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POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS

“Lent is a good time for sacrificing. Let us deny ourselves something every day to help others”

“Whatever you did for the least of my brethren, you did to me.” (Mt.25:40)

As we are in the season of Lent, it is the time to give up things as well as take on new life giving practices. This will help us to rid from our own selfish desires and motivates us to love and serve others as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. It is our task, both individually and collectively to be dedicated to the charism to love and service. One of the main practices in the season of Lent is Almsgiving. Almsgiving teaches us the generosity of love. This practice invites us to grow in charity and recognize in the poor, Christ Himself. In the Acts of Apostles, we read that the apostle Peter said to the cripple who was begging alms

at the temple gate ; “ I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you in the name of Jesus Christ, walk” (Acts 3:6). The Lenten Season reminds us that the suffering Christ in his Passion is present in our world in countless ways. It is our responsibility to help the poor and the needy. Through Karunya Trust we are successfully carrying out this mission. Let us continue to help others in their needs “It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.”Mother Teresa. With prayerful greetings,

Mar Thomas Elavanal
Bishop of Kalyan



EDITORIAL

The spirit of the good samaritan

In the Holy Scripture, we read about the parable of the Good Samaritan in the Gospel of Luke chapter 10. St. Luke speaks about the power of love that transcends all creeds and cultures and "creates" a neighbour out of a complete stranger. The Good Samaritan shows us what compassion and commitment is all about. The Samaritan had a choice to pass by on the other side. He could have closed his heart and refused to respond to a genuine need. But he stopped and knelt down beside the stranger who was

hurting. At that moment, a neighbour was born. Everyone who stops besides the suffering of another person, in whatever form it may take, is a Good Samaritan. Often at many occasions we help a person in need, especially when he or she is someone dear to us. We seldom extend our help to strangers and people who are of no use to us. This is where we need to realise the depth and spirit of the Good Samaritan who creates a neighbour in a stranger who was absolutely of no use. Often we look so much to ourselves and love

each other less. A Good Samaritan is the one who sees Jesus in others. We are all reminded that we are brothers and sisters in Christ and whatever we do to the least of our brothers is doing unto Jesus himself. Multitudes are out there, within our reach, who is seeking our help and compassion. Let us join hands and translate our words into action to touch the life of the poor and make a difference like the Good Samaritan.

Fr. Joby Ayithamattathil
Asst. Director



KARUNYA DOSTI 2018 (Karunya Annual Day Celebration)



Mar Thomas Elavanal (Bishop of Kalyan, Chairman of Karunya Trust) inaugurating Karunya Dosti 2018 by lighting the lamp



(Left to right) Shri. Sardar Tara Singh (MLA- Mulund constituency), Shri. Ramesh K (Joint General Manager- South Indian Bank), Shri. B.P. Singh (Producer of CID series), Smt. Vidhyulata Hinukale (Bhandup Rationing Officer) addressing the august gathering of Karunya Family.



Bp Thomas Elavanal honouring the dignitaries (Left to right) Shri. Sardar Tara Singh (MLA- Mulund constituency), Shri. B.P. Singh (Producer of CID series), Shri. Ramesh K (Joint General Manager- South Indian Bank), Smt. Nilufer Ahmed (Former Dean of Students Welfare at SNTD University, Karunya Trust Board Member), Shri. Prabhal Baruah (CID Serial Director), Smt. Vidhyulata Hinukale (Bhandup Rationing Officer), Sr. Anjana (Professor, Nirmala Niketan College of Social Work), Mrs. Mary Paul (St. Joseph Church, Powai) and Mrs. Thressia Jacob (St. Thomas Church, Vashi)



