

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 :

SHARE THE JOY OF JUBILEE WITH YOUR NEIGHBOUR.

As we all know the Diocese of Kalyan enters into its Silver Jubilee celebration by the official inauguration on Oct 2, 2012. I pray and wish that our Jubilee celebration be a time for greater blessing for our diocese.



Jubilee Year is a time to thank God for all the benefits we have received from God and to pray for more strength and power to glorify God especially by helping our neighbours. Karunya Trust builds 30 houses for the poor as our Jubilee Gift. Again Karunya Trust takes initiative for 'Samooahavivaham' which will be held on April 4, 2012. These activities are highly commendable and I urge all of you to join in this 'Karunya-Ventures'. The word of God reminds us, "If you have many possessions, make your gift from them in proportion; if few, do not be afraid to give according to the little you have. So you will be laying up a good treasure for yourself against the day of necessity." (Tobit 4:8-9). Hence love of neighbor may bring closer to love of God.

Yours in Christ
Mar Thomas Elavanal (Chairperson)
Bishop of Kalyan

Message from CARITAS INDIA

Life is good when it is shared. Sharing the fullness of life was the mission of Jesus our master. "I have come that they have life, life in its abundance" (John 10:10) We have a mission and a calling, by the very fact that we are His children.

I am really excited by the efforts and interventions done with Gyansaathi, for the children in the dumpyards, to bring them to the mainstreams and rehabilitate them socially, educationally and economically. All the efforts to bring a dignified and meaningful life to hundreds of children outside the boundaries of society are to be seen as a meaningful mission in the direction of sharing the fullness of life. Let us continue to do this mission with utmost dedication, as we would be rewarded on the merit of our action. It is not the perks and allowances that bring us the satisfaction, but the gratification that we could make a difference in the lives of these little ones. I congratulate all those who are engaged with a heart in this noble apostolate of inclusion and integration of the less fortunate, to the mainstream of society.

I take this opportunity to recollect my fond memories of serving the Eparchy of Kalyan, in the capacity, as the Secretary to Bishop. My little exposure and experiences with the communities and more specially with the slums of Dharavi, helped me to form my conscience and elect my journey of life in the field of social apostolate. I am happy that I was also part of the Eparchy of Kalyan. It is my earnest wish that all the endeavors of Social Action Apostolate of the Eparchy of Kalyan be meaningfully relevant to the times.



Fr. Paul Varghese Moonjely
Asst. Exe. Director

Karunya Nodal News U' 'R' a Blessing to the nations...

St. Thomas Church, Dapodi, Pune Zone.

House to the Houseless... Dapodi Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Shibu Pulickal & Trustee Mr. John Bosco hand over the documents of the Karunya house to Bp. Thomas Elavanal. The house bought for a homeless member of the Parish as a Diocesan Silver Jubilee gift. An amount of 12 lakhs raised as a community fund from the parish members for this noble cause. Thanks to Dapodi parish & May Lord bless you for your act of mercy.



St. Thomas Church, Vasai (E), Vasai Zone



KARUNYA & SEAL : Love in Christ

A joint meeting of KARUNYA & SEAL Ashram was organised by St. Thomas parish Vasai (E), Karunya Team, under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Shijo Parayil. Fr. Paul Kunduparambil lights the lamp in the presence of Pastor Biju Samuel. KARUNYA collaborates with SEAL Ashram, Panvel in JAN project for destitute.



Life Giving Blood...

Blood donation camp conducted in collaboration with JJ Hospital at St. Thomas parish, Vasai (E). 110 people had donated, out of which 67 bottles were collected. May Good Lord bless you all.

St. George Church, Panvel, Raigad Zone.



Health, a gift of god...

St. George's Charitable Clinic (St. George Church, Panvel) was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Shirish Patel (Dean of Dr. D.Y. Patil University) and organized a Medical Camp on Sunday 19th August '12 under the leadership Rev. Fr. Biju Manamcheeril & Team. A team of doctors led by Prof. (Dr) James Thomas (Vice Chancellor of Dr. D.Y. Patil University) conducted the camp.

Editorial : Missing focus...

In that year, the parish members decided to prepare a drama at the parish feast. After two months of preparation parish priest was shocked to see that none of the characters were regular and punctual for practice except Mr. Thomas, the Hero. Father called Thomas and said, 'my dear boy i am proud of you. You are very faithful to the responsibility entrusted to you. The boy replied 'Father, next Sunday is our drama performance. On that day is my marriage so I cannot come for drama, to make up that I decided to be very regular for the practice'.

In the words of Shakespeare 'life is a stage' on which we play life drama. On the stage of life too, sometimes, we miss focus. Catholic social teaching gives a clear cut Focus to Christian Life in its social teachings that "all human beings, as Children of God, possess a unique dignity, the church with her social teaching is committed to defending and promotion of this human dignity of all human beings in the social sphere" (Youcat p.237, No.438). Today Church's cry for Charity and Justice is to restore this human dignity through its social and charitable services. In the words of Bl.Etienne-Michel Gillet "Today's justice is yesterday's charity; and today's charity is tomorrow's justice"(Youcat p. 181). Do I miss the Focus of Life? Keeping dignity of my own self and others in family, work place and in society. Let us not miss the focus/opportunity of a Hero in our Life Drama.

