE to Underprivileged children *including Health Camp, Awareness, Health Facilities and Mental Healthcare including Counselling and Life Skills.*



PROVIDE SHELTER to Tribal Families *in Ambarnath Taluka, Thane District by building Houses.*

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