Bishop Thomas Elavanal handed over the Karunya Awards 2017; (Left to right) Volunteer Award (Mr. Anil Bakshi, Mrs. Thankamma Xavier, Mr. Jojo Joy), Good Samaritan Award (Little Flower Church- Nerul), St. Theresa’s Church, (Kandivili West), Award of Excellence (Ms. Pooja Gaikwad , Ms. Jagruthi Lad, Mrs. Kunda Sawant, Mr. Nishikant Rananaware, Mr. Kevin Jose, Mr. Firoz Shaikh, Mr. Sandesh Shirsat, Mr. Roy Thomas)



Karunya Trust Cloth Collection Drive for People in North India:-

Karunya Trust with the help of EY Foundation took the initiative for 'Cloth Collection Drive' to support people in North India suffering from severe cold and lack of appropriate clothing. This drive was done at Malad, Borivali, Kalyan, Powai, Antophill and

Andheri Forane and received 4667 KG (4.667 Tones) of Clothes, an incredible achievement. We thank the Parish Priests and Parishioners for their wholehearted support. Mathew 25:36-40: "I was naked and you clothed me. Then the righteous will ask him, saying, 'Lord, when did

we see you naked and clothe you? 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."



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I am very happy now because I have completed my internship in Gyansaathi. Organization is working well for the children, All the best for the future. Thank you so much.

Varada N.N
Christ University

GYANSAATHI: (Urban Project, Govandi - Mumbai)

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Gyansaathi Team

Annual Sports Day



Annual sports day of Gyansaathi was organized at St. Pius College ground, Goregaon on 9th November 2017. Volunteers from Deutsche bank, Gyansaathi teachers, and 146 children were part of the event. Children participated in various competitions like

running, long jump, sack race and in group games. Children were given prizes, certificates, and medals during the felicitation ceremony. One of the children Sohail shared that "he was much excited to participate in sports competition as he never got such opportunities earlier".

Health Sessions



On November 22nd 2017 Gyansaathi organized Gynec Camp and as awareness about "Cancer" for the community Mothers in collaboration with Gunvati Jagarnath Kapoor Foundation and coordinated with doctors of Tata

Memorial Hospital. 50 participants took part in the awareness session about different types of cancers, its symptoms and prevention measures followed by a health check-up by the gynecologist.

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House renovation by CP Children

Children's Parliament (CP) members joined together to clean and arrange the house of one of the children who studies at Gyansaathi, the house was a mess as his family was in severe financial problems. With their hard work children

could fill the mud and level the floor with cement. Children also cleaned whole house and made everything in order. The child was living with his mother and three younger brothers, they lost their father few months ago, the family

was in severe poverty as their mother was sick and there were no source of income. He shared that he is very happy and he

never could think of seeing his house in such a better condition as his family could not afford such expenses.

Mumbai Marathon



75 children and 13 Staff from Gyansaathi participated in the massive event Mumbai marathon on 21st January. Children also participated in costume competition

and presented different Indian cultures with the message of peace and unity. Imran said that "he was very happy and enjoyed running with thousands of people."

News from Balwadi Centre



Gyansaathi has started a new project, Balwadi (4 to below 6 years of age children) in April 2017. This year Balwadi started with a new concept, trained teacher, separate classroom, separate teaching planner. Earlier very few children had come to the center but gradually the number has been increased. Now children as well as their

parents are also taking interest to send children to Balwadi. Currently the total numbers of children are 55. The teacher takes classes (use play way method), various activities, cultural programme, telegame/ indoor games, various celebrations of programmes etc. These activities help them to grow their confidence level and improve their

Sustainable Development Goals Training at Amaravati



A training on Sustainable development Goals was attended by two Gyansaathi students on 30th November at Amaravathi organized by The Neighborhood Community network. The trainer Dr. Rahul Baise discussed different topics such as Concept of SDG

(Sustainable Development Goals and objectives, 17 Goals SDG, three dimensions of SDG (environmental, social & economic) etc. The training helped them to get information on SDG and the same training was conducted for other children later at Gyansaathi.

