

Karunya News



...the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion... (Phili-1:6)

Karunya Trust focuses on enhancing the living conditions of the rural and the urban communities of Maharashtra. We do this by organizing women through Self Help Groups, farmers' groups, youth groups, providing disaster management skills, health care and education and fighting for children's rights.

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Bishop's Message: Charity in the Year of Faith



Blessed John Paul II exhorts in his social teaching, "The social message of the Gospel must guide the Church in her twofold pastoral activity: that of helping men and women to discover the truth and to choose the path that they will follow, and that of encouraging Christians to bear witness with a spirit of service to the Gospel in the field of social activity". The Year of Faith which we are celebrating is a fitting occasion for intensifying the service

of charity in our communities, so that each one of us can be a Good Samaritan for others, for those close to us. When we really start loving others as Jesus did, their needs will be ours and we will be able to help them in their need. Hence, we all can become good Samaritans. We are blessed with Pope Francis to lead the Catholic Church according to the will of Jesus especially showing the path of charity.

I take this opportunity to thank each one of you who voluntarily contributed to organize the event of 'Samooahvivaham' and for the construction of 30 jubilee memorial houses as a part of our Jubilee Activities. I appreciate the efforts of KDSA (Kalyan Diocesan Social Action), Karunya Trust. I bless you with the words of St. Paul, "My God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Eph 4:19). Yours in Christ

Mar Thomas Elavanal, Bishop of Kalyan

50 SAMOOH VIVAH

Social-Charitable Jubilee Celebration of Kalyan Diocese

In order to help the poor and needy eligible spinsters in Maharashtra, a Samoooh Vivah (Mass wedding) was conducted on April 4, 2013 as part of the Silver Jubilee year of the Diocese of Kalyan. The programme was conducted under the leadership of Karunya Trust in collaboration with Rahel George Charitable Trust. 50 couples (26 Buddhists, 11 Adivasi Hindus, 7 Hindus, 1 Muslim, 5 Christians,) were selected from the state of Maharashtra, based on the socio-economic condition of their family. The wedding ceremony was conducted according to Hindu, Dalit, Muslim and Christian



marriage rituals. All the couples were provided with basic gifts and other wedding expenses in cash and kind amounting to Rs. 75,000 per couple.

A public meeting was held to felicitate the couples. Shri. Kodikunnil Suresh, Hon. Union Labour Minister, in his inaugural address praised the activities of the Eparchy of Kalyan in the social charitable field. In his presidential address, His Excellency Mar Thomas



Elavanal, Bishop of Kalyan briefed about the social charitable activities of the Eparchy of Kalyan and thanked everyone for their significant role. Shri. Johnny Joseph, Upa Lokayukta, Maharashtra and Shri. Ramesh Ratan Patil, M.L.A. Kalyan Rural expressed that the social activities of the Eparchy are a role model for various other religious groups. All the speakers congratulated the organizers and blessed the couples. Msgr. Jacob Porathur, the Vicar General made the welcome speech and Rev. Fr. Paul Kunduparambil, the Social Action Director said the Vote of Thanks. The presence of other eminent personalities from political, social & religious arena added flavour to the function. During the function, the Diocese of Kalyan handed over the keys of 30 houses constructed for the poor and needy in the rural areas of Ambernath, Bhiwandi and Kalyan Taluka. This is a part of our social project for the rehabilitation of the poor in that area.



Fr. Francis Eluvathingal, Chancellor

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Pope Francis Speaks:



"Today and it breaks my heart to say it, finding a homeless person who has died of cold, is not news. Today, the news is scandals that are news, but the many children who don't have food - that's not news. This is grave. We can't rest easy while things are this way." *A crowd of 200,000 is delighted by Pope's wide ranging talk*

Editorial: BRING OUT THE BEST...



John asked his friend Mathew, "What is the salary you pay to the new worker in your factory"? Mathew replied, "I don't know what all expenses he has. Last week he asked Rs.800/- for his child's school admission, three days back he borrowed Rs.500/- for medicines, yesterday he wanted Rs.300/- for some urgent need". "So finally, how much did you pay" John asked. "To date I have paid only Rs.100/-" Mathew replied.

Dear friends, we all talk about inflation and the increase in the cost of living. In this situation, how do we contribute to support our needy brethren? Few days back a mother came seeking help, stating that an average English medium School is asking Rs. 25,000/- donation for admission to kindergarten and Rs.1200/- monthly fees. Unfortunately, for most of the children in lower middle class families, education is still an unfulfilled dream. As migrants, we have all gone through the struggles of a middle class family for food, education, shelter etc. Today, in our place let us keep our disadvantaged brethren of society. Do you feel that they need to be educated as our children? If yes, in what way can we support them? If not, we have to be ready to pay the price...