In Christ Jesus

Fr. Paul Kunduparambil (Director - Karunya Trust)

Message from HCDI

I commend the Karunya Trust of Kalyan Diocese especially its Director and staff for taking up a very challenging project for Children who make a living by collecting and selling recyclable waste materials from the garbage dump yards. When children are engaged in this activity they are abused, their rights are violated and their health is affected and spend their childhood in a demeaning environment. The challenge of this project, therefore, is to gradually achieve the prime objectives of restoring the basic rights of children, gradually mainstreaming them into school and ultimately putting an end to child labor.

Working for this kinds requires a high degree of dedication and commitment Undoubtedly this is very much evident in the case of all those working for Karunya Trust. The dump yard is, no doubt, a source of livelihood for the children and their families but it has its harmful effect on them. It is hoped that sooner or later Karunya Trust will move one step forward to lobby with the Corporation to bring about a policy that not only brings a better management system for recycling of waste in the city of Mumbai. I wish Bishop Thomas Elavanal, Fr Paul, Sr Betty, Mrs. Rose all the staff members and children a success.

N. Thomas Rajkumar – Director, Holistic Child Development India

Milestones...



Commissioned to Love : Mar Thomas Elavanal commissioned 12 Karunya Regional Representatives and 9 JAN volunteers on Aug 11th, 2012, at St. Joseph's Church, Powai.



Launching of Jubilee Educational Scholarship Program by Dr. P. Anpalagam IAS, Jr. CEO MIDC, on Aug 11th, 2012 at Powai.



Launching of LIC schemes - Jeevan Madhur and Jeevan Mangal by Fr. Paul Kunduparambil & Sr. Edith, at Navgoan- Bapsai, Kalyan Taluka.



Bp. Thomas Elavanal releases Kalyan Diocesan Social Perspective Plan and hand over to Msgr. Jacob Porathor on Aug 11th, 2012 at St. Joseph's Church, Powai.

Letter to the editor

It was a great pleasure reading the last edition of Karunya News. A special Kudos to Karunya trust for taking the initiative to inaugurate Jubilee Scholarship Programme for HIV /AIDS affected children. It gives me hope for the future to think that there are young people like Dr.P Anpalagam IAS willing to encourage such a good cause. It is a great feeling to know that so far Karunya Trust has given educational support for over 7000 students through various educational schemes. It is only a matter of time and I am sure there will be many more people who would like to work up the nerve and motivation to do the same!

Mrs. Usha Paul, Bhandup



Happy Birthday 2 U: Gyansaathi the Child rag picker's project celebrated its first anniversary on 5th July 2012. Rev. Fr. George Karottukizhakel, Antophil Zonal Vicar blessed & dedicated the centre to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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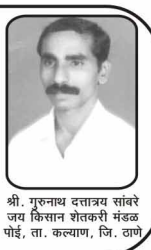
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कारुण्य संस्था किसानों के जिन्दगी में भगवान ने भेजा हुआ एक अमूल्य तोफा है। हम किसान आधुनिक और रासायनिक पद्धतीसे खेती करके हमारी धरती माता की खुशी और शांती को बरबात किये है। आज हर एक किसान अपनी खेती को रासायनिक पद्धतीसे करना चाहता है। मगर वह ये नहीं जानता के उससे उनकी जिंदगी को और उनकी खेती को कितना धोका होता है। कारुण्य ट्रस्ट हम किसानों के रासायनिक खेती को छोड़के सेंद्रिय खेती अपनाने के लिए मार्गदर्शन दे रहे है। इस बरस, उन्होंने हमें अल अगल खत और दवाई बनाने के लिए सिखाया है। इससे कारुण्य ट्रस्ट किसानों की जिंदगी में एक हरितक्रांती ला रही है। इस सबका लाभ उठाकर हम किसान हमारी नई जिंदगी और धरती माता की सुपिकता और जमीन में उपजिवक बढ़ाने के मार्ग पर चल रहे है। हमारे आनेवाली पिढ़ी के लिये हमे हमारी जमीन का संरक्षण करणा है। और हमारे भविष्य पिढ़ी का जीवन उज्जल करने में कारुण्य ट्रस्ट हमे चुनावती दे रही है। कारुण्य ट्रस्ट के हर एक प्रयास में उन्हें यश मिले। यही मेरी शुभकामनाएं।



Good, Better, Best, Never Let it Rest ...

"I Myself will prepare your way leveling mountains and hills..."