Deutsche Bank Visit



Gyansaathi children were taken to Deutsche bank for an exposure visit on 30th December. Children learned about the Bank and its functions and about different bank transactions. 71 Children and 14 Mothers were part of the event. Children visited different

departments of bank and interacted with staff and clarified their doubts about banking. One of the children Shahin shared "it was an interesting exposure visit as I could learn to use ATM card, Cheque, depositing cash, procedure for opening new savings account".

Bharari Tribal Village visit



35 Gyansaathi Adult literacy students and mothers were taken for an exposure visit on December 22nd to a Bharari Tribal Village for a new experience. They interacted with tribal women and shared experiences with each other. They attended a session on Gender issues

conducted by Mr. Nishikanth & Mrs. Sangeetha. They also visited Harmony resort at Rahtoli Village in the afternoon. One of the women in the group Sabiya shared "it was an unforgettable experience for me as I could meet women who also have similar experience".

Teacher's Experiences

"From last one year of my experience, I can see the difference from beginning to present, children come regularly and take an interest to learn new things. Also they are interested to learn and participate in various activities. It is also noticed that after seeing the development of these children, more community parents are showing interest to keep their children in Balwadi".

general information for the children. The teacher also learns and teaches them seasonal activities (poem, storytelling, art/craft).

The supplement nutrition (Chyawanprash, Milk, Egg and seasonal fruits) are also provided to all the children.



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" Feeling really proud that DB is associated with such a fantastic organisation"

Rajesh Raje
Deutsche Bank Volunteer

SAVLI: (Urban Project, Nahur - Mumbai)

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Savli Team

Rock and Roll Shikshan- Season 4



354 children participated in the Rock and Roll Shikshan-Season 4 which was held on 16th Oct and 17th Oct 2017 at Christ the King Community Centre, Nahur. Ten Volunteers from Christ the King Church- Bhandup, Nirmala Niketan College of Social Work, Mumbai University, Infant Jesus Church- Vikhroli participated in the event. As every season of Rock and Roll Shikshan brings in lots of learning, fun and

surprises for the children this season too children were eagerly waiting to be rejuvenated by the two-day vacation camp organized for them. As part of their teamwork, Children prepared and presented an Advertisement promoting emergency number such as 100, 101, 103, 1098, etc through which they all got awareness about the relevance of emergency numbers in the day to day

life. There were other activities such as Skit completion, Akashkandil making competition, Charlie Chaplin Show, etc through which children learned and enjoyed a lot. Ganesh Waghmare (Savli Child) said "Group work gave us a platform to exchange ideas with each other which helped us to complete the task given to us successfully. It was really a fun learning experience for me in the camp."

The Take Off



Launching of "The Take Off" Newsletter on 4th Nov 2017 was the much-awaited dream come true moment for the Savli Children Parliament members as they added another feather to their cap. Launching ceremony of the first edition of newsletter took place in the esteemed presence of 12 Deutsche Bank Volunteers and 137 children during the first Anniversary Celebration of Children Parliament federation. Children Parliament Members will be publishing their

newsletter "The Take Off" bi-annually henceforth. The event also witnessed the launching of Savli CP Federation Logo and Motto - "We rise by Lifting Others". As part of the event, children were divided into groups to prepare different models based on the topics given to them such as water harvesting, solar energy, aquatic farming, Kitchen garden, etc. Deutsche bank Volunteers actively facilitated children in the group talent show which was conducted as a part of the event. As part of the group activity, children

also created a flow chart wherein every child wrote a message to the society on the theme "Man and Nature". Children Parliament members had a memorable day with Deutsche Bank volunteers. Priyanka Prajapati (Savli Child) said "Organic farming and Aqua farming is a very new concept for us. We understood its importance and its need in our society. Thank you Karunya Trust for arranging such a beautiful activity for us."