When Rev. Fr. George Kavukat MST was moving to Sangli Mission, after his long 12 years of service to Asangoan Mission, I asked Fr. George, "What is the grave need of the people of this area? He replied, "Nothing but Good Education". Good Education is not only the need of Asangoan Mission but of the entire world. Thanks to the founders of KDSA - Karunya Trust, to date we have reached out to 9818 children through various educational projects in the past 14 years. In its new initiative, Karunya Trust have envisaged 'MISSION BHARARI' (Marathi meaning "Take Off") targeting 1600 tribal children in 16 tribal pockets of Ambernath Taluka where the SUN of knowledge is not yet risen.

Dear Friends, I request your whole hearted support, in whatever way possible, to give wings to the dreams of our disadvantaged brethren.

"People who are indifferent to the sufferings of the poor are not worthy to partake of the sacrament/ prayer." Pope John Paul II.

Fr. Paul Kunduparambil, Director, KDSA- Karunya Trust

Our Honours, Karunya Trust is honoured to welcome our new Board of Directors



Dr. Ashok Mehta
(Past President,
Lions Clubs International)



Mr. C. Babu Joseph
(Executive Trustee & CEO,
Axis Bank Foundation)



Dr. Nilufer K. Ahmed (Past
Dean of Students Welfare at
SNDT University)

30 HOUSES FOR THE NEEDY Social-Charitable Jubilee Celebration of Kalyan Diocese



Mar Thomas Elavanal hands over the
key of Jubilee Memorial House



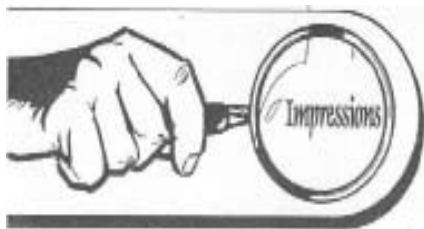
Shri. Kodikunnil Suresh, Hon. Union
Labour Minister, hands over the key
of Jubilee Memorial House



Mr. Babu Joseph, Karunya Trust
Board Member hands over the key of
Jubilee Memorial House



Msgr. Jacob Porathur hands over the
key of Jubilee Memorial House



Dear Friends,
Greetings from the department of Social Work, Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod. We from the department of Social Work immensely thank you for ...an orientation at your esteemed organisation during our study tour to Mumbai. Your marvellous work with the people has awakened the spirits of young minds, the brand ambassadors of 'Caring Wisdom' of Central University of Kerala. We have returned, examining our conscience... Warm regards!!!
Mr Cyril John, Professor, Central University, Kasaragod



IMPORTANCE OF INVOLVEMENT IN SOCIAL SERVICE BY THE SYRO-MALABAR COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN MAHARASHTRA

The world today is an increasingly complex world wherein the centre-stage is occupied by the rat-race for materialistic trifles. We live in a world where the income of the richest 250 people is equal to the income of the poorest 3.5 billion people, where 917 children die each hour due to starvation, where 15 million children are orphaned each year due to HIV/AIDS, where more than a billion people are unable to read and write, where racism, inequality, sexual abuse, violence, corruption, etc. have sky-rocketed to such a limitless extent that we've actually grown numb over the years when it comes to reacting or protesting against such evils. At this juncture, unarguably it can be stated that the world today is definitely not a paradise. Granted, the world never has and probably never will be perfect, but that is not at all an excuse to not try or give up hope. We can help to create a better world for the generations to come. And it is not as hard as we think.

The key to changing the world is in finding a way to empower the people around us so as to serve the society through their own self-interest. And the change should begin not from 'WE' but 'ME' instead. As we already know, man's life is totally interdependent with the society and he is indebted to it to such an extent that it can never be fully paid up and it is exactly here that 'Social Service' paves way to give back to the society a tiny portion of what one has taken from it. Even Mother Nature, through the sun, moon, stars, trees, river, etc. teaches us the greatest lesson to exist for others. Thus, social service is not an isolated task but a lifestyle indeed. Infact carrying out one's profession with good ethical values is also social service. The words **SOCIAL SERVICE** themselves speaks of something thought-provoking that goes-

S-ee
O-mnipresent
C-hrist
I-n
A-ll
L-iving beings
S-implify
E-engage
R-endering
V-oluntary
I-nitiatives
C-aring
E-everyone

(to be continued....)