Today when I look back at the day when we first began our GyanSaathi, I can only thank and praise God for His wonders! One of our team member says that our area (Dumping ground) was like a barren ground one year back which is soon becoming the most fertilized land filled with the best plantations. I firmly believe in this and marvel at the way our Lord is molding Gyansaathi. The children who never stepped out of the dumping area once upon a time, are now engrossed in learning, completing their studies and in the process of becoming one of the finest human beings. My sincere thanks pours out to my Lord who has made us His instruments in His special Mission. The Karunya Team (Gyansaathi) as a whole by their forever dedicated spirit has made this possible. Individual counseling sessions, Life skills training, Yoga, Meditation, Exercises, Play therapy, Psycho therapy, Colour therapy, etc. are few techniques that helps our rag picker children in their overall development from Waste to worth. We can proudly say that our kids are transforming from worst → worse → good → better → best.

Our young adolescents are now confident about themselves. They were initially very reserved and conservative. Now they have started opening themselves about their problems and open to seek help. The restless children once upon a time, have become disciplined and mannered. Very few children had turned up for their first Life skills Training, but now the participation number has risen to 100 and more per training. Praise God for His ineffable gifts!

It's always a blessing to be a part of His kingdom. Until now, we have been catering to 130 children. But as our GyanSaathi is progressing, the number of children and our needs are increasing and we want to do our best to take care of His children and we need your prayers and support maintaining God's own GyanSaathi.



Rose Ukken
Gyansaathi counsellor



Something beautiful for God and humanity...

National Open School

National Open school (NOS) –it is an opportunity given by the Government for the underprivileged and special children who find it difficult to study in a regular school environment. **Gyansaathi has registered 18 children into NOS** who were hesitant to go to a formal school due to their age and family restrictions. The staff underwent thorough training themselves. Everyday, all the 18 children have lectures from 1 to 4 p.m. at Gyansaathi. They are divided into Level A (std II & III) and Level B (std IV & V) and are taught subjects like Hindi, Maths, History-Civics, Geography, English and Arts and Projects. The exams are through the Centre at Delhi. Counseling, Life skills, yoga and meditation were used as tools to prepare our children. Now, the children are excited to come to school and attend lectures attentively.

TEACHERS' DAY : On 5th September – Teachers day; even though the teachers had not planned anything for themselves, the students came dressed up as different teachers, took the initiative to teach the younger students and entertained the school. They gave handmade cards to every teacher and showed their gratitude. When asked them, why they did so much, their answer was - "Agar aap log hamare liye itna kuch kar rahe hain, kya hum aapke liye itna nahi kar sakte hain?"



Mr. Somnath Raut
(Animator)

Give us today our daily bread ...

Suraiya was to leave for Madrasa this week, she's been a student of our school for the last one year. And 'my doll' like I call her. You can't just not love Suraiya, she's soft-spoken, timid, always smiling and forever loving to all. And it hurts us all to see Suraiya leave but there are limitations. We offer a prayer for Suraiya knowing our limitations ...

Gyansaathi completed one year. We have achievements, success stories, accolades, appreciation for the work put in last year. Shubhaan, Abdul Rahman, Sana, Jahida and all the 18 students of our National Open School were teenagers whiling their time at the dumping ground or doing only household chores. Today they are studying.... at the age of 14 and 15 years, these teenagers have got their basic constitutional right... and I realize it is the **'work of God'...** **Gyansaathi is a blessing to the Rafiq Nagar basti, but it is a greater blessing to ALL of us involved in its making. And these ALL include - our Diocese, our funding agency, all our donors in cash and kind, our dearest volunteers, our well wishers and most importantly our Staff members. In all our endeavours, in our limitations, God's hand guides. HE provides, HE gives us our daily bread, our sustenance for GyanSaathi.**



Mrs. Rose Joseph
(Gyansaathi Program Coordinator)

Teaching, My Vocation

I am Salma Qureshi, I want to tell you something. For the last 20 years, I have been staying in this basti, and for the last 10 years, I have been teaching children. I love to teach children. I got an opportunity to work in Gyansaathi School. The knowledge I am enriched with in the last one year (through Gyansaathi) was amiss in my decade long teaching career. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you my experience at GyanSaathi. My basti is very lucky that they have our school to impart education to them. In the later years, when these children will achieve success, they will thank and praise God for this school. **In the earlier schools, teaching was only a profession, but here I realize teaching is a vocation.** As along with the children's education, I am also responsible for their lives – that they go along the right path, imbibe good habits, their health, food, clothes, maintaining family relations and insuring that they stay away from all evil addictions. This is the motto of all the teachers here. **I mould my child believing he / she is God's gift to us.** In this school, all the staff members are respected and we're treated like a family. God has taught us to love one another and this love today we are able to share with our children and build relationship with them. My children look upto me not as a teacher, but as their mother. Initially the children used to come very badly dressed, untidy and unclean; their unwashed faces, hands, hair, legs, uncut nails. But slowly, we started cutting their nails in the school, making them wash their hands and legs, we started combing their hair, rewarding and encouraging those who came clean and tidy. Our children have begun to lead a normal life.