The Urban Yogis

"Yoga is not a religion. It is a science, science of well-being, the science of youthfulness, the science of integrating body, mind, and soul." Sixty Seven Urban Yogis participated in the Yoga and Meditation session which was held on 18th Oct 2017 at Christ the King Community Centre. The session was conducted in a child-friendly manner under the able guidance of Mr. Manish and Ms. Maya. Children were taught different basic yoga asanas which they could practice at their



home. Children were also told about the Psychological and physical benefits of practicing yoga. All children were excited to learn different yoga asanas as they understood the relevance of practicing yoga. Urban

yogis have volunteered to practice Yoga in their homes to rejuvenate their life. Kirtesh Prajapati (Savli Child) said "I learned different yoga asanas and breathing techniques. After doing yoga I am feeling relaxed and positive."

Just Believe... I Can...



93 children who are appearing for their 10th and 12th board exams came for a motivational session and prayer service which was held on 26th Jan 2018 at Christ the King community center,

Nahur. All the children actively participated in the Prayer service which was presided over by Fr. Paul Kunduparambil. Motivation Session was conducted by Mr. Joseph Puduseri and Mr. Jaison Rafel. Key points that

were covered during the session were to live a life with positive attitude, to stay away from addictions and to enjoy life by satisfying one's needs rather than wants. Children were given exam tip sheets which had guidelines for children on how to prepare for exams, what needs to be done before, during and after exams, etc. Children were also shown motivational video which gave the message of believing in oneself and marching towards achieving their goals.

Savli Flying Club



65 children participated in the exposure visit which was held at Juhu Airport on 30th Oct 2017 and 90 Children participated in the exposure visit taken to Parle G factory and Rural Communes NGO at Khopoli on 24th Oct 2017. Visiting Juhu Airport was a dream come true for many children who have never dreamt of experiencing the

Airport and the Aeroplanes from such close proximity. Children were able to understand the different technical details related to Airport and Aeroplane. Shrikant Bhosale (Savli Child) said "Today I got the opportunity to make myself familiar with airplanes and aircraft which we see every day in the sky and the Juhu beach which is the pride of Mumbai. It was the

amazing experience. Thank you all staff of Karunya trust." Children were excited to see and understand the process of biscuit preparation at Parle G factory outlet which is situated at Khopoli. Visiting Rural communes organization gave children an understanding about tribal culture and relevance of living with nature.

PRO- ECO



Pro-Eco is a campaign initiated by Savli Children Parliament Federation to Promote the Culture of Clean and Safe Environment. The motto of Pro- Eco campaign is "Hamara Haq... Eco Life..." Launching ceremony of the Pro- Eco campaign was held on 27th Dec 2017 at Nahur railway Station. Pro-Eco Campaign was flagged off by MLA Sardar Tara Singh (Mulund Constituency) and Fr. Paul Kunduparambil (Director-

Karunya Trust). As part of the first initiative of Pro-Eco Campaign, 63 children organized 'Cleanliness drive' at Nahur Railway Station which was supported by CEAT tyre Company, Indian Railway-Central Division, Suresh Koparkar - Bhandup Village Corporator, Myra Restaurant, Deutsche Parkz, Children Parliament members will be involved in many other future endeavours under the Pro-Eco campaign. The

message of Pro- Eco campaign has reached out to lakhs of people through the media coverage by Times of India, Hindustan Times, The Hindu, Mid-Day, Loksatta, Pudari, etc. Ratan Gupta (Savli Child) said: "We are grateful to Karunya Trust for giving us an opportunity to keep the environment clean and helping us understand the importance of Pro- Eco life."



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"Excellent work! The team is working very nice. Savli is Best!"

