

Karunya News



...the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion... (Phil.-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: Love in Action



St. Paul testifies "But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God's grace" (Acts 20:24). The works of Kalyan Diocesan Social Action (KDSA) - Karunya Trust internalizes and embodies these words of St. Paul.

By the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, KDSA - Karunya Trust has undertaken various projects in 15 years. Some of the projects in the villages of Kalyan and Ambernath Taluka are Housing projects; providing housing to the needy, GYAN SATI; educating the rag picking children at Govandi dumping ground, SALVI project; extending support to the HIV Affected and Infected, JAN; reaching out the desolate and lonely, GYANMITRA; providing scholarship to the needy children and the forthcoming projects of Bharari and Jeevan. These are more than projects they are the outstretched arm of Christ on the Cross through KDSA. KDSA believes that it is the love..., we extend our arm out to help our fellow brethren in need - the love of Christ in Action. In the words of Bl. Pope John Paul II, "As far as the Church is concerned, the social message of the Gospel must not be considered a theory, but above all else a basis and a motivation for action". (Centesimus Annus, no.57)

At the Minithon held at Nerul on October 2, as I was handing over the awards to the winners, I was overjoyed to see the winners sharing their prize money with the Gyansaathi children who participated with them. This contagious culture of giving and Christ-likeness is what we celebrate in this Jubilee Year. It brings to my mind again the words of St. Paul "I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given to you in Christ Jesus"... (1 Cor 1:4)

The joy of this Jubilee Year celebration is enhanced by the International recognition received by Karunya Trust for Gyansaathi. I congratulate each and everyone at Karunya Trust for their sincere hard work and prayers.

God bless you all. In Christ Jesus

Mar Thomas Elavanal, Bishop of Kalyan

Message: ... in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed (Gene: 12:3)

Dear Team Karunya,

Lord said to Abraham...in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed (Gen.: 12:3). As we celebrate the Silver Jubilee of our Diocese the words of our Lord is fulfilled through each one of us. I feel proud to be one of the founder trustees of Karunya Trust. The vision and guidance of our Bp. Thomas Elavanal and social concern and commitment of all the former Directors and Asst. Directors, staff and people of Kalyan Diocese have brought Karunya Trust to the forefront of Social Service in the past 15 years.

I take this opportunity to appreciate Fr. Paul Kunduparambil and Fr. Jestto Menachery and the entire staff for their enthusiasm towards social commitment. The Directorate of Social Action of our Diocese is flourishing very well under their leadership and guidance. The projects and programmes of Karunya Trust are very beneficial to the children, women and poor people, irrespective of caste, creed and religion.

I congratulate Team Karunya who is committed to the services for the weaker sections of the society. May good Lord bless you abundantly to take up more projects beneficial to the people of our country.

With love

Msgr. Jacob Porathur
(Vicar General)

Together for a better world: Karunya Trust, Board of Directors



Front row left to right:
Lion Ashok Mehta,
Mar Thomas Elavanal,
Dr. Nilufer Ahmed.

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Fr. Paul Kunduparambil,
Fr. Francis Elovathinkal,
Dr. Joseph Aprian,
Mr. Babu Joseph,
Msgr. Jacob Porathur,
Fr. Paul Olickal.

Pope Francis Speaks:



"I would like to make an appeal to those in possession of greater resources, to public authorities and to all people of good will who are working for social justice: never tire of working for a more just world, marked by greater solidarity."

Letter of Pope Francis to Karunya Trust



To
The Reverend Director
Karunya Trust, Bishop's House, PB No. 8434,
IIT P.O., Mumbai 400 076

From the Vatican
No.10

His holiness Pope Francis gratefully acknowledges the message of greetings and good wishes sent to him on the occasion of his election to the See of Peter.

To all who have promised him the support their prayers at the beginning of his ministry as Bishop of Rome, the Holy Father cordially impart his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of enduring joy and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Peter B. Wells

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Monsignor Peter B. Wells
Assessor

(Letter from Pope Francis' to Karunya Trust Director, to the wishes sent from Karunya Trust, two weeks after his election to the See of Peter).

Searching for a Green world...



Maharashtra Chief Minister Shri. Prithviraj Chavan with Marathi version of book named "Rice: The Golden Grain" written by Dr. V.R Haridas, translated by Karunya Trust for the benefit of rural farmers. Thanks to Caritas India & Dr. Haritas for permission, Mrs. Asha Gandagle, Mrs.

Rosy Joseph, Fr. Paul Payanadath M.S.T, Sr. Edith Gonsalves, Mr. Gurunath Dathathray for translating to Marathi & making necessary corrections.

IMPACT: Global Award to Karunya Trust's Gyansaathi Project



Visit by DB Global CSR Head Mike & Ann with Linus

Kalyan Diocesan Social Action, Karunya Trust's Child rag picker's project Gyansaathi won Deutsche Bank's (DB) Global and Regional Volunteer Awards 2013. Gyansaathi had uploaded a documentary on the project to Deutsche Bank's web site showing impassioned involvement of the Bank's volunteers in Gyansaathi project. It was voted by 16,000 DB

employees all over the world. From 67 nominees of Asia Pacific, Gyansaathi won 2nd place in Asia Pacific region and 1st place in India with Prize money of 4000 Euros. Thanks to Trustees & Board members of Karunya Trust, Gyansaathi Promoter to DB Mrs. Sheryl Almeda Sr. Betty, Sr. Edith, Project In charge Mrs. Rose Joseph, Coordinator Ms. Andriya, Mrs. Juliee Philip, Jerin, Minnnu from Malankara Catholi Church (technical support), Team Karunya, priests, religious & faithful of Kalyan diocese for owning least of our brethren through your prayers and support. KDSA dedicate this Award as a Silver Jubilee Memorial to the Diocese.



DB international volunteers interact with Gyansaathi students

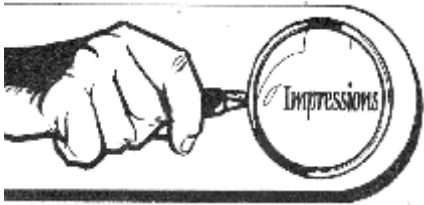
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My salutation to the team for the grass root work done for the people of Kalyan. A special mention is to be made about the efforts done to reach to the poorest of the poor. Who live in such deplorable conditions. The care they take to nurture and empower women deserves appreciation. Their approach in making the women self sufficient is admirable.

Prof. Devaki Kutty.



Leading the way: Holistic Child Development India



Visit at Govandi Community by Mr. Thankachan finance person, (HCDI).



Visit by Dr. Naina, CHAR Projects Co-ordinator, HCDI

Joined hands for peaceful world:



The festival of Ganpati was celebrated differently. The children were told the story behind it. The older students were taken to assist the police in controlling the crowd and traffic during the peak hours of the last day of immersion. 33 students (mostly from Muslim community) from Gyansaathi joined hands for a peaceful Ganeshotsav

Believe me it is only 25 km away from the city.....!



Shield them with the titles of ‘Girijan’, or ‘Adivasi’, or ‘Scheduled’ Tribe. Yet the living conditions of these people who are adjacent to the fast developing City of Mumbai is godforsaken so to say. They have neither the nourishing meals, nor sufficient drinking water, neither road nor electricity connection, neither the help from landlords nor from government. The livelihood is one of the leading

issues. Unskilled daily labour leads them to obtain meager income which sustains them for their survival. It is dreadful to know hardly one percent of the adult tribal population is engaged in any kind of professional jobs. Lack of job opportunities within the village force them for seasonal migration to the hazardous working conditions wherein their children are deprived of their childhood and the education as well. Almost all the social security scheme is vague to them.



‘He had compassion for them for they were like sheep without a shepherd’. Believing in the words of Christ, Karunya Trust has decided to contribute its mite with the help of a project namely ‘Jeevan’. It will be supported by Caritas India. Let us light a lamp to lessen the darkness in the life of segregated and deprived members of our society.

Sr. Anjeline, Sisters of St. Charles

A Tribute to our Friends...