Ms. Suja Johny
St. Joseph's Church, Airoli

CHILD FOCUSED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (CFCD)



Karunya Trust aims to take up a programme for a child focussed community development for the tribals. Our 7 years of experience made us introspect on our approach and the target group. In the process, we realized that the most needy and marginalized group in the rural area where we function, are the tribals, who are deprived of their human dignity. They are always on the periphery and not in the main stream of society. Thus, we have planned to reach out to tribals of 16

villages, which belong to 7 Gram Panchayats, with a population of 4987 and 1020 households, with a focus on children. There are 1600 children between 0-14 years. We shall reach them through education, health, livelihood, good governance and environment issues by way of participatory approach. By interacting with them we have come to learn that if basic education & health facilities & livelihood opportunities are availed, then in turn they can become empowered and begin to actively take part in their own development through community spirit which is dear to them. This will enhance their bargaining power and aptitudes for a better and bright future, and desire to live a life with human dignity and respect. Dear friends, you are welcome to give your generous support and well wishes for the success of this project. Together, we can build a new and just society which our master desired for and have invited each one of us to become partners in rendering our love and service to the less privileged brothers and sisters of ours.



Sr. Edith Gonsalves, Program Officer- Rural, Karunya Trust.

AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

Enhancing agricultural practices has become an aim and challenge for Karunya Trust. Keeping this in mind, we have began to work exclusively with farmers of 31 villages from Kalyan and Ambernath. So far we have formed 31 farmers clubs. From that, 10 clubs are linked with banks and NABARD. Each club will get Rs.10, 000/- from NABARD for the maintenance



of the group. We had inauguration of six clubs which has motivated other farmers to come for the training and exposure. We are constantly giving them training on organic farming, vermicompost and SRI methods. It is difficult to convince them, but we have managed to convince at least 150 farmers. We have managed to reach out to 750 beneficiaries so far. We hope to bring change in the lives of the farmers and their families.



Mr. Pralhad Patil – Farmers Club Animator

A note of Gratitude...



Karunya Trust thanks
Rev. Fr. Tomy Nelliyan
for his selfless service to Kalyan Diocesan Social Action (KDSA) as Asst. Director 2011-2013.

Welcome...

Karunya Trust welcomes
Rev. Fr. Jestho Menachery,
Director of KDSA. Let our Lord's presence be with you in all your steps



WOMEN, AGENTS OF CHANGE

Motivating, enhancing and empowering women to become members of Self Help Groups (SHG) for their bright future is economic, social, and spiritual status in the society, has become a part and parcel of Karunya Trust's life. In Kalyan, Ambarnath & Bhiwandi Taulka, we have formed 900 SHG's. In each SHG there are 10-12



members. Once in a month they save Rs.50/- .At present we have reached to 45,000 beneficiaries. It is an encouragement for them to save and use the money when they are in utter need, such as medical emergencies, agricultural purpose, educational purpose and other such needs. Once they become a year old group, we link them to Banks and motivate them to take a loan and start an income generating program. This can be done as an individual or a group activity. So far 100 groups have begun such activities. They have increased their income from Rs. 400/- to Rs. 500/- , besides paying the monthly installment. Every year one of our SHG's get an award from the District rural Development Agency (DRDA) for the best performance. In the last six months 13 SHG's have taken loans on subsidy amounted to Rs.33, 20,000/- for the purpose of starting an income generating activity (IGA) such as mandap decoration, papad making, vegetable cultivation, fish selling, canteen , sari shop etc. Two of our SHG have got the food license to put up a food stall anywhere in the District. In due course women welfare is encouraged and they are proud of becoming members of the SHG's. Gradually they begin to participate in Gram Sabha and demand for their rights.



constant guidance from the Karunya Trust staff. Now the government has started a new scheme National Rural livelihood mission (NRLM). From our area 150 women and 8 of our staff have attended the training in order to understand the concept of this scheme and help our target group to tap maximum government schemes available for them. There is a sense of joy when we see women and men of our target voice out and get the available resources for them for their development. Our aim is to empower them to stand on their own feet for a bright future and make them agents of change in the society.



Mrs. Sujata & Mrs. Sadhana
Facilitators of Karunya Trust, Kalyan.

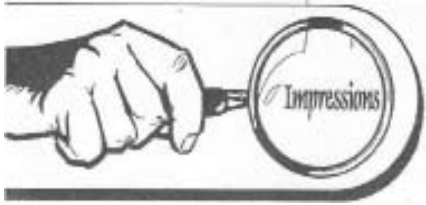


JAN GAVE LIFE TO 22 DESTITUTES



Thanks be to God for choosing the fragile hands for his mighty deeds...Jubilee Action Network (JAN), a jubilee memorial action network initiated by Kalyan Diocesan Social Action – Karunya Trust gave refuge to 22 destitutes in eight months, out of which 3 went to their heavenly abode. JAN had began with nine members & in eight months period JAN has grown to 19 members volunteer team. These 19 members team of JAN from various parishes of Kalyan Diocese voluntarily attend the destitutes at streets and road sides of Mumbai and rehabilitate them to various care homes.





When I reached St.Teresa's Convent, Dombivli, for the Samooh Vivah, I was very happy to see the arrangements. Keeping aside religious differences, each couple was allowed to marry according to their religious customs. Every couple was given the same respect and love. My only prayer is that this kind of unity and brotherhood may continue. *Kazi Abdul Kadil, Darul Uloom Gulshan Taiba*



KARUNYA IMPACT

I love to come to play and study ...