*Ms.Vidyulata Hinukale
Bhandup Rationing officer*

Observing Anti- Untouchability Week



“I DO NOT want to be reborn. But if I have to be reborn, I should be born an untouchable, so that I may share their sorrows, sufferings, and the affronts leveled at them, in order that I may endeavor to free myself and them from that miserable condition. I,

therefore, pray that, if I should be born again, I should do so not as a Brahmin, Kshatriya, Vaishya or Shudra, but as an Atishudra” remembering these words of Mahatma Gandhi on 2nd Oct 2017, Savli Observed Anti-Untouchability Week at

Christ the King community center. Sixty-Six children of Savli participated in the event. Children were sensitized towards present-day modern untouchability which is still prevailing in our society. Children were divided into different groups and were asked to identify the modern untouchability that was practice in today's society. Activity gone a great insight to the children. Once Mahatma Gandhi's mother said. 'You must not touch this boy, he is an untouchable.' 'Why not?' he questioned back, and from that day Mahatma Gandhi's revolt began. Savli children also have decided to raise their voice against this dehumanizing practice in their individual capacity.

Jingles with the Message of Love



Christ the King Church, Nahur under the initiative of their catechism department came forward to spread the message of love with 80 children of Savli on 17th Dec 2017. Catechism students had put up lot of fun activities for the children. Savli children were welcomed with carol

songs which had the vibes of Christ's love. Action songs and games filled the children with lots of energy and added more smiles to their lives. The arrival of Santa Claus during the event was a thrilling moment for children. Savli children wished the catechism students with

handmade Christmas cards prepared by them. As a token of love, catechism children gave Savli children gift boxes containing chocolates. The celebration ended with a lunch that everyone had together.



Aamchi Khilla

Savli Children Parliament Federation secured the Fifth position in the fort making competition at the state level which was organized by “Angolichi Goli” with the theme Clean and Safe Environment.

Voice of the Voiceless...

“Every Child has one thing in common, their rights.” With this firm belief, Savli team organized 6 street plays on the occasion of Children's Day at various places in the City of Mumbai with the theme “Child Rights.”



Rural Projects, Kalyan & Ambarnath

*Reported by -
Rural Team*

“It does not take much strength to do things, but it requires a great deal of strength to decide what to do.”

Women can take right decisions is proved by Durgadevi women Self Help Group from Chon village in Ambarnath Taluka. Karunya Trust Animators has been working to empower women to fight for their rights. They facilitated the Village women to form SHG and trained them to set goals for their daily life. SHG women met children's families and motivated

them to send dropout kids to school. They also motivated pregnant mothers for vaccination. Women attended Gram Sabha and raised their voice on the issue of drinking water and submitted the application. But government did not heed it. Instead of being disappointed, with the help of Karunya Trust and their contribution they brought joy of drinking water in the

village and shared it with the neighboring hamlet by connecting pipe line. Encouraged, the women decided to get lease land for paddy cultivation. “It's not about making the right choice. It's about making a choice and making it right.” Women fulfilled their goal by cultivating on lease land. Unity brought strength and strength brought the confidence and improved their status.

“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today”.

In villages people are illiterate, but they have experienced the importance of Education. There is a village named Varyachiwadi situated in Ambarnath Taluka. Through the facilitation of Karunya Trust women have formed SHGs in the village. People are from Tribal community and lack facilities. Through the animators, Karunya Trust has been motivating women to avail the government schemes, GramSabha and local resources. There is

zilla parishad school for the village children. People are happy to see their children going to school and gaining knowledge. In 2017, Government decided to close schools with attendance below 20 students. When the notice reached Varyachiwadi village, all women collectively discussed and decided to oppose it. With knowledge gained from trainings, women together visited Education office in Ambarnath and

submitted an application to continue the school. Education department accepted their appeal. This is the first village who took the initiative to oppose the government from closing school. Women have opened the school doors and ensured children are regular to school. Today, women empowerment has proved that education breeds confidence, confidence breeds hope and hope breeds peace.

