



ABC

*Advocates for Babies in
Crisis Society*

April – June
2020



Newsletter

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COVID times!

After 2 months of lockdown, we are working our way into a “new normal”. Due to the increase of cases in the city, we are still being very cautious. It will be a long while before we can start cuddling again, but the runners are back at work, as are our staff.

We have had a few admissions in the recent months. Fortunately, not related to Covid. The children are better and 2 children were discharged and one more is getting better at the hospital.

Our staff is working minimal shifts as we need to reduce the exposure of the children to too many people. We have arranged transport so our staff does not have to travel via public transport.

We hope that we can soon return to the babies.

**#HUGSMATTER #BETHEBRIDGE
#ABCANGELSINACTION**

Help Save Lives!

Cuddler Connect

Since we are unable to meet in person, we started a new tradition of zoom calls to check in with our volunteers. We will do this once a month and hope more cuddlers can join in. The plan is to do this the first Saturday of each month. Details will be posted on the groups.

We were very sad to bid farewell to our regular cuddler and lead volunteer **Zsuzsanna Manz**. We couldn't meet her in person before she left, but managed to have a virtual farewell. We wish her and husband the very best.



At the Hyderabad run for charity in 2018



A new way to bid adieu....



A wonderful portrayal of a Cuddler. There are never enough hands to hold the babies, but our cuddlers always seem to have plenty of love to share. Painting by artist Deepa Nath – who is also a regular cuddler with ABC.
<https://studioraasa-deepanath.com>

In other news...

The Hashtag contest

The winner of the ABC Hashtag contest was Madhavi C with **#hugsmatter** #abchugsmatter.

Runners up are: **#bethebridge** submitted by Swetha Reddy
And **#abcangelsinnaction** because all our volunteers matter.



The winner with her hamper

Volunteer request – A way to stay involved

With the changing and challenging times, we are forced to find different ways to connect and make a difference. Since we cannot cuddle now, we thought it would be a good idea to start a digital library with short videos of volunteers reading short stories, or giving a small lesson on shapes/colours/numbers etc., or a short yoga/Zumba session, songs or rhymes. The topic is your choice. The video should preferably not be longer than 5 minutes for the younger audience (0-2 years), and 5-10 minutes for the older children (3-8 years). Feel free to use props etc. to keep the attention of the little ones.

The idea is to share these with the orphanage to show to the children and create a routine of story time and activity time that the children and ayahs can enjoy.

We would also love to have a short video clip (1-2 mins) of our volunteers sharing their experience at ABC. We would love to share your story on our social media pages.

Please be mindful not to disclose the name of the child and orphanage.

We look forward to your contributions!

Please email your entries/youtube link to abcinhyderabad@gmail.com

Runner Updates

Due to various restrictions, we only had **3 hospitalizations** in the last quarter. Of these two were critical care admissions.

One child was diagnosed with meningitis and required ICU care after which he was in the ward for a couple weeks. He is back at the orphanage and doing great. The **second child** came recently to the orphanage and was admitted with severe dehydration and multi organ failure. The child has a physical disability which makes feeding him difficult. He required ventilator support and weeks in the ICU before he could breathe on his own and be moved to the ward. However, his feeding issues continue. The doctors have recommended a stomach tube. This means he will need long term special care. We are very fortunate that SCH was willing to provide a home for him. The surgery is scheduled soon, the child should be moved after that.

Since we didn't have as many admissions, we were able to direct some of our funds towards SCH admissions.

We have had to do a few video consultations. We are thankful that we can have children checked without having to take them to the hospitals and clinics for non-urgent issues (dermatology, eye care, etc.)

We continue to administer the **pneumococcal vaccine**. The vaccine helps reduce the occurrence and/or the intensity of the pneumonia. Our nurses are present at the orphanage and checking on the children. Fortunately, most of the children are doing well.



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Income

Donors who gave over Rs. 5000: (April to June 2020):

- Lorraine Sequeira
- Ratnakar Kona
- Shylini Jayaraman

Donors who gave in kind:

- Mr. Prithviraj and Bharati – various baby items and toys.
- Sofia Leiro for clothes and diapers
- Zsuzsanna – toys

Our Corporate partners:

- United Way of Hyderabad

Special Thanks to the continued support of our **Monthly Donors:**

- Shriram Life Insurance Company Limited

ABC Board via Monthly Pledges

- Amita Lulla
- Gita Dasika
- Latika Krepanand
- Madhulika Patibandla Gupta
- Nidhi Agarwal
- Prarthana Reddy
- Radhika Reddy
- T. S. Syamala Subashini

Expenditure

We spent close to **14 lakhs** from April to June 2020 on:

- Hospitalizations
- Medicines
- Diagnostics
- Vaccinations

We spent close to **3.4 lakhs** for the salaries of the Nurse and Ayahs we have hired at one of the orphanages.

We spent around **94 thousand** on miscellaneous expenses like anti-bacterial soap, masks, gloves, sanitizer, supplements, transport etc.

Join our Cause!

You can be a volunteer or help us...

- Cuddle babies
- Raise funds
- Coordinate hospitalizations
- Pledge a fixed monthly amount
- Donate towards special projects
- Donate diapers and baby toiletries
- Donate money for the medical needs of the babies we support
- Corporate partnerships (CSR)



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ABC is an entirely volunteer based organization, with all proceeds going directly to support the orphans we work with.

We are always in need of Volunteers to help with the various requirements. You can make a difference too!



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