To find a shy kid in our school is like searching for a needle in the haystack. But Pooja was that needle with beautiful and deep eyes. Not yet touched 5, she was the cynosure of our eyes. She would walk in trailing behind her brother Suresh like a little lamb, always neatly done hair. Unlike her boisterous peers, she would sit quietly. In the school assembly she was the frequent winner of the daily prize for coming in “neat”. On a Monday morning, we got the news that Pooja passed away; it was shock and disbelief for all of us. As we rushed to her house, we saw her pale and petite frame in a white shroud. And it was all over, no questions asked, no lessons learnt, in the basti language one more less mouth to feed. For all of us staring at Pooja in that small shanty we are left with the same set of emotional turmoil, anger and disillusionment, as Pooja can never be replaced.



Pooja



Baya Sanjay

Mrs. Baya Sanjay Fasale was the resident of Manjarily Village of Kalyan Taulka. She was living with her three children and her husband. She did daily wages to meet the needs of the family. She approached Karunya Trust the housing scheme under the jubilee Housing project as she was not able to afford one. The family members with their tireless efforts of both husband and wife they completed their mew house. In her own words...my new house is a blessing of God I received through the merciful hands of Karunya Trust. I thank all of you for your kind heart to the poor like me”. Baya Sanjay was suffering from fever for few days and on 11th October she passed away. We pay tribute to her soul and console the grieving family. May her soul rest in peace.

‘No act of kindness, however small, goes wasted’

I have had the good fortune of seeing the housing projects of Karunya Trust in Ambernath and Kalyan. Several poor families, many of them having elderly people, widows and handicapped individuals have been provided good accommodation in the place of structures that were crumbling down. This has given them not only a safe place to stay, but has brought positive transformation in their lives. The 'Gyansaathi program' is a high impact program, targeting children who are rag pickers and giving them education. Karunya Trust's program for children affected by HIV/AIDS is reaching out to very vulnerable sections of society and providing them lots of love and care. The self help group program is providing sustainable livelihoods to several families through the means of women's self help groups.

Karunya's initiatives in organic agriculture and disaster management are truly noteworthy.

The saying goes that 'No act of kindness, however small, goes wasted'. Let us look around and learn to be mindful and show empathy to the less fortunate - it does wonders to our well being and spreads joy around.

Let us help Karunya Trust to continue the good work they are doing. We could help them with our time and with our money, however little it may be. Karunya Trust deserves our support.



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

Our heartfelt thanks for your generous contribution



A special thanks to Marks & Spencer for their consistent contribution of Charity box to Karunya Trust for distribution to the much needy. Our Blessings and Prayers to one and all at Marks & Spencer.

Giving meaning to CSR



Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd., donated 40 used computers to Karunya Trust (25 at Nashik Nodal centers & 15 to Nodal centers). The computers are used for giving computer education to disadvantaged urban & rural students in various projects of KDSA-Karunya Trust. Thanks to M & M for your thoughtfulness...

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Stories written by Gyansaathi children

सच्ची दोस्ती: एक जंगलथा वह बहुतही हरा भरा जंगलथा उस जंगल में एक बड़ा ही शैतान मेन्डक रहता था. वो पानी में रहतात. बारिश होती थी तो वो यहावाहा घूमते रहता था. फरिवाहा एक दनि एक चड्डिया आई. वह वाहादाना चुनरही थी. दाना चुनते चुनते उसे प्यास लगी. वह पानी पीनेकु वे केपास गयी तो उसने वहाँ उसदुष्ट मेन्डक देखा. वह मेन्डक उसे मारने की कोशिश कर रहा था, की इतने में ही वहाँ एक चील आई और उसने मेन्डक को दबो चलयिया. मेन्डकमार गया. फरि चड्डिया ने चीलको अपनी जान बचाने केलिए धन्यवाद दयिा.

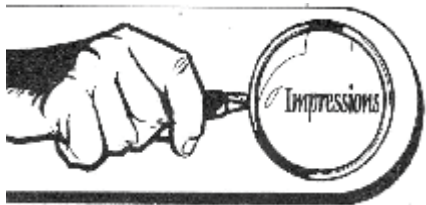
ततिली और मेढक : एक जंगल था. वह बहुत ही हरा भरा जंगल था. उस जंगल में एक बड़ा ही शैतान मेन्डक रहता था. वहाँ बहुत ही फूल और पौधे थे. वहाँ बहुत सुंदर सुंदर ततिलियाँ थी. ततिलियाँ फूलों पर मंडराती और उनका रस चूसती, अटखेलियाँ करती. मेन्डक की नज़र उन सुंदर सुंदर ततिलियों पर पड़ी. उसने उनका शिकार करने की सोची. उसने सोचा की इतना अच्छा भोजन फरि कहाँ मलिगा. उसने ततिलियों पर हमला कर दयिा, सभी ततिलियाँ उड़ गयी, पर उसने एक ततिलीको पकड़ लयिा. तभी सारी ततिलियों ने अपनी साथी को बचाने की योजना बनाई.

वे सारी ततिलियाँ मेन्डक के सामने मंडराने लगी और मेन्डक ने फरि से हमला कयिा. तभी वह ततिली जसिको मेन्डक ने पकड़ रखा था वा उड़गयी. सभी ततिलियों ने एक दूसरे का साथ दयिा इसलएि वे जीत गयी.

By Kismatjahan, Reshma, Wasim, Afreen & Neha



By Arshad, Akhtarjahan, Farzana & Sabah.



We had a good interaction with the parents at Gyansaathi. To our surprise the response from parents was much beyond our expectation and it speaks the volumes of hard work put in by the staff to bring a change in the life of the people to be a true and responsible human being.

Atma Darshan, DDC Participant, Caritas India



Kalyan Diocesan Social Action (KDSA), Karunya Trust 15 years of Exodus with the Lord...

Footprints... Past

- ♦ Inaugurated By **Dr. P. C Alexander**, H'ble Governor of Maharashtra on 5th Sept 1998, in the presence of Mar Thomas Elavanal.
- ♦ Supported **9818 children** through various types of educational programmes under different projects in past 15 years
- ♦ Empowered over **10,000 women** through Self Help Groups, Adult Literacy classes & various supporting programs, out of which 7000 Women belongs to SC, ST, OBC.
- ♦ Flood relief and Rehabilitation provided to **96372 families** during 2005 Mumbai Flood
- ♦ Build **97 houses for rural poor** in Ambernath, Bhiwandi & Kalyan Talukas



- ♦ **1745 People living with HIV/ AIDS** (PLHAS) & their families are supported for a sustainable livelihood.
- ♦ Established **55 nodal centres** in Mumbai, Pune, Nashik regions
- ♦ Opened **5 dispensaries** for urban poor
- ♦ Network with **over 20** Government and non government organizations
- ♦ **Kalyan Diocesan Social Perspective Plan:** Released by Bp. Thomas Elavanal

on 11th August, 2012

- ♦ The book named '**Rice: The Golden Grain**' written by Dr. Haridas V.R translated into Marathi language

Karunya Trust in a Year...Present

- ♦ **JEEVASRADHA:** HIV/ AIDS awareness program for targeting **10000 migrates** of Thane City (supported by Public Health Foundation India)



- ♦ **BHARARI:** Child Focused Community Development targeting **1600 tribal children** & their families in Ambernath Taluka, Thane, Mumbai
- ♦ **GYANSAATHI:** Child rag pickers project **admitted 185** school non-going children to the regular school.
- ♦ **SAVLI/ GYNAMITRA** - Jubilee Educational Sponsorship Program: With the

support of Parishes/ Nodal Centres **provided educational scholarship for 50 HIV/AIDS affected children.** All of them passed from their respective classes

- ♦ **JAN (Jubilee Action Network)** volunteers picked up **26 destitute** from streets and roadsides and **rehabilitated** them in various care homes.
- ♦ **GYANDEEP:** Kalyan Diocesan Educational Program so far **supported 6746 children**
- ♦ **JUBILEE HOUSING PROJECT 2012:** completed **30 houses** of rural poor. Karunya Trust **had built 63 houses** for rural poor (2008 to 2010) in collaboration