FARMERS MELAVA CELEBRATION



163 people from Kalyan Taluka had organized a grand farmers melava to honor farmers. Currently farming is at loss. Due to use of chemical fertilizers, agriculture and environmental degradation is increasing. Farmers suicides are increasing with increasing debts. In this scenario, people took initiative to organize farmers melava. Resource person Mr. Rajendra Bhat, officer of Agriculture department spoke about the importance of organic farming and its benefits. “I am grateful for this information, I am aware

of the benefit of organic farming”, said Babu Mr. Gurunath Samale gave few indicators for cultivation. Farmers need to select proper seed and traditional method of cultivation, these are the sources of good vegetable cultivation. He gave information about the change of climate. Good cultivation also depends on climate. Mr. Patil, Agriculture department Officer, gave information on government schemes for farmers. Farmers are not aware of implementation of schemes and government plans. It is very important to understand and benefit from the government

level farming program. Government schemes and plans are available for SHG, individual farmer or farmers groups. Mrs. Karindikar and Mr. Rahul, ATMA coordinators spoke on the process of networking with ATMA department. Farmers can benefit from ATMA department by registering the SHG. It is an opportunity for farmers to increase their cultivation and income. “I like this Farmers Melava Program. I gained information on vegetable cultivation and also became aware of government schemes for farmers”, said Ganesh Balge.

“It's always better when it's Natural”

Farmers were cultivating only cash crops using excess chemical fertilizers to increase crops thus damaging the

environment and causing soil erosion. For the first time, farmers from tribal areas have tried to change their farming method. In Kalyan taluka of Thane

district, 15 farmers from Dahivali hamlet have been practicing Zero farming method. “We were using chemical fertilizers in our fields. I

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It was pleasure to come back to Karunya Trust. I have experienced care and passion among the staff to work with the downtrodden community. The children here are the best. They will be an asset to the nation. God Bless.

Mr. Cyril John Moolakkatt,
Assistant Professor Christ University, Bangalore

JEEVAN - PLE - “Money can be printed, but land once gone cannot be created”



Adivasis who mainly inhabited forestland today are empowered to fight for their local and acquired land. Poi village in Kalyan Taluka of Thane district of Maharashtra has a population of 34 families from Thakar caste and were given large areas of forest to stay. “Karunya Trust has been working to empower people in our village for the last two years to solve the problems of drinking

water and alcoholism in our village. We also raised our voice in Gramsabha for internal road in the village. Our involvement in the development of the community has brought changes in us as well as in the community”, said Parvati Bagle “The land where we are situated belongs to the forest department. We were settled on this land for many years. My birth, childhood and marriage took place in the same

hamlet. Today I am 60. Through Karunya Trust's facilitation, we fought for our rights and are benefiting all government facilities like water, electricity, public roads and Anganwadi. The house and toilet is built with the subsidy provided by the government”, said Maya Savant “The thatched hut is converted into a concrete home by working day and night. But the land is not registered on our name. Documents are still pending. All the women were facilitated on Forest Right Act and collectively 12 women visited the village Panchayat for getting information on Forest Right Act and found from the Gram Panchayat that the Forest Rights Committee has been established but not active in the village. As a result, no work has been

done by them.” said Parvati Bagle. “We submitted an application for the participation of our tribal members in the Forest Rights Committee. On 22nd December all women from Poi hamlet came together and wrote one more application to the Forest Rights Committee to own the forest land. Then on 28th December collectively people submitted the application to the Forest Rights Committee regarding land registration (the Gaothan entries)”, said Vanita Bagle. As members of one community, people are working together towards a common purpose. People don't want to lose their land; they want their grandchildren to grow up in the same land. People are empowered towards leadership and change.

“It's always...

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used to spend about Rs.15000/- in one acre for cultivation of vegetables and was getting only Rs. 20000/- on vegetables if there is demand. This was the situation of 15 people in our Dahivali hamlet. So, we decided, to do farming in a natural way”, noted Ganpat Mukane. “Today, in fertile land use of chemicals are avoided. We have been trained in organic farming with the help of Karunya Trust and such training has benefitted the farmers. We learned how to cultivate through zero based farming. If people think organic food is

expensive have priced cancer later!” said Rama Waghe. “We are trained to make Jivamrut from the village. We collectively came together and started cultivating vegetables and after one week we used Jivamrut in our farm. First time we are practicing such kind of method and confident that it will definitely reduce our expenses ” Dunda Bangare. “With wrong farming methods fertile land turns into desert. Unless we go back to organic farming and save the soil, there is no future!”