Mrs. Salma Qureshi,
(Gyansaathi teacher)

KARUNYA IMPACT - Gyansaathi Transform lives...

Latisa says...I Can...

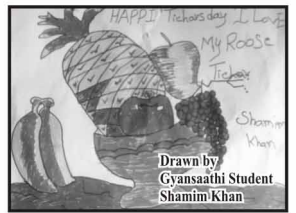
Latisa (name changed) is a 12 year old girl. She has 2 brothers and one sister. Her mother works at the dumping ground (separates waste). Her father works at the "Bhangar" shop. When we surveyed, we understood that this 12 year old girl goes to the dumping ground and was admitted to 1st std Urdu medium. But, she was ashamed to go to the school and study amongst the 6 year old students and hence bunked school. We learned about her situation and informed her about our school. Initially, they never seemed to be interested as she was already going to school. But after continuous intervention of the social workers, she started coming regularly to school. Now the girl who found it difficult to study for one hour, does all the household work and is also admitted to the National Open School through Gyansaathi. She sits for 3 hours for her studies, is very regular, does all her home work, and is enthusiastic in all the school activities. She keeps telling us that she will show the world she can do something in life.



Prashanti Wagh
(Animator)

U made my life beautiful...

Mehboob (name changed), is 17 years old, has 2 sisters, lives on the dumping ground. He used to go to the dumping ground to sell sandwiches to the ragpickers and was a ragpicker himself who never went to school and never bothered about his family. He never used to eat homemade food, but used to sustain himself on addictive drug pills and charas-ganja- ghutkas- goas. He was known as the bad guy of the area. During a community meeting, his mother approached us about his condition. We approached Mehboob, and invited him to school. After much coaxing every day, He started coming to school, but was not regular, and was disobedient. He never paid attention to studies and used to always chew ghutka- goas; even the staff found it difficult to handle this addicted teenager. After many counseling sessions, we began noticing changes in him. Now, Mehboob has stopped taking additives, stopped going to the dumping ground, he sells sandwiches and gives money to his family. He is one of the most regular students who studies well and is now studying through National Open School at Gyansaathi.



The one year that went by saw a list of Achievements :

Regular School :

Of the 130 students registered with our Gyansaathi, the following school admissions were taken : BMC Schools - 55 (5 in process) / Private School - 7 / Open School - 18 = **Total- 80** Follow up is taken every first week of the month in which we enquire about the progress of the child from his teacher and the Principal. A Record sheet is maintained for every School going child. All these 62 school going children report back to Gyansaathi school every day before or after their regular school hours. Every school going child has received 27 items from the Government which includes umbrella, uniform, stationary, etc. The improvement of our children has been tremendous after their admissions to school.



We have opened a Balwadi for children from 3 to 6 years. And in addition, we have new dropout children admitted to our school. So the numbers have increased to : Dropouts - 48, Hostel - 1. These dropout children have to follow the same pattern of getting assessed through an assessment tool and then are provided non-formal education with an aim to put them for formal education next year. **All of them now have an aim in their lives. And Indeed we're on our way from Waste to Worth....**

Health checkup : Health checkup is conducted monthly by CMH Medical College and it is well attended by children and parents. As per the suggestions by the medical team, sprouts, Jaggery/groundnut mix, dates etc were incorporated into the children's diet. The children's health records are maintained and based on the previous records and current health, doctors provide prescription and also analyse each child's improvement or if otherwise where needed, the child is referred to Government hospitals for further treatment. The doctors also speak to the child regarding the ill effects of tobacco, drugs, bidis and cigarettes. In addition to this, awareness camps are conducted on health issues. **We have covered around 1500 people in the last one year from July 2011 – September 2012.**

Non-formal Education: Non-formal education was provided with an aim to help children enter mainstream schools. These classes are for age groups 4 to 16 years conducted 5 days a week in two batches i.e. morning 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. We had around 125 dropouts registered in our school undergoing non-formal education. Children are divided into groups of 'Swar', 'Vyanjan', Barakhadi, 'Shabd' and finally to 'Lessons' stage. Maths is taught using Pratham syllabus methods. Once in 2 months, children are taught through movies and skits subjects like history, geography, science.

Talent Tapping: 1 day of the week is dedicated for extra-curricular activities and talents are tapped through drawing, arts, craft, drama, dance and music. The best drawings were identified

Counselling : Individual counselling sessions are held regularly and close monitoring is done. Around 250 children todate have been counseled.

Cultural : All festivals are celebrated and the children are provided with a deep insight into the cultural richness of India to inculcate holistic learning.

Mothers' Group : Similar to Mathrusangam, we have a Mothers' cell in the Basti and monthly meetings are held. Around 80 mothers are registered in this cell. Sessions are held for them on 'Right to Education (RTE)', Child Labour laws, Child abuse etc. Interactions were held with Shivaji Nagar police to ensure close co-operation with the law makers. Around 47 mothers have been assisted to open Dena Bank accounts at Govandi. Christmas Party and other functions are held for mothers' to give them a reason to celebrate and interact.