- with Habitat India.
- ♦ **MASS WEDDING:** Supported **100 rural poor** girls & boys for a happy marriage life.
- ♦ **JEEVASRADHA:** a project for sick & the bed ridden could reach out to over **19 patients**
- ♦ **HARIT KALYAN:** **341 Farmers** club from rural villages of Kalyan & Ambernath Talukas are **introduced to organic farming**

- ♦ **9 clubs** are affiliated with NABARD & 22 clubs are in the process of affiliation.
- ♦ **Rice: The Golden Grain** on organic SRI farming by Dr. Haridas V.R **translated to Marathi language**
- ♦ Green Eco Power saving **1, 00,000 STICKERS** distributed all over Mumbai.
- ♦ Distributed **SOLAR LANTERN** to 100 rural students.
- ♦ **JAGRUTI:** **900 Self Help Groups** in 290 villages of Ambernath, Bhiwandi, Kalyan Talukas, **120 Self Help Groups** (SHGs) have increased their income from Rs. 500/- to Rs. 1,000/- per month.
- ♦ **SURAKSHA:** Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR): **21 flood prone villages** of Kalyan Taluka are well equipped to respond to disaster.

Social Security Schemes:

- ♦ **260 rural women** have taken LIC policy (Jeevan Madhur & Jeevan Mangal) promoted by Karunya Trust.
- ♦ **Mazdoor Suraksha Yojana (MSY):** New Pension Scheme in collaboration with Workers India Federation in the process of launching.
- ♦ **DRISHTI 2020:** An attempt to donate **20,000 eyes** by 2020.

Our forth coming interventions...Future

JEEVAN: Supporting over **1200 tribal families** (supported by Caritas India)

JAGRUTHI2: Adult literacy Program targeting **1000 rural women** in Kalyan Taluka

MRUTHINJAY: Organ Donation Drive...

Thanks for being a part of this divine movement...

Editorial: Common Good as a Fundamental Principle



During a Farmers Club meeting in one of the rural village of Ambernath Taluka, we were discussing organic farming and its marketing possibilities in Mumbai. One of our social workers suggested that the Farmers Club should own a vehicle/ Jeep to take the vegetables in bulk to city market. One of the senior farmers from the group objected to the idea and said that "in our village two families already have vehicle/ jeep. If the farmers club buy another vehicle definitely it may affect their income. So, we can take those vehicles on rent but we will not buy another one". Solidarity felt and expressed by a common man/ farmer – the objective of all social interventions - "Well Being of All". Development with a human face.

Social Teaching of Pope John Paul II (commemorating His Pastoral Visit to India in 1986) speaks about the concept of common good (p.46) in Catholic Social Teaching (CST), is equivalent to the secular idea of the public good. CST emphasises the "universal destiny of the world's goods".

This principle means we believe it is God's plan that the goods of the earth should be for the benefit of all people, not simply for the most powerful or the cleverest. Pope repeats that all property has a "social mortgage". This means that the right to own property and use it for one's benefit is dependent on the contribution that her/ his property makes to the common good/ p.52.

CST teaches that the right to property is "valid and necessary" but at the same time in the face of widespread poverty we need to affirm "the characteristic principle of Christian social doctrine: the goods of this world are originally meant for all"/ p. 53.

The Diocese of Kalyan is celebrating its silver Jubilee, celebrating 25 years of the Lord's blessing upon us and blessings to this very land of Maharashtra through each one of us. In this year we are called to proclaim liberty to all. The book of Leviticus in the Holy Bible says that "And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee year for you..." (Levi: 25:10). In the Grace of our Lord Jesus, to a great extent our Diocese succeeded in proclaiming this divine liberation to all those who are in various bondages, especially among children in distress, destitute, tribal population, poor and oppressed, HIV/ AIDS infected & affected etc. through Kalyan Diocesan Social Action- Karunya Trust and its nodal/ parish centres.

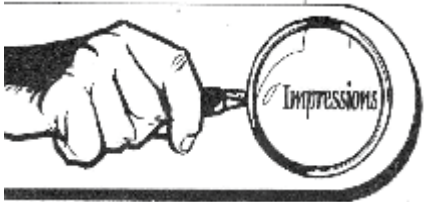
I thank God the Father for His Graceful presence with us, loving Bp. Thomas Elavanal & Msgr. Jacob Porathur for their guidance and support, Trustees & Board of Directors of Karunya Trust, all the past Directors & Asst. Directors, Rev. Fathers, Sisters, Regional & Zonal representatives, faithful of the Diocese, Benefactors, Past & Present team/ staff of Karunya Trust, for being a divine instrument to carry out God's Mission to the ends of the earth.

Fr. Paul Kunduparambil, Director, KDSA - Karunya Trust

Awards & Acknowledgements to Karunya Trust



- ❖ **2013: Deutsche Bank's first Global and Regional Volunteer Award** won by Karunya Trust's Child rag picker's project, Gyansaathi. The project won the second place in Asia Pacific region, and first place in India with a price money 4000 Euros
- ❖ **2013: Amarapali SHG from Kanor, Ambernath Taluka won RAJMATHA JIJUSWALMBAN PURASKAR second prize** at Thane District.
- ❖ **2012: Kunda, Shubham SHG's food stall** was selected as the **best food stall at Mahalakshmi Saras at Bandra and won Price money of Rs.15,000/-**
- ❖ **2011: Six SHGS were awarded** as the best SHGs by Kalyan Samaj Vibhag, Kalyan.
- ❖ **2011 & 2010: Two women SHGs namely Ekta SHG Devlooli and Amrapali SHG Boradpada won the best self help group Awards** at the District level and Konkan Level during the Mahalakshmi Saras.
- ❖ **2010: JAIDURGAMATHA SHG at Boardpada, Ambernath Taluka won RAJMATHA JIJUSWALMBAN PURASKAR** at Konkan Region and Thane District.
- ❖ **2009: Two of our SHG's from Ambernath & Bhiwandi won 1st & 2nd prizes at District and Konkan region.**
- ❖ **2008: Best NGO AWARD** - Karunya was awarded as the BEST NGO in Powai area by the MANCH Mumbai Citizens during the Powai Festival.



I am honoured to get associated with such a great organisation.
I will try to give my service in whatever possible way.

Dr. Nilufer K. Ahmed, Karunya Trust Board of Directors



Aaqainak Katal salwa ... !



हरियाली मानव के जीवन में जीवन में खुशी और तंदुरस्ती लाती है ! मनुष्य के जीवन में सिर्फ नही मगर धरती माता, परिवार , स्वच्छ और सुशोभित करती है ! यदि धरती माता को जिंदा रखना है ! और अपने बच्चों का रक्षण करना है ! तो धरती माता को सदृष्ट करना हमारे किमान किसान भाईको कर्तव्य बनता है !

यह ध्यान में रखके कारुण्य संस्था किसान भाईको के साथ जो खुदकी खेती करना छोड़ के रोजगार केलिए

शहर में जा रहा है ! येसी परिस्थिती आधुनिक काल में बढ़ती जा रही है ! यही परिस्थिती में बदलाव लाने के लिए कारुण्य संस्था के सदस्य किसानो के साथ काम कर रहे है !

हम ने शुरुवात में किसानो को इकट्ठा लाने केलिए हमें बहुत परशानी हुई ! पर हमारे पास येसे किसान है, की जिनके कार्य से बाकी के किसान प्रेरित हो के अपने कार्य में बदलाव ला सकते है ! जैसे की कल्याण तालुका में पोई नाम के गांव में कृषिधन मंडळ ने जो कार्य किया है ! एकबरस में सेट्रिय खेती करने का प्रयास किया और उन्हें अच्छी सफलता मिली. इसके लिए उन्होंने नाबार्ड, कृषी विभाग और कारुण्य संस्था के अंतर्गत योजना ये बना के काम किया!