TATA Mumbai Marathon 2018

The Run to Transform Lives...



PRAISE THE LORD!

Praise the Lord! I am very grateful to Jesus for making me instrumental in helping Gyansaathi raising funds for its activities this year. With support from more than 30 generous friends and colleagues I raised Rs. 2.40 lacs under “Mumbai Marathon 2018” with patronage from United Way of Mumbai. I am very thankful to all the donors for their valuable contribution. Many of my donors have been supporting this cause for past many years.

It takes a lot of time to follow up as everyone is busy with their work schedule and other matters in life. At times you feel dejected with the negative responses from people you expected support.

But I don't lose hope and stop follow up... What I experience is that the young generation is lacking the sense of giving and hence haven't experience the happiness of sharing in their life. Parents should encourage their children to develop a concern for the fellow beings who are not so privileged like us in the society.

I sincerely thank the management and the volunteers of Gyansaathi who are dedicating their time and energy in making the life of its children colourful. May God bless them!



Gigy Mathew

This is my 5th Year being part of the Karunya Team handling the event Mumbai Marathon for Karunya Trust. I am very proud of the success Karunya Trust has achieved in all these editions of Mumbai Marathon. Karunya Trust has been improving every year in terms of number of people who run for our cause and also the funds raised through the event. In these last 5 years at

I started running a couple of years back. My initial motivation was when I watched marathoners completing their run just as we began our 6km dream run every year. That's when I said to myself, "If they can do it so can I". Since then, I've done quite a few half marathons already and the experience is always

Mumbai Marathon, we have won Costume awards and also been rated as the Top 10 NGO in the Charity Bib selling section. The support of the Donors and Benefactors year after year is the driving force to help the most needy people and community in the Urban and Rural Projects. It is the impact created by Karunya Trust in the lives of the children, women, families, and

fantastic.

But this time was different. This time I was running for a cause, a purpose.

I was running to raise funds for MY kids from Karunya Trust. It wasn't easy but every step I ran brought me closer to the cause that is so dear to my heart. The end result, I managed to

communities that have urged more and more people to provide support. Many of our supporters have also volunteered in their spare time to be with our beneficiaries and transformed the lives of many.

This year in the TATA Mumbai Marathon 2018, 173 people ran for Karunya Trust. This included Corporates, Individual Supporters,

beneficiaries, Prolife Team and Karunya Trust employees. Msgr. Fr. Emmanuel Kadankavil led our Team at the TATA Mumbai Marathon.

I thank all who ran for the cause of Karunya Trust and raised funds: Corporates - DDecor Home Fabrics, DDecor Exports, Jessena Marine, Wert Jeans, Hiranandani Groups, Pravin Electricals, Trinity Travels, St. Joseph Travels, All Individual Donors and Online Fundraisers. This year 30 people raised funds online for Karunya Trust and the top 3 Fundraisers were Mr. Nilesh Nandoskar, Mr. Gigy Mathew and Mr. Thomas Mathew. Ms. Rose Mary was the Best Youth Fundraiser. I thank each one of you for your support. And finally, I thank Karunya Trust Team members for their tireless efforts in making this event a grand success.

Kevin Jose,
Karunya Trust.

I personally believe that change starts with you. I was blessed to be part of such a noble cause. With each donation small or big I got a sense of self satisfaction. Thanks for making me a part of it.