My names is GulabShah I am 5 yrs old, I study in the balwadi section. Before coming to school, I used to sleep at home, now I come to school to play, study and picnics. In school I like Fauziya teacher, I relish the afternoon food. I love to come to play and study at Gyansaaathi. Some day even I would like to be a teacher.

I love my Gyansaaathi...

My names is Musrat Parveen. I am 10 yrs old. I am studying at Gyansaaathi, I love Gyansaaathi. I was living my own little world where I did not know much about the wonderful things in the world. When I come to school my teachers tell me stories and news and happenings in the world so I love my Gyansaaathi. All the teachers especially Salman Sir take care of me like my elder brother, when I don't go to school he comes looking for me. In Gyansaaathi along with studies we also get to play, go for picnics and sports which are fun. So I am thankful to Gyansaaathi.



I wanted to study



My name is Asif Sheikh. I am 15 yrs old. I live with my mother and brother. My dad passed away when I was very young. So my mother is the sole earner, but it is not enough to run the home so I have a part-time job at the automobile repairs Garage to assist the Mechanic. This helps my mother with the expenses. In my basti Salman sir used to come and encourage the children to come and study at Gyansaaathi. But I could not come due to my work, when I realized that I wanted to study,

Salman sir requested me to visit the school once and to join if I wish to. He told me that I will need to spare just 2 hrs studying. When I came the first day and met the children studying here I felt that even I should come and study here. Now I come to School everyday. I like to come everyday because all the teachers and Sirs are very encouraging. Gyansaaathi has enrolled me for vocational training of ITI at Mulund to learn Automobile repairs. I had learned Urdu, now I am learning Hindi. I am excited about the new chapter of my life.

Samooth Vivah: My only prayer is that this kind of unity and brotherhood may continue.

My name is Fatimabi Nazimodin Shaikh. I reside at Bhaiganwadi, Govandi. My family consists of 4 sisters and a brother. My father is ill and my mother is the bread winner for the family. The financial situation at home was such that it was impossible for them to get me married. I am very happy that I was able to get married according my religious customs and rituals. My in-laws are also nice people. I am grateful to Fr. Paul who is the director of Karunya Trust. – **Fatimabi Nazimodin Shaikh**



Adult Literacy: Today I can sign and read the number board on buses



My name is Israt Begum. I am 30 years old. My children are students at Gyansaaathi. Whenever I ask my children about how was the day at Gyansaaathi, they say that they like the teachers and what they teach which give me great joy. The animators who visit the community would often tell me too to come to the centre and start learning to read and write. Despite not knowing how to read and write, the teachers at Gyansaaathi patiently taught me. Today I can sign and read the number board on buses because of which I can travel comfortably now. I am ever grateful to Gyansaaathi for providing me with this skill.

Open School: My prayer to Allah is that every child may get a school like this

My name is Shagufta Noori. I am 16 years of age. Earlier I did not know how to read and write. After coming to Gyansaaathi, I have begun to read and write as we are taught to do so. Once a month there is a medical camp and we are also taken for outings. There are a lot of new things we get to see and learn at Gyansaaathi. The teachers take care of us like mothers and the Sir takes care of us like an elder brother. My prayer to Allah is that every child may get a school like this. I really love Gyansaaathi School.



JUBILEE HOUSING SCHEME

Mrs. Anita Anil Pawar- Rayata Village – Kalyan

My husband my two children and I were staying in a house which was made of sheet. During the monsoon, a lot of water used to seep inside which made us sick. During summer it used to be too hot that we could not bear and I use to think will I ever have my own home which will free us from these sufferings. When you trust in God, he always sends angels in our life and they give us protection. In my life also a similar thing happened.



Karunya Trust came as a God in our life. They suggested included us in the jubilee housing and from time to time gave us and guidance and today we own a house. I am ever grateful to Karunya Trust and all their Staff, who worked hard for the suffering humanity and come to our aid.

Mrs. Manda Narayan Ware- Warachiwadi- Ambernath

My husband my young daughter and I were living in the house, which was dilapidated. My husband met the Karunya Trust members and requested them, to give us a house. Karunya Trust understood the struggle of our family and specially my little girl. They have become my parents and my God, who came to support me at the right time when I was in great need. I was greatly



worried about me and my daughter when my husband went for work. I was afraid to stay in that house with my daughter. We will never forget Karunya Trust's kindness towards us, for giving us a dignified house. My happiness has no limit because we own our own house. Thank you Karunya, May you live long for the creation of better and new society in which people like us live in joy, peace and happiness.