उन्होंने चावल, भेंडी, प्याज, भोपला, दुधौ यह उत्पादन निकाल के तुषार और ठिंक्कसिंचन का उपयोग करके फसल में अच्छी सफलता पायी ! खेती में आधुनिक और तांत्रिक के माध्यम से नवयुवक किसानों को इकट्ठा करके उन्हें अच्छा मार्गदर्शन दे के खेती में किया गया उत्पादन वह बाजार में किस्म प्रकार बेचना है! उसकी तकनीक बता के उन्हें खेती ज्यादा से ज्यादा करने केलिए प्रोत्साहित किया !

कम समय में कम जगह में ज्यादा से ज्यादा फसल निकालने केलिए उन्होंने पॉली हाऊस बनाके उसने फूल शेती कर रहे है! उसमे जरबेरीया , अष्टर , झेंडु और पालक, भेंडी, मेथी , जैसे उत्पादन निकाल रहे है ! और उन्हका उत्पादन परदेशी बाजारों में अच्छी तरह बेच रहे है ! और अच्छा पैसा कमाके खेतों में लगा रहे है!



Eaf. palhad baa. paatila
Eaf. Aayala salmbaba
(kar)nya TST , patinaal

खेती करो अनाज बढ़ाओ ...
अनाज बढ़ाओ किसान बचाओ ...
किसान बचाओ पैसा कमाओ ...
पैसा कमाओ देश बचाओ ...

जीवन मधुर...जीवन मंगल !

हर एक मनुष्य चाहता है, उसकी जिंदगी मंगलमय रहे ! मगर वो ये भी जानता है ! जिंदगी की हर एक घड़ी फूलों से और कांटो से भरी है! हमारी भविष्य के बारे में हम अनजान है! इस आधुनिक काल में किस्म मुसीबतों से जाना पड़े उससे हम बेखबर है! मगर हम हमारी और भावी पिढी की जिंदगी एल.आय.सी. के माध्यम से सुरक्षित कर सकते है! कारुण्य ट्रस्ट गावों में गरीब परिवारों की सेवा करने में जुडी है ! इस परिवारों की जिंदगी सुरक्षित रहे इसके लिये जीवन मंगल और जीवन मधुर विमा को प्रोत्साहित दे रहे है जिसमें बहुत ही कम पैसा भरता है

यह विमा अति गरीब लोग भी भर सकते है आज तक १५० महिला पुरुषों ने विमा निकाला है! उनका कहना है ! यह हम निश्चित करे तो सब कुछ साथ है! हम सब लोगों से यह बताना चाहते है की कल का दिन कैसा रहेगा उसका हमें पता नही, मगर हम सपना जीवन मधुर और मंगलमय बताये ह्य विमा के द्वारा !

सौ. सिता सुभाष भोईर (संप्रेरक, कारुण्य ट्रस्ट)



महाराष्ट्र जीवन्तोती अभियान

(M.S.R.L.M)

इस योजनाका मुख्य उद्दीष्ट है! दारिद्र्यरेषे के नीचे हुए परिवारोंको दारिद्र्य से बाहर निकालना है! इस लिये इन गरीबों लोगो का संघटित करना उनको बचत करने के लिये सिखना और उसी बचत पर उन्हें कर्ज दे के स्वरोजगार के लिये साहयता करना यह योजना महाराष्ट्र के दस जिलहों से और ३६ तालुका में बँकोको द्वारा अमल में लायी जायेगी इस योजना के अंतर्गत नये बचत गट बनाये जायेंगे उन्हें व्याज अनुदान दिया जायेगा और कर्ज माध्यम से वे उन्हें विविध व्यवसाय शुरू करने केलिये प्रशिक्षण दिया जायेगा इस प्रशिक्षण दिया जायेगा इस प्रशिक्षण से उन्हें कौशल्यपूर्ण बनाके उन्हें नोकरी ढूँढने केलिये साहयता कि जायेगी जिससे रोजगार मिलके ओ अपने पैरोपर खड़ा रह सके! यदि एक युवक कौशल्यबद्ध होता है ! तो वह अपने परिवारोंको आर्थिकदृष्टया से साहयता कर सकता है ! जिससे वह परिवार दारिद्र्यरेषे के उपर आ सकता है!

यह योजना गरीबो से गरीब लोगों के तक पहुँचानो केलिये स्वयं सेवी संस्था के साथ मिलकर शासन लोगो का विकास के लिये काम रही है! विशेषकर १८ से ३५ उमर के युव-युवतीओ को कौशल्य से भरकर उन्हें नोकरी देना है!

बचत गट जो चल रहे है ! उन्हें प्रशिक्षण देकर क्षमता बढ़ाना और जो गरीब लोग बचत गट के सदस्य नही है उन्हें बचत गट निर्माण करके सक्षम करना सब विविध कार्यों से अति गरीबो लोगो की अच्छी जिंदगी बिताने के लिये शासन का यह महत्त्वपूर्ण निर्णय है! आये हम सब मिलके हमारी गरीब भाई बहनों को खुद के पैरोपर खड़े रहने केलिए साहयता करे !

सौ. भारती ज.वाडते (संप्रेरक, कारुण्य ट्रस्ट)

ज्युबिली तोफा...

मकान जिंदगी की जरूरत है! कल्याण डायसिस पंचीस साल की ज्युबली के अवसर पर, कारुण्य ट्रस्ट के माध्यम से , गरीब , विधवा , वृद्ध , ऐसे तीस परिवारों के साथ ज्युबली की खुशी बाटने केलिये और उनको सुरक्षा का आनंद का अनुभव देने केलिये मकान के रूप में तोफा दे रहे है! इन तीस परिवारोंका मकान गिरावट स्थिती में था! इस मकान मे उन्हें होते हुँए दुःखी , कस्टी , असुरक्षिता को कारुण्य के प्रतिनिधीने महसुस किया और उनके प्रति प्रेम , सहानुभुती और साहयता के मकान के रूप में दर्शया

हम लोगो के साथ और लोगों के विकास केलिये काम करने की जिदद रखते है! यह जिदद रखते है ! यह जिदद पुरो करने केलिये हमें निःस्वार्थ प्रेम , त्याग , प्रामाणिकता , और धैर्य के साथ उनकी सेवा करती है! इन सेवा में मग्न होते समय हमें बहुत कठिनायों का सामना करना पड़ता है! इन कठिनायों सामना करने केलिये हमें मार्गदर्शन , प्रोत्साहन और प्रशिक्षण दिया जाता है!

हमारी भाई- बहनों के साथ काम करते समय हमारी उपर ईश्वर की कृपा , करुणा , दया और छाया रहती है ! हम जब लोगों की आँखों में आसु के बदलमें , आनंद दुःख बदले सुख निराशा के बदले आशा और कमतरता के बदले विकास देखते है! तो हमारा मन खुशीयो से झुम उठता है! उनका हमारी प्रति प्रेम और अपना हमें जिंदगी की सफलता की और ले जाती है वे प्रेमी ईश्वर हमेशा कारुण्य ट्रस्ट के हेर सदस्यों को अपनी छाया में रखी ताकि हम उनका प्रेम लोगो तक पहुँचा सके

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सोलार लाईट की चमक

सुरज , जिससे हम भगवान मानते है ! वह हमेशा हमारे जिंदगी से अंधकार मिलकर प्रकाश लाता है ! कारुण्य ट्रस्ट ने गाँवों में काम करते समय उन्हें यह महसुस हुआ , की आज भी हमारी लोगों तक बिजली पहुँची नही है बिजली है, तो भी दिन में चार या पाँच घंटे कट जाती है! इससे पढाई करने वाली बच्चों को तखलिफ होती है!

हमारी बच्चे चैन से पढ़ सके और अपने जिंदगी में आगे बढ़ सके, महिलाये रात में घर का काम आसानी से कर सके और रात खेतों में जाते वालों केलिये सोलार लाईट होता है ! इसके लिये हम सोलार लाईट को कम दामों से लोगों को पहुँचा रहे है! हमें कारुण्य ट्रस्ट पर अभिमान है ! जो हमें सुख-सुविधा उपलब्ध कर देती है और हमें एक कर्तव्यशील और जबाबदार मानव बनाता है ! हमें गर्व से कहे.