कल्याण तालुका के ग्रामीण भागों के महिलाओं का सक्षिमी करण और सबली करण करने में कार्यण ट्रस्ट संस्था का बड़ा हाथ है। महिला बचत गट, युवक मंडळ और शेतकरी भाईयों में बहुत बड़ा परिवर्तन दिखाई देता है। २००५ से आज तक संस्थे ने हर एक स्तर पर मदत की है। आपत्ती कालीन व्यवस्था के बारे में लोगों को मार्गदर्शन खेती-बाड़ी में नुतनी-करण, गरिब गरजू महिलाओं को आर्थिक मदत, घरकूल व सौचालय निर्मिती, महिला-पुरुष और युवकों को विविध प्रशिक्षण, रोजगार निर्मिती, आरोग्य शिवीर और आरोग्य मार्गदर्शन, संस्थेने जो भी कार्यक्रम की अंबल-बजावणी की है उसका छोटों से लेकर बड़ों तक सबको फायदा हुआ है। संस्थे के साथ जुड़े हुए संबंध में प्यार, अपनापन लगता है। और जिंदगी का सामना करने के लिए हिम्मत और शौर्य देती है। हमारी कारुण्य संस्था युग-युग जिओ और भविष्य में गरिब, दुखी, कष्टी और निराधारों का मीत बना रहे। ये मेरी शुभकामनाएं।



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Join Mazdoor Suraksha Yojana (MSY) and Secure Your Future...

➤ **What is MSY?** Mazdoor Suraksha Yojana (MSY) is a social security scheme for unorganized workers initiated by Workers India Federation (WIF) which is the legal body of office for Labour, Catholic Bishops' Conference of India.

➤ **How does it function?** The scheme will be controlled and in association with **Pension Fund Regulatory Authority (PFRDA), Mothers care Agency and Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).**

➤ **What are the three tier benefits?** Presently MSY program consists of (1) **retirement pension** (Coverage of Swavalamban Pension at the age of 60 and family pension due to death of subscriber on demand), (2) **Life insurance** (MSY subscriber's nominee is eligible for natural death coverage of Rs. 35,000 and accidental death coverage of Rs.75,000/- from LIC) and (3) **educational assistance for selected children of MSY subscribers** (from Mother's Care Funding Agency Rs.1000 to 5000 every year from LKG – Plus TWO or Rs.1200 from LIC only from 9th class – 12th class).

➤ **Whom is it meant for?** The MSY meant for **unorganized workers of India**. Therefore all the India Citizen, who are coming under the age between 18 to 60 and those are not the members of PF and ESI scheme shall be enrolled in MSY program.

Karunya Trust would like to implement this scheme in our diocese. To know more about the scheme participate in the **seminar on mazdoor Suraksha Yojana at St. Joseph Church powai on Oct. 21st at 2.30 p.m.** All the parish priests, trustees, social security scheme members and all those who are interested in the scheme are WELCOME.

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कारुण्य संस्था में मेरा अनुभव



सौ. भारती जयदीप वाडले
कारुण्य ट्रस्ट की - संभरक

कारुण्य संस्था को गरीब लोगों का मीत माना जाता है। और मेरा भी वही अनुभव है। इ.स. २००७ को मैं काम करने के लिए आई। तब मुझे कुछ भी मालूम नहीं था। लोगों के साथ दोस्ती कैसे करनी और उनका दुख सुख कैसा अपना-ना, उनके जरूरतों को कैसा संभालना विशेष कर महिला होने के नाते महिलाओं के साथ काम करना और उनके जागृती लाना एक कठिन काम था। मगर ना मुनकीन नहीं था। किसी भी तखलिफों का सामना धैर्य से कर सकते हैं। यह मैं कारुण्य में काम करते करते सिखी आज मैं ४५ बचत गटों के साथ काम हूँ और उन्हें रोजगार शुरू करने के लिए और सरकार की योजनाओं को पाने के लिये सक्षम किसी हूँ। उनको सक्षम करते करते मैं खुद भी सक्षम हो गई।

आज मैं धैर्य से किसी भी बैंक, मैं, सरकारी कचेरी में किसी भी अधिकारियों के सामने धैर्य से बात कर सकती हूँ, इतना ही नहीं मैं महिला, पुरुष, युवक और गावपातलीपर गांवों की सुधारणा करने के लिये जो समिती बनाई है उनको प्रशिक्षण दे सकती हूँ। कभी-कभी मुझे इतर निमसरकारी संस्था और सरकारी संस्था प्रशिक्षण देने के लिये आमंत्रित करते हैं। कारुण्य संस्थेने मुझे एक कौशल्यरुपी मुर्ती बनाया है। आज मैं जो भी हूँ मुझे एक सक्षम धैर्यवान, प्रेमळ और करुणामूर्ती बनाने में कारुण्यसंस्थे का हात है। कारुण्य संस्था युग-युग जिवो और हमारी गाँव के लोगो को समाज में सम्मान प्यार और धैर्य से जिने का मार्ग दिखाये। मुझे मेरी कारुण्य संस्था पर गर्व है।

धन्यवाद।

Karunya Impact: The Joy Of Having Own House.