सामूहिक विवाह



मैं लुईजाई योहान आल्हाट आपके कारुण्य ट्रस्ट के बारो में कुछ बात कहना चाहती हूँ ! आप जो जो गरिब लोग है उनको शादी के लिए मदत करते हो वे मुझे बहुत अच्छा लगा ! आप बहुत अच्छा काम कर रहो हो ! कारुण्य ट्रस्ट मुझे बहुत अच्छा लगा ! यहाँ के फादर, सिस्टर, स्टाफ बहुत अच्छा है ! यहाँ का नियम बहुत अच्छा है ! कारुण्य ट्रस्ट बहुत अच्छा काम कर रहा है, जो जो लोग इस ट्रस्ट को मदत करते है, उनकी मैं टहान्क बोलना चाहती हूँ !

कारुण्य ट्रस्ट और राहेल ट्रस्ट दोनो ट्रस्ट मिलके सामूहिक विवाह मेलावा करते है. वो बहुत अच्छा है ! इस ट्रस्ट के द्वारे लोगों की बहुत मदत होती है ! जो गरिब है उनके लिए ये बहुत अच्छा है ! ये ट्रस्ट आगे भी अच्छा चलता रहे इसलिए मैं हमेशा प्रार्थना करती रहूँगी !

जैसे आप लोग हमें मदत करके हमें खुश करते हो ! हमारे जीवन में खुशियाँ लाए है वैसी ही प्रभु येशु मसिहा सब ट्रस्ट को लोगों में खुशिया दे ! आप सब लोगों को बहुत आशिष मिले और आप इसमें भी ज्यादा उन्ती करे !

ये ट्रस्ट बहुत अच्छा है इसलिए मेरे से और सब लोगों से बहुत-बहुत धन्यवाद !

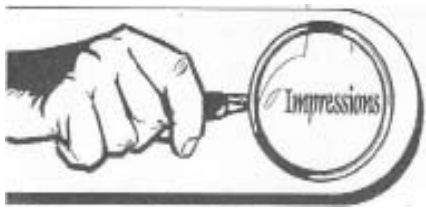
लुईजा आल्हाट

Mr. Sharad Sudham Harata - Bhiwandi



He says that by participation in the Samooth Vivaha I am saved from a loan of around Rs. 2, 00,000/-. Because in our marriages a lot of expenses occur and I being from a poor family I would not have been able to spend so much money on it. Karunya Trust has given us dignity by allowing us to marry in their Samhooh Vivah. It was worth linking with Karunya and if I have a chance to serve the poor of Thane

District through Karunya Trust it will be golden opportunity for me. I am ever grateful to Karunya Trust.



Appreciate the efforts of Karunya Team for your development work among vulnerable children & women. You have an excellent team to reach poorest of the poor. Keep up the good work. All the best. Good Luck (**Deepti & Rupali** CRS, Saju, Caritas India)



NEWS BITES

Women's Day Celebration

8th March was celebrated as International Women's day at Gyansaathi. 30 women from the community were part of this programme. Each woman was felicitated with a flower including the women staff at Gyansaathi. This was the first time such a programme was organized for the women from this community. They were given information about courageous women such as Savitri Bai Phule, Indira Gandhi, Mother Teresa, Kiran Bedi and Kalpana Chawla. Games such as lucky draw and musical chair were organized. The winners were awarded with prizes. Every woman received a small gift as part of the celebration.

Mime Competition

In collaboration with other NGO's, our students were able to participate in Mime competition held at Mithibai College, Vile Parle. The children prepared sincerely for it and were very excited. They were disappointed that they did not win a prize but have decided to give an even better performance next year.



National Institute of Open School (NIOS)

We had started the National Institute of Open School (NIOS) centre at Gyansaathi for the teenage children at the school. After a year long struggle and hard work, twelve of our children gave their exams in April under NIOS. The children were elated after their exams.

Training on Right to Education



On 17th April, 2013, the staff of Karunya Trust attended training at Good Shepherd Church, Andheri on the "Right to Education" of children. The introduction was taken by Dr. Naina Athlaye followed by Mr. Nakul Kate. The staff believes that this training is beneficial not only for the present but also for the future.

Art and Craft

Children at Gyansaathi have always been encouraged to engage in art and craft work. At Gyansaathi we believe that this is an important medium which helps children to express themselves, improves their concentration and imagination, builds their confidence and also helps build relationships. Today when asked on what children would like to be in future, several children respond saying that they would like to become artists.

Health Check-up

There is a monthly health check up camp held at Gyansaathi for children as well as adults from the community. Eye and dental check up is also done. Homeopathic medicines are given. 654 people have benefitted from this health camp so far. Children are referred to hospitals if needed. Women are frequently given information on T.B. Children are also provided with supplementary nutrition like eggs, banana, dates, etc.