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“ कारुण्य ट्रस्ट सो साल जिये...”

Charity touches the core

Rev. Fr. Paul Kunduparambil, Director Social Action

Charity touches the core of any human being. Jesus said, give and give abundantly. Was he propagating just spirituality by saying this? Giving is not an act of spirituality alone but a part of one's social commitment, rather a psychological need of every human being. It is amazing to see the change in some youngsters when they get involved in some social outreach programme and stand up for the social cause. As a result a total change of life style is seen in them with a new life-vision and orientation. In various stages of life, many people realize that real enjoyment and satisfaction embodied in real and genuine self-giving. It has been universally accepted and scientifically proved that giving gratifies not only just the receiver but also the giver. Giving shall not be always related to giving money or material things rather it also involves giving time, energy, ideas, ability, efficiently, acquaintances etc. Gone are the days of just doing a charity. In the modern world a science of planned giving or intelligent giving is getting evolved.

In the same way, our commitment to the society, however, cannot be equated only to giving some charity but it reaches the heights of respecting human life, eradicating social evils, spreading moral values, taking a clear stand for justice, peace, love and harmony and above all dreaming and acting for a just society. Social change is very much related to civil and political power centers on the top and to disciplined and committed civilians at the bottom. Social action needs to evolve into civil and political commitment for the betterment of the nation at large.

No human person is an island. The existence of everyone is relational. Doing something good for the people around is not only advisable but is existential. Jesus speaks of triple relationship: with God, with oneself and with others. In the category of others, he includes not only the humanity but also the whole nature. Let us join our



hands to serve the humanity and the nature around and not just be a human but a better human being committed for the whole cosmos.
With prayerful greetings,

Fr. Francis Eluvathingal, Chancellor, Diocese of Kalyan

JEEVASHRADDHA – A Program for the Migrants in Thane City by the Migrants

Karunya Trust has been actively working in the field of HIV/AIDS for the last 10 years in community based care and support programme for the children and their families. During the course of intervention it has reached out to 6883 People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA), 1300 children (0-18 years) and their care takers to lead a better quality of life. It continues its service through the SAVLI programme supported by Deutsche Bank.

We are happy to say that Karunya Trust has started a New Project called “Jeevashradha” in collaboration with Public Health Foundation of India, New Delhi from 1st Sept 2013. The aim is to halt and reverse the prevalence of HIV/AIDS among the migrant population and to provide quality services for the sexual health need. It will provide services to 10,000 migrants on HIV/AIDS in the urban areas especially Vartak Nagar, Wagle Estate, Thane, Kalwa, Mumbra etc. It will be implemented by a 8 member team along with 13 Peer Leaders through the Project Office at 17/133, MHB Colony, Bhimnagar Road, Near Police station, Varthak



Nagar, Thane (W). As part of the intervention 2 more Drop-in centres will be starting soon at the field level. Our sincere thanks to the Parish Priest and the Varthak Nagar Parishioners for providing office space for this project in their premises.

Sr. Betty George
Program Coordinator, Karunya Trust

Gift a Light...Light a Life...

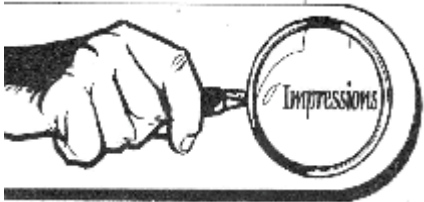


As a part of HARIATKALYAN eco promotion project Karunya Trust distributed 100 solar lanterns to 100 students of Ambernath & Kalyan Talukas at Thane districts. Rural villages with hours of power failures very badly affect the people especially the students. The situation leads to lack of learning opportunity to the children which lead to failure

in the schools then dropouts. The tribal profile published by Maharashtra government in May 2013 show that only 26.4% children reach to primary education, 11.1% students to secondary education and only 5.7% to higher secondary education in rural areas of state especially among tribal population. These situations badly affect over all development of rural communities of our nation.

Kalyan Diocesan Social Action (KDSA), Karunya Trust has began two Programs for tribal children. Mission BHARARI (Marathi meaning "Take off") in Ambernath Taluka covering 1600 children & Mission Jeevan project in Kalyan Taluka covering 1717 children. Karunya Trust invites you to partake in the WAR AGAINST ILLITERACY. “I would say if the village perishes, India will perish too. It will be no more India. His one mission in the world will get lost.” Mahathma Gandiji, 29.08.36

Sponsor/ gift a Solar Lantern to a student which cost Rs. 1500/- by which you LIGHT the LIFE of a child.



We are enriched by your inspiring work. Eye opener for all of us.
This is the temple where God really is. Keep it up your unconditional selfless work.
Fr. Paul, De Paul Institute, Angamally



GYANSAATHI NEWS BITES

CHILDREN’S PARLIAMENT

At Gyansaathi, the children have named their children’s parliament as LOKSEVA BALSANSAD. Every week a meeting is held. The children have gradually evolved to understand their rights and now take decisions by themselves. The leaders of this parliament now take up responsibilities such as helping the younger children with their studies, helping teachers in completing routine tasks, etc. The members have been making every small effort to build their savings. Currently they have saved upto Rs. 363. Seeing their potential, a few of these children were taken alongwith teachers for trainings such as Toy Foundation and life skill training.

SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS



Gyansaathi Children with
Sr. Police Inspector of Govandi police station,
Shri. Agarwal on Independence Day

guest. We also celebrated in style the 2nd anniversary of Gyansaathi school on 6th July, 2013. On Independence day, some of our staff and students attended the flag hoisting ceremony at the local police station. During rakshabandhan, some of our mothers from adult literacy, few staff and students tied rakhis to fellow policemen at the local police station. The policemen were touched by this gesture and promised the women any kind of support they need from police. We also celebrated friendship day, teacher’s day and onam. Every celebration comes once a year but brings with it loads of happiness.

FUN AT KIDZANIA

Kidzania is a concept synonymous with a world for children. We took 167 children to this fun world at RCity mall, Ghatkopar on 7th September, 2013. It was a splendid experience for the children. They were given money at the start point and had the freedom to spend or earn more as they wished. The space was filled with places of daily visit like a hospital, driving school, saloon, airport, fire station, courier service, drawing and colouring, a discotheque, making coca cola, tattooing, adventure sports and so on. One day was insufficient for the children to complete visiting the whole space. It helped children to get an idea of how the adult world functions. At the end of the day, children spoke in the language of Kidzania like Kai for Hye, Zhank you for thank you.



Contributed by *Prashanti Wagh*

Gyansaathi...scaling newer heights

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”
— **Nelson Mandela**

At Gyansaathi, we felt like a battle won when nine out of our 12 children cleared their Open School exams. This was a moment of victory for us (after the anxious and nail biting wait)! It was the sweet fruit received at the end of a year’s toil. Well that alone was not our victory. As part of teacher’s day celebrations, Deutsche Bank had organized a dance competition for NGO’s wherein 8 NGO’s participated. The dance performance included both teachers and students. And the good news is that we stood second!

The past few months have been filled with various exposure visits and experiences for the children. We took 90 of our students to Nehru Planetarium and Nehru Science Centre in June. The children came back with knowledge that they still continue to discuss about. Besides these visits we have now begun an initiative in collaboration with Deutsche Bank to teach



computers to our children. It’s been more than a month now and every weekend our children are getting more and more acquainted with computers.

Besides these educative and exposure terrains, we even scaled a huge religious and cultural terrain. During the festival of Ganpati, on the last day of immersion, 33 of our students stood on the sides of the crowded streets of Shivaji Nagar to help the local police to control the traffic and the crowd. It was a sight to see girls clad in their burkhas helping out during a Hindu festival.