Rose Mary Gigi
KEY-Diocese of Kalyan



Sheryl Almeida

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to provide holistic education to a child rag picker for a month

☐ Rs. 4,000/-

to provide initial study for a poor student for a year

☐ Rs. 8,400/-

to provide holistic education to a HIV infected / affected child for a year

☐ Rs. 15,000/-

to provide partial support for higher education for a student

☐ Rs. 50,000/-

to provide major support for professional education of a student for a year

☐ Rs. 50,400/-

to educate child for six years (5th - 10th std) (Rs. 400 per year)

Vocational Training

☐ Rs. 3,000/-

to provide 3 months Vocational education to boy/girl

☐ Rs. 3,500/-

to provide 4 months tailoring training course to an adolescent girl

☐ Rs. 6,500/-

to provide a tailoring machine to a trained girl

Meal for the poor

☐ Rs. 1,500/-

to provide one time meal for a family, for a week

☐ Rs. 4,000/-

to provide one time meal for a day, for 100 street children

☐ Rs. 24,000/-

to provide one time meal for a week, for 100 street children

Health Programs

☐ Rs.3,000/-

to support a needy patient for a month

☐ Rs.6,000/-

to provide monthly medical check up, for 200 street children

☐ Rs.10,000/-

to provide initial care and support to a destitute

☐ Rs.15,000/-

to conduct medical check ups & provide medicines at rural village (for 300 people)

Income generation programs for rural women and farmers

☐ Rs.8,000/-

to provide initial support for organic farming

☐ Rs.10,000/-

to provide initial support for small scale IGP

☐ Rs.10,000/-

to provide two goats to a needy family in a rural village helping them for a steady income

Shelter Programs

☐ Rs.50,000/-

to provide partial support to build a rural house for Tribal family

☐ Rs.75,000/-

to provide major support to build a rural house

☐ Rs.1,50,000/-

to provide full support to build a rural house

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It was a pleasure to visit your place and an Eye opener for all of us. God Bless all of you here for the wonderful work and service you are doing.
Fr. JomonThekkumthala (Vikar)
Holly Trinity Church Thane

From **TATA Mumbai Marathon 2018**

I have an interesting insight to share about my fundraising experience.

The first time I sent out a mail to my close friends, seeking support for this activity I had no expectations at all. I would have been happy to have raised a few thousand rupees but what happened totally knocked me off my feet. Within a few minutes of my mail going out a friend deposited Rs 10,000 through the online portal. I was amazed and curious too. I immediately called him up and he said "I was looking for an opportunity to donate this amount, your message came as if it had read my mind". A few days later another friend called me and asked me if I was aware what the money I was raising would be used for. I told him I was well aware of this organization and trusted the people who worked here. My friend said " This is just what I wanted to hear. I have pledged to donate a certain portion of my income every year but I want to be sure that it will be put to good use." I assured him that I would personally ensure that every rupee was used for the right cause. The next day I received a notification that my fundraising account had received a huge donation... a four and half lakh rupees to be precise. I really was left speechless. After this episode there was no looking back.

I reached out to all my friends through mail, facebook, whatsapp and kept on getting pleasantly surprised by their generosity.

I had gained this insight from first hand experience:

- people are more generous than we would normally expect.
- the need to give is just as strong as the need to receive.
- giving easily become a good habit that stays with a person. The ones who donate once keep on giving every year.



Nilesh Nandoskar

AN APPEAL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

"...one book & one pen can change the world". Malala

Kalyan Diocesan Social Action – Karunya Trust is supporting 3850 less privileged children, from Mumbai slums and tribal villages of Ambernath, for their education. (750 child rag pickers, 800 children affected with HIV/ AIDS, 1600 tribal children, 200 children from parish/ nodal centres under Initial study help & scholarship program, 500 children covered under housing and sanitation projects). Today Karunya Trust is a sign of HOPE to these children. Your support motivates the economically weak families to educate their children. The kind of education materials required are:

- Note books
- Pens
- Pencils
- School Bags
- Tiffin boxes
- Water bottles
- Umbrellas / Raincoats
- Instrument box etc.



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