Contributed by: Suvarna, Sakina, George, Prashanthi, Salma, Komal, Fauzia, Firoz, Pooja



Ms. Andriya Chandy

Staff Speak

I am Pooja Gaikwad. I have recently joined Karunya Trust. After coming here, I have come to know of a lot of things. I also had the opportunity to attend the Right to Education training. The children are naughty but I enjoy working with them. I have seen changes within me after coming here. I am proud to be a part of Gyansaathi!!!

I am Fauziya Sayyed. I am working at Gyansaathi with the Balwadi group (3-5 years). I try my best to get their attention and sustain it. I keep emphasizing with them about cleanliness such as dressing clean, carrying a handkerchief, etc. I teach them through songs and games as they enjoy it. I am very happy with the work I do at Gyansaathi.

SPORTS DAY



On 19th March Sports Day was conducted by Deutsche Bank volunteers at St. Pius Ground, Goregoan (E). It will be an evergreen memory for children. 120 children took part from SAVLI & Gyansaathi projects. The children were divided into five houses – red, blue, green, yellow and orange. Various events like sack race, parle race, relay race, potato race & tug of war were conducted and the winners were awarded with certificates and prizes.



Mr. Ayudh Kasabe, Supporting Staff

FORMING BETTER CITIZENS...SCOUT & GUIDE TRAINING AT GYANSAATHI



Saluting the Nation Gyansaathi – Child rag pickers project by Karunya Trust provides Scout & Guide training to students. 50 students are getting trained under the guidance of Shri. Manohar D Kamble, L.T. (S.) Asst. State Training Commissioner (Scout) & Shri. P.R. Kardak L.T (C). The Children are taught on patriotism, personal & social values by the trainers. It is surprising to see that on Scout and Guide training day the children come half an hour early and wait for the trainers.



Mr. Somnath Raut, Gyansaathi Animator

JUBILEE ACTION NETWORK (JAN) GIVES CHRISTIAN NOTE IN ACTION...

As I heard about JAN in August 2012, I told myself, 'one more activity' under the banner of Karunya Trust! I felt a kind of indifference towards duplicating the services. On inaugural day Holy Eucharist the message by our Bishop Mar Thomas Elavanal struck me. He exhorted JAN-volunteers to be 'Good Samaritans' explaining the Gospel (Lk.10, 30-37).

Though I was involved in Social activities throughout my consecrated life, I gained special momentum in giving a Christian note for everything I do after I became a JAN Volunteer. Recently I could participate in a rescue service with eminent social workers like Mr. Anson Thomas, Mr. Warrior of Kerala Samajam Dombivli, Mr. Dominic D'Souza of Sion Hospital, Mr. Shajan from Kalyan Diocese and Mrs Rajani and Thushara of Masina Hospital, Byculla. Rajani, an ordinary young nurse found a Malayalee young woman near Sion Railway station in a mentally disturbed condition. As the lady was not talking, Rajani could not help or guide her to safety.

At that time Mr. Shajan contacted & narrated the incident to me. My mission was to make that woman to talk and accompany her as a woman to safety. We spent around 3 hours at police station to get her released from the Rescue home and police station. We got the permission to take her to a psychiatrist for immediate



treatment. To my surprise, we had to travel around 3 hours in a police van in the company of two constables. The company of six strangers made her respond to my queries cynically. Having completed the legal formalities, the woman was taken to her hometown in Kerala by the Police. Last month I visited her in Kerala. She is undergoing treatment. She has improved and has recognized me & thanked me for saving her from a dangerous situation.

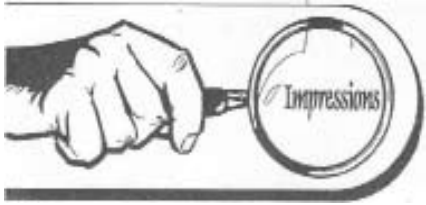
As I was on my way to visit the above mentioned girl, I saw a man lying on the road, wounded & bleeding. People were indifferent to my request to help him. Suddenly I remembered the Police helpline number (100) and asked a shopkeeper woman to call the police. The police came and took him immediately.

I would like to conclude my experience with the following sentiments. Jubilee Action Network may be a small beginning. But it should continue ...Like the Good Samaritan; let us all join hands together to help the needy and wounded....The JOY and WARMTH we feel when we help others is inexplicable!



It gives me great joy and satisfaction and enables me to do more and more for the welfare of my brethren.

Sr. Marykutty Michael, (JAN Volunteer),
Sneha Sadan, Ulhas Nagar.



Appreciating the team of staffs and chairperson's strategy to develop the below poverty line community people... This organisation is a hope in the life of the children here. The work you are doing is really changing the lives of the children... continue giving your heart to for them
Dr. P. Amruthalakshmi, Asst. Professor, Madras School of Social Work



UNDER THE SHADE OF



Hereafter the Project for HIV/ AIDS infected and affected children's project by Karunya Trust will be known as SAVLI. The Marathi word SAVLI means Shade.