At Gyansaathi we believe in an education that goes beyond books. And each of these heights reached have been the result of the efforts put in by each staff member. Above all it has been the grace of our Lord received through prayers and kind gestures. “Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good; his love is eternal!” (Psalms 107:1)



By *Ms. Andriya Chandy*

Computer Education...



Volunteers from Deutsche Bank have been coming on Saturdays to teach Level C students computer based on their syllabus as prescribed by NIOS. They completed the syllabus for the current exam. Older students in the drop out section were also given an opportunity to learn computers.

CASE STUDY

Shayaf is a 16 year old drop out boy. He has studied till std. 7th in an English medium school. But the financial situation at his home prevented him from continuing his studies further. His parents do not want him to study further. His father takes him to work with him. However, his desire to study has brought him to Gyansaathi. His progress in the last 3 months has been tremendous. He studies under National Institute of Open School and his performance has been good. He still continues to help his family financially by doing some odd jobs.

HEALTH

The monthly health check up for students and their parents continue. In the past 4 months around 415 people have done their check up. We have taken up a new initiative with ‘Doctors For You’ under which twice a week our staff accompany two mother and their children to this health care facility. Over here, health facilities are provided at a nominal rate for mothers and free of cost for children.

ADULT LITERACY

In September our adult literacy initiative completed 8 months. It is held twice a week on Thursday and Saturday. Women have learnt swar, vyanjanand barakhadi and have now progressed to read story books. The women themselves have shared about how empowered they feel because now they can read signboards on the bus, shops, names of serials on T.V. and most importantly to be able to sign. From the month of August we have also started teaching them English and they have shown great enthusiasm in studying the language. Women who earlier felt shy to study as they felt they had crossed the age have now come to study seeing their neighbourhood women learn to read and write. They shared of how their own husbands and children help them out in studying. They make use of every possible opportunity to study including while cooking. They are also taught yoga along with some health tips. Women are also provided with nutritious food to ensure their healthy progress.



Contributed by *Firoz Sheikh*

Rediscover the beauty in Giving

Pope Benedict’s encyclical Caritas in Veritate 19:51,52 illustrates the sad truth of the current world “...it is the lack of brotherhood among individuals and peoples. Will it ever be possible to obtain this brotherhood by human effort alone? As society becomes ever more globalized, it makes us neighbors but does not make us brothers”. At Gyansaathi, our ragpicking children have exhibited true giving, even if they have very less belonging of their own, out of the little they do they never hesitate to share. The intensity of their generosity often makes us aware of their richness in sensitivity. Since globalization has not directly benefitted them they still have a sense of brotherhood with the next door neighbors. Thousands are born in abject poverty, repressive culture, broken families, living in violent environment, living with abuse and accepting it as a way of life. Do they deserve it any less than us? Just by the virtue of being born in our families we have inherited numerous privileges. There is no other backup plan for their salvation other than our presence in their lives. In these times of alienation and individualism in society we need to emerge as “ambassadors for Christ as if God were appealing through us” 2Cor5:20.



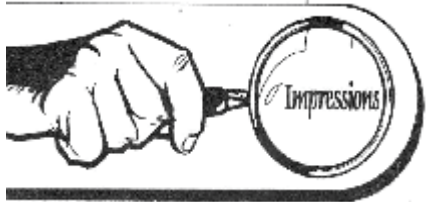
Pope Francis in his Saturday Homily at WYD Brazil 2013 said “We cannot keep ourselves shut in parishes, in our communities when so many people are waiting for the gospel. It is not enough simply to open the door in welcome, but we must go out through that door to seek and meet people”. Reaching out with His Love and facilitating community building for those are who are grappling with the harsh realities of their life is the need of the hour.

Jesus who modeled for us by giving up His life truly inspires us to be ‘creative in giving’ as a person.

‘To give’ is a lesson our children ‘live’ through each and every beautiful interaction with the teachers, the visitors, the volunteers and exposure visits. This ‘giving’ is manifested in their daily behavior as they are moulded to a holistic development. And this beauty of ‘giving’ even as ‘we get’ is what has been a source of continuous transformation in the lives of the Gyansaathi’s Children.



By *Julie Philip*



This is a soul-searching trip with privilege cum responsibilities. Now I know what I need to do to make a difference to our community in the future.

Eric, Singapore



HARITKALYAN BY KDSA, KARUNYA TRUST

Bp. Thomas Elavanal inaugurated HARITKALYAN project by releasing a sticker “Save Power, Energize the future” and handed it over to Rev. Fr. Wilson Kannanaikal. One lakh sticker are distributed in Mumbai



HARITKALYAN: aim to promote healthy environment through restoration, regeneration and preservation of natural resources and addressing the disaster issues. Under this project, Karunya Trust does advocacy for Energy saving, promote eco friendly solar lanterns to rural population & promote Waste Management for Urban Population.

Mruthunjai A Ray of Hope to the needy brethren...

Organ donation drive by KDSA Karunya Trust

What is organ donation?

Organ donation is a noble act which gives us an opportunity to save many lives after our death.

The donated organs are transplanted into patients who are suffering from end stage organ failure.

As many patients suffer from end stage diseases of various organs, organ donation is the only ray of hope for them.

What is organ transplantation?

Human organ transplantation is the achievement of modern medical science where through surgical procedure the healthy organ from a living or dead person is implanted in an individual suffering from end stage organ failure. This is an established surgical treatment available for the needy patients.

Which organ can be donated?

The vital organs like heart, liver, two kidneys, pancreas, intestine, lungs etc can be donated only if we die a brain death. However cornea (eyes), skin and other tissues can be donated after cardiac death.

A living person can donate limited organs like a single kidney [as we have two kidneys] or part of the liver and only to his /her or close relative. The other vital organs can be retrieved from a brain dead individual.

What is brain death?

Any individual with an irreparably damaged brain stem, which is an important part of the central nervous system, is declared brain dead. Brain dead individuals cannot regain their consciousness and are not able to breathe on their own as brain stem has the centre for both. The heart can continue to function on a ventilator and other support for a max. of 36 to 72 hrs. As the blood supply to organs can be maintained for few hours, it is during this period, that the organs can be retrieved after obtaining consent from the close relatives. Brain Death can occur only in Intense Care Unit.[ICU]

How is brain death declared?

Brain death is declared by the Brain Death Committee which involves team of four doctors recognised by the Govt. and who are not involved in performing the transplant surgery. The team has to perform the brain stem death test twice at the gap of min. 6 hrs. The death is declared in the hospitals recognized for transplantation or at organ retrieval centre and is accepted worldwide. The brain death certificate is then issued to the relative.

Is there any chance of survival of a Brain dead individual?

No. A Brain dead individual is declared dead and cannot be revived. There is no question of survival of the individual as the set of test done by the experts leaves no possible doubt of the diagnosis of the brain death.

Brain death has nothing to do with mercy killing; the organs are taken only after the person is declared brain dead. There is difference between comatose patients and brain dead individuals. The comatose patient's are not dead where as brain death is the stage beyond coma and there is no chance of the individual regaining consciousness. A brain dead individual is declared dead. Organs are never taken at the cost of donor's life.

Does the donor have to die only in the hospital?

Yes. As brain death can occur only in ICU, an organ donor necessarily dies in ICU of the hospital. No vital organs can be retrieved if the death occurs at home. However, eyes and skin can be retrieved upto 6 hrs. after the heart stops beating hence this can be done even if the individual dies at home.

Is it legal?

Yes. In India, The Human Organ Transplantation Act was passed in 1994 which mainly covers the 3 areas.

- It recognizes brain stem death.
- It regulates removal, storage and transplantation of organs for therapeutic purpose.
- It prevents commercial dealings in human organs. No human organ can be bought or sold.



HARITKALYAN FOR A HEALTHY WORLD...



Farmers clubs with Marathi version of book named “Rice: The Golden Grain” written by Dr. V.R Haridas at a training program in Ambarnath by Dr. Haridas from Caritas India. Karunya Trust has formed 31 farmers clubs and 11 of them are linked with NABARD for the support & sustainability.