➤ **Mrs. Deepika Dinesh Takare (Bishol – Kalyan)** I with my family was living in hut which could fall any time in this monsoon. My husband is working as daily wage. To build a small house was impossible reality for us. In such a situation Karunya Trust which is known as organization for the poor, which always thinks of the benefit of the poor helped me. I am proud of them and thank them for giving me support. Karunya Trust is a mother of the poor who is busy in working for the people who are not known or owned by any one. May this organization live long and have 100 fold successes in everything.



➤ **Mrs. Anjani Bapu Jadhav (Sai – Ambernath)** I am a widow and I have two sons who are going for the daily wages. I had a piece of land but no house of my own. I had taken shelter in community hall which belonged to villages. I was in great need of house but financially was impossible. Karunya trust supported me financially and today I am able to build a house. I thank them for giving a widow security of life in this society where widows are not treated as human beings.

KARUNYA touching HEART of the Nation: The RURAL POPULATION ...and We achieved in an year...

SELF HELP GROUPS: EMPOWERING WOMEN

- 25 new Self Help groups have been formed.
- 22 SHG were linked with the bank for the income generating programme and the total amount received by them is Rs.54,00,500/- (Goat rearing, vegetable cultivation, catering, bag making, etc.)
- 18 SHG received revolving fund of Rs.90,000/-
- 210 families have increased income by 15% through linkage with govt. schemes.



Sr. Edith Gonsalves
Program Officer
(Kalyan Rural Project)

ORGANIC FARMING: NEED OF THE HOUR

We have formed 31 farmers clubs in order to promote and sustain agriculture, which is the heart of rural India. Periodical meetings and guidance to farmers clubs are given by Team Karunya.

- Mr. Gurunath Sabhare, the President of the Jai Kishan farmers club helped 160 farmers from the Poil village to get Rs.26, 00,000/- from Agricultural department for the brinjal cultivation.
- Bank account of 6 farmers clubs were opened. And other 6 farmers clubs Bank account is in process. This motivates other farmers to join the farmers club.
- Linking the farmers clubs to National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is in fast track.
- On 26th and 27th of July, organic farming training was organized by Karunya Trust and sessions were conducted by Dr. Haridas, Caritas India. 60 farmers benefitted from this training and 15 farmers began to prepare organic manure and started implementing organic farming in their fields.
- 15 farmers are supported by Karunya for developing an organic farm in the 20 Guntha of their land. The best organic farmers will be awarded by Karunya Trust with Rs.5,000/- , a Trophy & certificate.



TO FACE THE DISASTER THROUGH COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

- People in 21 flood prone villages (men, women & youth) are well aware about the different aspects of emergency situation.
- 21 Task Force Committee are equipped to respond to disasters.

EMPOWERMENT THROUGH TRAINING PROGRAMMES

- 16 Trainings were conducted in collaboration with Central Board of Workers Education, Thane. During SHG meetings, we impart the correct knowledge of NREGA.
- In 5 village people were given training on land and advocacy and 200 people demanded for land record clarification from Govt. office.
- 6 village development committees are formed for the betterment of community development and support for Karunya work. Regular trainings are arranged for them to get a clarity to their roles and participation in the development of their community. It is their first and foremost responsibility that they work for the betterment of their community. So far we have conducted 12 programmes for them.
- 12 federations have been given training to maintain proper records maintains and to take up the social issues and monitor the SHG of their areas.
- 31 famers club are given regular training on sustainable agriculture and organic farming.



SHELTER: THE BASIC NEED OF EVERY PERSON

- As the mark of Jubilee celebration we have planned 30 houses for the people of Kalyan and Ambernath Taulka. Already 19 houses are completed. 11 houses are in the process. As soon as monsoon is over, work will begin for 11 house.



OTHER LIFE GIVING SERVICES

- **Educational material** was distributed to 163 children from 5 Govt. schools in support of promoting education in rural area.
- We have begun **LIC (Jeevan Madhur and Jeevan Mangal)** for the people of our target area and so far 25 beneficiaries have taken the policy.
- We had organized two meetings of the **Gram Sarpanches** for the purpose of **Samoocha Vivaham** and the respond was good. All are in appreciation for such an initiative which will be a big relief for the poor parents to settle their daughters.
- We conducted three health camps in the three villages where 650 people benefitted from this camp and recovered their health.
- TB awareness camps were organized to give awareness to bring control on the spread of the TB.