Each and every human being grows in the shade of someone – father, mother, brother,

sister, guardian etc. The project SAVLI gives shade to 50 HIV/ AIDS affected children to complete their basic education with support from Deutsche (DB) Bank. Along with educational materials the project also provides nutrition kit to every family. Every month the SAVLI children gather for sharing and supporting each other. Children are facilitated with sports day, exposure



visits, drawing competition etc. The project also provide support to HIV/ AIDS affected families to begin income generation programs and to get support from various government and non-government organisations. Twelve Bicycles were distributed to those children who scored highest marks in SAVLI project.

On 22 March, DB conducted a drawing competition in which 30 children from SAVLI & Gyansaathi projects participated & won six prizes through various creative art works.

On November 2nd DB gave an opportunity to children of all our Child focused projects to touch & experience mother earth through



a Natural Trail to Borivali National Park. Thanks to Deutsche Bank for being a SHADE to our disadvantaged brethren.

Mrs. Rose Joseph, Project Incharge

KARUNYA TRUST: A UNIQUE CHURCH BASED ORGANIZATION



Mr. Sebastian Francis
Development consultant

My journey with Karunya Trust as a Development Consultant has been for the last 18 months to facilitate a process of Organization Development (OD). It is a unique church based organization with incredible zeal, energy and commitment for uplifting poor and marginalized people in the slums, villages and on the streets. The services rendered for the development of children, women, youth and farmers from the tribal and rural communities in the last decade have influenced and

changed their lives giving them dignity,

respect and hope of a better future. It has continuously strived to improve its performance by making its welfare services more efficient and effective. I had the privilege of facilitating the process of Organization Development in Karunya Trust and it was amazing to note the desire and willingness to becoming professional in carrying out its services by bringing changes in its future plans, perspectives, systems, structures, policies and procedures. The outcome of various interventions and its documentation is a witness in this regard.

The zeal to witness the Catholic Church by adhering to its social teachings and the desire to spread God's Kingdom has made Karunya Trust more vibrant, unique and different from other development organization. Karunya has a clear perspective with well articulated and formulated vision, mission, strategy, role, objectives and programmes. It will attain its goals and objectives because of constant encouragement, support, commitment and leadership of its Governing Council and his excellence Rt. Rev. Bishop Thomas Elavanal. The present Director Rev. Fr. Paul Kunduparambil is ever ready to walk extra mile to make things happen in Karunya with tremendous faith in God. He keeps reminding self and his team that... the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion... (Phil 1:6). I am very much touched and inspired by this act of faith. I am sure that Karunya Trust is going to witness God's love by becoming salt and light to all the poor and suffering masses.

I wish Karunya all the very best and success in its future mission and all its endeavours.

EACH FAMILY ... TEACH ONE

Can your family support the education of a needy child.



an instrument of God.

It costs only Rs. 20/- a day to support a child, $364 \times 20 = 7280/-$ per year. The names of sponsored children and their every year progress will be reported to you through Karunya Newsletter. Thanks for being

An appeal

GYANSAATHI GIVES WINGS TO CHILD RAG PICKERS.

Karunya Trust provides Vocational Training to 15 students from Gyansaathi - the child rag pickers project managed by the Trust, with an objective of Sustainable Development to Child rag pickers. With the support of Crompton Greaves, 10 students learn automobile and 5 learn electrical repairing. The aim is to develop the skills of these students together with the non-formal education they receive at Gyansaathi centre. The three months ITI course will equip the students with basic skills in their respective areas of work they aspire for. It is a central government certified course with few months of internship. Thanks to Crompton Greaves for giving wings to our disadvantaged brethren.



Gyansaathi students in Vocational Training



Gyansaathi students at the Vocational Training Centre with the instructor

INSULT TO RESULTS...GYANSAATHI IN FLYING COLOURS



Gyansaathi – Karunya Trust's Child rag pickers project students came out in flying colours. All the 80 (Junior Kg to 6th Std) students admitted in BMC & Private Schools by Gyansaathi project, passed in the last academic year. All the students and parents are very happy with their achievements. Today they want to become Doctors, Engineers, Teachers; some of them want to be Police men. The greatest achievement of this project is that today the parents as well as children acknowledge that they are capable

of higher studies to attain their goal in life. As a part of follow up, Gyansaathi animators visit the respective schools of Gyansaathi students and monitor the attendance and inform the parents and their teachers at Gyansaathi. These students are allowed to be at Gyansaathi after their school hours & study. They are facilitated with a month medical check up. The lion's portion credit of this success goes to the entire Team at Gyansaathi. May the Almighty God Bless you all.