Mumbai meri Jan: Waste Management...need of our city



Under Project Harit, Kalyan KDSA- Karunya Trust promotes awareness on Waste Management in the city of Mumbai. A team is formed by Karunya Trust which includes technical persons to promote awareness especially at housing societies of Mumbai, the major source of waste in our city. The project visualizes that each housing society must manage the

waste generated by them and turns it into bio-fertilizers. Trained Karunya Trust team will equip housing societies through an awareness & training session of 3 hours. Interested housing societies can kindly contact KDSA- Karunya Trust office, Mon to Sat, between 8 am to 4 pm. Phone 022-2578 5515/ 2579 8625.

Is the donors body given back to the relatives?

Yes. The body is given back to the relatives to perform the last rites after the retrieval of the organs. The organ is retrieved only for therapeutic purposes. This is different from body donation where the whole body is given to the anatomy department of the Medical college for research purposes.

Are the organs given only to the rich?

No. As per the priority criteria like age, blood group, waiting period, Clinical status of the recipients, the organs are given to the most needy and suitable patients. In Maharashtra the Govt. has guidelines to give the priority score to all the waiting recipients to distribute the organs. Money, race, religion are not the criteria for distribution.

Will the donor family know to whom the organs are given?

No. The name and the address of the recipients is not given to the donor family and vice versa.

Is there any disfigurement after organ donation?

No. The organs are removed carefully by taking the donor to the operation theatre so there is no disfigurement. There is a cut on the body which is sutured just like any other surgery performed on the living person.

Does our religion support organ donation?

Yes. All the religions in India consider it as a noble act.

Is any compensation or payment made to the donor family.

NO. It is pure donation and hence it becomes a noble act. Moreover the family is not charged for the investigations after the consent for organ donation is given after declaring brain death.

How can one become and organ Donor?

Sign an organ donor card. Share your wish with your close relatives as their consent is required before retrieving the organs even if the donor has signed a donor card. The donor card has to be kept with the person who has signed it.

(Information courtesy: Zonal Transplant Co-ordination Centre)

Declaration form & Donor card are available at the following addresses:-

ZTCC Completing lives

Zonal Transplant Co-ordination Centre

L.T.M.G. Hospital, (Sion Hospital)

College Building

Room No A/29, Near Skin Bank,

Sion (West), Mumbai-400022.

Website: www.ztccmumbai.org

E-mail: organtransplant@ztccmumbai.org

Phone: 24028197, 9167663468/69

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Ayudh Kasbe,
Admin. Assistant

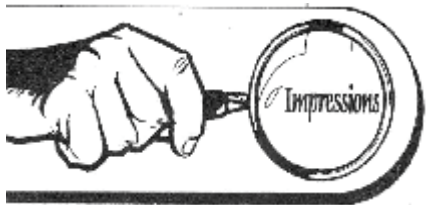


Kevin Jose,
Program Manager

Quick wit: Little Tony was six years old and had never uttered a word. His parents had tried every possible way to make him speak. Even a peach therapist brought in did not succeed in making him talk. One morning the boy's mother gave him some pancakes and to her surprise he said, “There should be more butter on the pancakes, mother”

The mother was delighted on hearing her son talk and said, “Tony, why have you never uttered a word before?”

“Oh,” said Tony, “up to this time everything had been fine”.



Thank you all for inviting and accepting us into your lives in the last two days. You guys have enriched my life, thought and reminded me of the simplest things in life which always taken granted. May god bless you guys and please continue the good work and never give up!

Kah, Alen, Jiah (Deutsche Bank international volunteer team)



SAFE to EAT FOOD through Organic Farming



It is the high time for each one of us to seriously think on promoting organic farming in favour of cultivators as well as consumers. Continues overuse of chemical fertilizers and pesticides has damaged the soil and other resources. Its effect in the long run will be more than what we expect. The

overdose of chemical fertilizers and pesticides to the crop initially increase the crop yield but deplete the soil structure and contaminate the crop, soil as well as the groundwater. Affecting our health is yet another problem due to the consumption of chemical/pesticide residues. Enhanced by the initial increased productivity from modern methods of farming, improved seed varieties and concomitant use of pesticides and chemical fertilizers, the farmers had lost their own traditional system of sustainable agriculture. Eventually, however, some of them have realized that despite their hard toil, the productivity of the land had gradually decreased while investment had increased. The forms of nitrogen provided by chemical fertilizers are readily transformed in the soil, resulting the emission of nitrous oxides into the atmosphere. The scientific findings have confirmed that these nitrous oxides are 300 times more damaging than CO2 in contributing to green house gas emissions.

Affecting our health is yet another problem due to the consumption of chemical/pesticide residues. We have seen/heard the pesticide victims in many parts of the Country. When many people are affected with the use of endosulfan and other pesticides in India, it is few who are trying to justify its importance. I feel that it is not desirable for any government to neglect the health hazards. In a democratic set up, it is the prime duty of the government to allay the fears of the suffering citizens and to take measures to help them recover from overwhelming sense of powerlessness and despair.

Food we consume should be free from toxins... but we know the present day agriculture uses excessive amount of chemicals and pesticides. Even though I am not the person to commend on the good or bad aspects of chemicals and pesticides, my minimum knowledge prompt me to think that people die when consume pesticides... hence the micro and macro organisms in the soil...we know that these micro

and macro organisms give life to soil and we call it living soil... when we use pesticides and chemicals to the soil and crops.. it will ultimately reach the groundwater that we drink.... Is it not sufficient evidence to know that it will affect our health when consuming chemical/pesticide residues directly or indirectly. Hence it is the high time for organization like Kalyan Diocesan Social Action (Karunya Trust) to promote organic farming among the farmers through awareness and demonstration. Hence it is important to bring back the confidence of farmers in organic farming. This is possible by experiments of the existing practice with the



integrated organic farming practices through action research of cost benefit analysis done in control plot systems. Organic system has got a great contribution to the sustainable agriculture, as it establishes an honorable relationship with nature. Awareness among

farmers is important in various aspects of integrated organic farming such as the measures to improve the fertility of soil through mulching, organic manure, growth promoters, pest management through mixed cropping, intercropping, crop rotation, pest traps and applying pest repellents. Demonstrations of such practices and constant accompaniment help farmers in building their confidence as the cost of external input is reduced and net income is increased.

We do not know how much the quantity of chemicals/pesticides is being used in the producing crops that you get from the markets. What we eat should be toxin free or safe. Otherwise it will affect your health. Hence to reduce the external dependency and ensure safety of food the right way is to cultivate yourself in your house hold. UN

has declared 2014 as the international year of Family Farming to pass the message of families involvement in Farming. School children should be given proper knowledge on farming and a portion of the school campus can be made available for students to cultivate organic vegetables. May God bless all your endeavors.



Dr. Haridas.V.R, Caritas India, New Delhi

Everything has its beauty, but not everyone sees it

"Jesus does not so much look at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them." *St. Theres of Liseux*

Small in structure and rock like in faith, Mother Theresa of Kolkata could perceive beauty in every human being, and as a result she reached out to the poorest of the poor and the downtrodden whom the world tends to despise. Karunya Trust under the leadership of Kalyan perceives beauty in every small thing. Wherever we are, we can perceive the beauty of God if we look for it. God has given us two gifts, one is choice and the other is chance. Choice is to select a good one and Chance is to have the best one. We the community of Karunya selects good one for people and try for the best one. We believe that our work is not a dream but an aim. Dream requires soundless sleep to see, whereas aim requires sleepless effort to achieve. So we give our precious time, our wealth and health, our knowledge, our love and care to the needy and the worthy. Mother Theresa stated "do not tire of giving, give until it hurts, until you feel the pain with a smile". When you share whatever you have with a smile, that can bring greater joy and contentment to your life. And we experience it through the social upbringings that Karunya trust does for the children, women, destitute, farmers and many more. We feel that when we do something beautiful for God through our small life; the grace of lord always brightens our path so we walk happily while we are active in the activities of Karunya trust.