U Can help Karunya by providing

- Trough your volunteer service
- Tailoring Machine for rural women
- Computers, books & study materials for Gyansaathi Students





कारुण्या इसका नाम सुनने से यह संस्था ख्रिस्तीय धर्म की है। ऐसा हमें मालूम होता है। मगर यह संस्था खिचन रहने से भी वह सर्व जाती धर्म के लोगों के लिये कार्य करती है। उनके कार्य से हमें इसकी पहचान होती है। वे करुणा भरे दिल से लोगों में प्यार, सम्मान, एकता और समभाव की जागृती लाते हैं। यह संस्था गरीब, अनाथ, आर्थिक, शारीरिक और मानसिक पिडाओं से पिडीत जनता के लिये निस्वार्थ प्रेम से काम करती है। कारुण्य संस्था गरीब बच्चों के शिक्षण के लिये और महिलाओं को सक्षम करने में कम नहीं पड़ती वे सिर्फ गरीब लोगों के बारे में सोचते ही नहीं मगर उनको समाज में सम्मान के साथ जिने को मदद करती है। हमें इस संस्थे पर गर्व है। इस संस्थे ने ऐसा ही काम करते रहे। और युग युग जिते रहे। यह मेरी शुभ कामना है। मैं मेरा भाग्य समझती हूँ की मैं इस संस्थे का एक हिस्सा बन गई हूँ। कारुण्य संस्थे के बारे में जितना कहे. उतना कम है। मैं इस संस्थे को हर एक कार्यक्रम की सफलता के लिये दुर्वाँ देती हूँ।



Gyan Mitra - 'Live & Educate a child'

Karunya Trust has been instrumental in providing comprehensive care and support to the children of People living with HIV/AIDS. On the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Kalyan Diocese, 25 HIV/AIDS affected children are given educational support till they complete their Secondary Education.

The aim of the programme is

- To provide financial support to the families of the positive people to support the daily life and to continue the education of their children.
- To create awareness among the children on HIV and AIDS and its impacts.
- To make the children as change agents to reduce stigma and discrimination in the community.

On 11th August 2012, the project was relaunched by Dr. P. Anpalagan IAS. This Project is supported true local resources. Karunya Trust thanks the benefactors and well wishers for supporting the cause of education of these children. Your contribution will definitely brighten the future of these children.



Sr. Betty George
(Programme Coordinator,
Karunya Trust.)

Commissioned to Love...God and Humanity...

"Jubilee Action Network" (JAN) What? In memorial of the Silver Jubilee Celebration of the Diocese of Kalyan, Karunya Trust in collaboration with priests, religious, faithful have formed Jubilee Action Network 'JAN'.

Vision: Restore human dignity and create a just and harmonious society based on the Gospel Values of love, fellowship, freedom and peace.

Mission of JAN: JAN will reach out to the orphans and destitute of the Mumbai & its suburban streets & roadsides, providing relief and entrust them to the centers where they can live a dignified life.



Mr. Raju (name changed) was rescued from Sakinaka and rehabilitated at SEAL ashram, Panvel by JAN Volunteers, Mr. M.V. Joseph & Mr. Wilson (Sakinaka Parish) & Mr. P.A Joseph (Varthaknagar Parish)



Mr. Dinesh (name changed) was rescued and rehabilitated at SEAL ashram, Panvel by JAN Volunteers, Mr. Shajan M. John (Vasai East Parish) In four month period JAN Volunteers rehabilitated five destitutes... Let us pray for this mission.

Karunya Essay competition

In the SILVER JUBILEE YEAR of the Diocese of Kalyan, KARUNYA TRUST organized an Essay Competition.

Topic: Importance of involvement in social service by Syro-Malabar community members in Maharashtra

(മഹാരാഷ്ട്രയിലെ സാമൂഹ്യസേവനരംഗത്ത് സീറോ-മലബാർ സഭാംഗങ്ങളുടെ പങ്കാളിത്തത്തിന്റെ പ്രാധാന്യം.)

1st Prize - Rs. 3000/-, Trophy & Certificate
2nd Prize -Rs. 2000/-, Trophy & Certificate
3rd Prize - Rs.1000/-, Trophy & Certificate
(Languages allowed : Marathi / Hindi / English / Malayalam)

Rules and Regulations:

- One participant may submit only one work.
- Your essay must be not longer than 1200 words (In times new roman 12, typed 5 pages & hand written 7 pages, one side written)
- Submissions will be accepted until 31 December 2012 at KARUNYA TRUST, Bishop's House, P.B.No. 8434, IIT P.O. Powai, Mumbai -76, Maharashtra, India.
- This essay competition is open for all the members of Kalyan Diocese. Participants must be in the age group of 15 and above as on 30 June 2011.
- All submissions must be original. No previously published material will be accepted. Any form of plagiarism will result in automatic disqualification.
- The decision of the jury is final and is not subject to an appeal.

For any queries contact: **KARUNYA TRUST, Bishop's House, P.B.No. 8434, IIT P.O. Powai, Mumbai -76, Maharashtra, India. Ph: 022-25785515/25798625/9757064868**

Our Observations : Students from college of social work Nirmala Niketan....