Our heartfelt thanks for your Generous Contribution

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KARUNYA TRUST : A LIGHT TO ENLIGHTEN



Right from its inception till today Karunya Trust has extended its support to the poor and marginalized through its comprehensive approach. It has prepared itself to take up the modern challenges in the development sector and incrementally augment its credibility and efficiency during the past 14 years of its service to humanity. Karunya Trust as a resource team has enabled the following institutions and their beautiful encounter is shared as “Exemplary work, I knelt my professionalism before your effort and experience” says Mr. Prashanth, a visitor from Kerala.

- Deutsche bank, Mumbai
- UPS India, Mumbai



- College of Social work, Nirmala Niketan
- Department of Social Work Vimala College, Trissur, Kerala
- Department of Social Work Malankara Catholic College, Tamilnadu
- Department of Social Work Amrutha University, Amruthapuri, Kollam, Kerala
- Department of Social Work, Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod, Kerala
- Madras School of Social work, Chennai
- Shree Narayana Guru College, Chembur, Mumbai

- Irla Medical College, Mumbai
- St. Xavier's College, Mumbai
- Khalsa College, Mumbai
- Deepti Foundation, Delhi
- Samaj Vikas Samithi Social Centre, Navasa, Nashik
- Associations of the Diocese of Kalyan - Catechism



students, Kalyan Eparchy youth, Mathrusangam, Pitruvedi, Nodal centre representatives etc.

A Deutsche bank employee Mrs. Sheryl Almeida shares



that ‘It was fantastic being here, keep up the good work and would love to assist in any way that we can’. The visits to the different project locations have enriched the lives of our visitors and they are grateful to God for the many blessings in their life.

We thank the Faculty, Students and others who have spent their valuable time with us. The mutual sharing has enhanced our capacities too. We do invite you all to visit our project areas in the days to come.



Sr .Betty George
Programme Coordinator, Karunya Trust

LIFE SKILL EXPERIENCE...

Life skills empower children. Its active learning methods ensure that children enjoy the activities while they learn to lead safe, healthy and happy lives.

The sessions have been structured in such a way that the children are encouraged to try out their new skills in real life situations.. The children get an opportunity to test the skills they have already learned and gradually add on more new skills. This process helps them to confidently use the new behaviour learned.

Life skills learned and practiced in known surroundings can be transferred and connected to real-life situations.

The Activities help inform children, create awareness about their surroundings or make them curious to find out what family, friends and community feel and think on various issues.

Program is not just the training but also begins to

affect the lives that children live as they are given an opportunity to understand another way of thinking leading to being.

It helps to develop a sense of trust so that personal growth takes place and understand how some statements can hurt others. Things they have never got an opportunity to practice like learn how to speak positively and support one another.

All the sessions have deep thrust to facilitate Self awareness, interpersonal relationship, communication, critical thinking, empathy, problem-solving and

creative thinking

Life Skill translating into real Life application is at the heart of conducting these sessions, which the children are reminded and encouraged to apply.



**Mrs. Julie Philip, Counselor, KT,
Gyansaathi**

NODAL NEWS



Blood donation cum Medical Camp conducted at St. Thomas Church Mira Road in collaboration with B+ unlimited social group with the support of Doctors from D Y Patil Medical College, Navi Mumbai. Over 500 people benefitted from this camp.

Yes I want to get involved through Donation
(Donations are 50% deductible under section 80G of the Income Tax Act)

In Cash* ☐	
Education Programs	
☐ Rs. 600/-	to educate a child rag picker for a month
☐ Rs. 1000/-	to provide initial study for a poor student
☐ Rs. 6000/-	to educate a HIV infected / affected child for a year
☐ Rs. 10,000/-	to provide partial support for professional education for a student
☐ Rs. 20,000/-	to provide professional education for a student for a year
☐ Rs.25, 000/-	to educated child for five years (5th - 10th std)
Meal for the poor	
☐ Rs. 1000/-	to provide one time meal for a family, for a week
☐ Rs. 3000/-	to provide one time meal for a day, for 100 street children
☐ Rs. 12,000/-	to provide one time meal for a week, for 100 street children
Health Programs	
☐ Rs. 2,500/-	to support a bed ridden patient for a month
☐ Rs. 3,000/-	to provide monthly medical check up, for 100 street children
☐ Rs. 9,000/-	to provide quaterly medical check up, for 100 street children
☐ Rs. 9,000/-	to provide initial care and support to a destitute
☐ Rs. 10,000/-	to conduct medical check ups & provide medicine at rural village (for 300 people)
Income generation programs for rural women and farmers	
☐ Rs. 4,000/-	to provide initial support for organic farming
☐ Rs. 4,000/-	to provide initial support for small scale IGP
☐ Rs. 5,000/-	to provide two goats to a needy family in a rural village helping them for a steady income
Shelter Programs	
☐ Rs. 7,000/-	to provide partial support to build a house
☐ Rs. 15,000/-	to provide major support to build a house
☐ Rs.25,000/-	to provide full support to build a house

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