Fr. Jesto Menachery (Asst. Director, Karunya Trust)

A DREAM WE DARE TO DREAM ...!

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers & sisters of mine, you did it for me"

Inspired by our Master & Guru Jesus Christ, we venture into a new program known as Bharari... Take off... Creation of new heaven and earth... Here and now...

Karunya Trust is initiating a new project with the 16 villages of tribals from Ambarnath Taluka in collaboration with HCDI (Holistic Child Development India). It is a child focussed community development program aiming at community development through child development.

Child focused community development (CFCD) is an approach to development in which children, their families and their communities participate and take ownership of the entire development process that affects children. It enables them to understand that, they have the capacity and ability to work together on common issues. Issues when tackled for the greater good would bring out their full human potential.



The child centered approach aims to improve the quality of a child's life in its own environment in four pronged manner. They are as follows: 1) Addressing the needs of children it facilitates the participation of the children, their families and communities in the development process. 2) It promotes rights, interests and dignity of children. 3) Strengthening the capacity of their families and communities. 4) It induces them to mobilize resources as much as possible from the community, government and other NGO's.

Though the approach is child centered, it recognizes the fact that families and communities can meet their responsibilities towards their children fully and better when their own capacity is addressed and their needs and rights are also addressed.

We hope to address four major sectors of child and community development that are: Education, Health & Nutrition, Livelihood Program, Building community organization.

With the support of HCDI we dare to dream, to see a world that will be without poverty, a world in which every child that is born will have a right to life's essentials- food, water, health care, education and shelter. In order to realize this dream we have to continue to strive hard to eradicate poverty in general and the children's poverty in particular.



Our role in the process is that of a facilitator. We count on you ... to team up with us and become the true followers of our Master by extending your support in whatever way you can.

Sr. Edith Gonsalves,
Programme officer, Kalyan – Rural projects



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I am Running for my Life...
Can you Support me...?



...I am Sonu (name changed). Even though I was in the 5th standard I was not able to read and write properly. For the last six months, I am going to Gyansaathi School run by Karunya Trust near Govandi dump yard. My teachers at Gyansaathi taught me alphabets in two months and then to form sentences. Today I am able to read and write. Few days back, I helped my father to fill our ration card application... I love my Gyansaathi.

Uncle/ Aunty... you can support our Education through your participation in Mumbai Marathon. Kindly contact our teachers at: 022 25798625/ 25785515

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. 1500/-	to provide a scholar lantern to 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 quarterly 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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"Welcome to Karunya Trust, Your presence and suggestions are valued in our organization"

CSR: Bridging the relationships...

Sheryl Almeda is a close friend of me and visited GyanSaathi School. In her words "After hearing so much about the Project, I decided to visit GyanSaathi. I spent some time at the School and saw for myself how this Project was being run. For the first time, I saw a completely different side to Mumbai contrary to what I had ever heard or seen. I saw how these children and their families lived without the very basic necessities of life such as food, shelter, proper clothing and education that every human being should be entitled to. The very things that we take for granted in our everyday lives while we strive to acquire all the luxuries that money can buy. Thereafter, there was no turning back. As I got more and more connected with GyanSaathi School, I saw that despite the dilapidated shanties, the miserable and unhealthy surroundings in which these children lived, there was a strong zeal and desire in them to study as well as the passionate staff of Gyansaathi, who were extremely dedicated and charged up to help change the lives of these children. Through frequent visits, I saw the metamorphosis in these kids. Through education and various exposure trips they are now able to dream and strive for a life beyond the dumping ground. GyanSaathi has given them a chance to Dream. And for us at Deutsche Bank (DB), it's an opportunity to participate in Better Citizenship with our time, money and volunteering work".



Sheryl Almeda

Passion of Sheryl to perform for these least ones of the society spread to hundreds of Deutsche Bank team members under the Leadership of Mr.Linus & Reshma. Today Deutsche Bank team give wings to the dreams of Gyansaathi Children through computer education, teaching English, taking the children to various exposure programs etc. As an acknowledgement to her goodwill to do something beautiful to the disadvantaged brethren, Sheryl stood Second in Asia Pacific region and First in India for Deutsche Bank's Global Volunteer Award 2013. Karunya Trust - Gyansaathi family thank the Almighty for the gift of Sheryl. Like Sheryl each one of us in this busy city of Mumbai, with limited time even to ourselves, can become a change agent through our little gesture of love, care and concern to our disadvantaged brethren...India is my country. All are my brothers and sisters...



Rose Joseph,
Project In-charge Gyansaathi

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

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The words SOCIAL SERVICE themselves speaks of something thought-provoking that goes-

S-ee I-n
O-mnipresent A-ll
C-hrist L-iving beings

Swami Vivekananda once said, 'Give me a 100 energetic youths and I shall change the whole India.' Yet when it comes to the Syro-Malabar community in Maharashtra, we are 1000 times more in number and yes, energetic too. We are God's chosen people yearning to be united in harmony with him and our existence is hopeless apart from an intimate connection with God and therefore we ought to love God with an untiring commitment. Jesus, through his life of service encourages us to behold Him in the faces of 'least of these' so that we become changed into His likeness. Maharashtra is our Mission-Land and we are here for the fulfillment of a divine purpose. Infact, God is asking each one of us today- 'Who will go for me?

Karunya Trust: Radiating Love

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' (Matthew 25:40)
Karunya Trust follows the footprints of Jesus Christ who gave refuge to poor, sinners, destitute and people who lived at the fringes of the society. The great goal of Karunya Trust is that people who desire & live with goodness, able to do & promote good works, who see God in others, come together and radiate the same spirit of love & hope through a communitarian synergy. As we celebrate 15 years of our mission beyond caste & creed, our goal becomes clearer in collaboration with other faith brethren that do good in all means and arrest the evil. Together with our Bp. Thomas Elavanal, fathers, sisters, faithful of our diocese, the association of renowned social activists like Lion Ashok Mehta, Dr. Nilufer Ahmed and Mr. Babu Joseph we move to new horizons. Karunya Trust revive & rejuvenate the fading lives of street & tribal children, child rag pickers and all types of disadvantaged section of the society by giving the light & fragrance of education and moral values. There are many more activities like women empowerment, farmers clubs, health promotion, sanitation programs, awareness on govt schemes, organ donation etc. In the Grace of God Karunya Trust won Deutsche Bank Global Volunteer award as the Best NGO with 2nd Prize in Asia pacific countries and First prize in India. May the almighty God fill us & our families with his Grace, Peace and Joy and bring out thousand fold Goodness.



Dr. Joseph Aprain,
Founder Trustee, Karunya Trust

Whom shall I send?' Empowered by the fire of the Holy Spirit if each of us belonging to the Syro-Malabar community dedicate ourselves saying- 'Here I am, Send Me', then here are a few points to contemplate upon the importance of serving the people of this land through Social Service-

- It Will Manifest The Divine Nature Of Humanity**
Service is the third part in the triangle of Christian life alongwith worship and witness. Our mission encompasses the principle of mutuality, of being our brother's keeper and of taking action as a community. When we serve others in true spirit of Christ, we simultaneously help them too to discover God in their own selves thus manifesting the divine nature of Humanity.
- It Will Simply Let Others Understand That We are from The 'FOOT-WASHING' Church And We Will Wash Their Feet Too.**
Our selfless service will reflect the true image of Jesus' humility especially when he washed the feet of his disciples. We do not provide services in order to win approval either of our neighbors or God but instead we do it as a free response on our part to the grace and goodness of God and to glorify him at all times so that the Word Of God in John 13:35 may be fulfilled- 'By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'
- It Will Promote Social Justice, Advocacy And Integrity**

Our style of working will bring about a distinct identity as it will be all about a strong commitment to Human Rights and a willingness to go beyond service-delivery. Our approach will be as per the Gospel values thus exposing and denouncing social injustice alongwith trustworthiness and keeping agreements.

to be continued...



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