I am a student working at Gyan Saathi for the year 2012 – 2013. In the last few months I have been introduced to a face of social work that is so dynamic in its attempt to improve the lives of the people of the slums of 'Rafiqnagar'. I have observed, studied and mingled with the children who experience a childhood far less fortunate than mine. But in all their difficulties they display an uncompromised desire for love, affection and a desire to explore. This optimum zeal in their hearts has touched me and drawn me to do as much as I can to make a difference with their lives.

Jason Rasquinha, MSW- I



I got an opportunity to work at Karunya Trust – Gyan Saathi School setup situated in Govandi, shivaji nagar. It is a mind babbling experience as I am working for the first time in a community which is placed next to the dumping ground and it's really touching to see people living subsequently to it, as well as the difficulties which they are going through. I learned a lot from them and the best thing is 'Always be in a happy-go-mood, live life to the fullest, always welcoming, never to give up attitude and many more to learn during the one year span. All the staff members are just marvelous and warm hearted, lucky to have such a great staff members who look at individual child and gives best of sessions and knowledge which is valuable for their entire life. Each staff give individual attention with lots of love, care and affection which they are craving for, this is the reason they love to come to school regularly and all of them actively participate and are eager learners. Seeking forward to learn more things throughout the year(2012-2013) which is fruitful for my entire life.



Alisha F. Vaz
MSW- II

Hello! My name is Deepali Mistry. I am graduating from Nirmala Niketan. I am placed in Gyan Saathi School as part of my field work. I had been working in Shivaji nagar, but never had experience of this particular area. GyanSaathi has helped me to take a better view about the area it is working. I learnt a lot about the area. The bonding that have made in the GyanSaathi with the staff and children is overwhelming. The children and the staff are like family to me. GyanSaathi is giving chance to explore more.

Deepali Mistry, BSW – III

ASANGAON MISSION...a new beginning

We have started Tapioca and Karela cultivation with the villagers of Vrachapada which is about 14kms from Shahpur. The aim of this cultivation is to make the Adivasis self sustainable. We are funding them to cultivate in their own land which otherwise remain cropland throughout the year. We have formed a group of seven people to carry out this activity. Alongwith cultivation



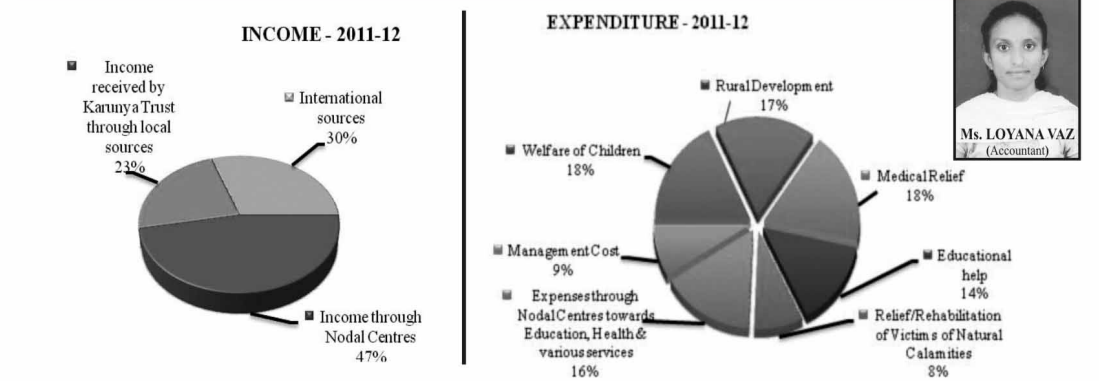
we are teaching them different modes of cultivation. We have taken the villagers to show them about Systematic rice Intensification and that will be implemented next year.

With partial help of the villagers, we could clean a borewell. Now they are able to fetch water from there otherwise they had to walk almost 1km to fetch water. After the monsoon we are planning more cultivation. Though we give funds for cultivation, our agreement with them is that once the yield is ready they will repay the amount we have spent and the income will be pooled among themselves for next years cultivation and their daily expenses.



Fr. Benny Ezhormattam
Mission Director

Karunya Trust Financial Report For The Year Ended 31st March, 2012



Yes I want to involve Through Donation (Donation 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 help for a poor student
☐ Rs. 6000/-	to educate a HIV infected/ affected child for an 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 an year
☐ Rs. 25,000/-	to educate 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. 2500/-	to support a bed ridden patient for a month
☐ Rs. 3000/-	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. 4000/-	to provide initial support for organic farming
☐ Rs. 4000/-	to provide initial support for small scale IGP
☐ Rs. 5000/-	to provide two goats to a needy family in a rural village helping them a steady income
Shelter Programs	
☐ Rs. 7000/-	to provide partial support to build a house
☐ Rs. 15000/-	to provide major support to build a house
☐ Rs. 25000/-	to provide full support to build a house
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