

Newsletter – October to December 2023

PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE.









Dr. Sivaranjani conducted a First Aid and Lifesaving Training Workshop for all the staff of one of the orphanages we support.

It was a hands-on session, where everyone got to practise on CPR manikins. Special thanks to her daughter Aditi Santosh, who also helped with the demonstrations etc.





At the orphanage, we brought in doctors to examine/measure the children for orthotics. As the children grow, these need to be changed and custom made to fit each child.

Thank you to our volunteer Ritu Shukla for coordinating everything.

We have also provided critical medical equipment like crash carts, AEDs (automated external defibrillators), suction machines, nebulizers, and adjustable beds for the special needs children.



Christmas cookie drive

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for baking and donating cookies for one of the orphanages we support. There was a wonderful array of festive goodies and there was no end to peoples' creativity.

A huge thank you to Neele for coordinating everything!



Special mention

A very special word of thanks to Manya (Neele's daughter) and friends (Maanasa, Rithu, Jasmine, Sagnika, Zara) for making these masterpieces for the children to enjoy!



Another Young Champion

In her own words:

In the spirit of promoting fitness and giving back to the community, I organized a Stepathon Challenge that took place in October. The event was a resounding success, bringing together 108 participants and culminating in an astonishing 21.36 million collective steps, covering a staggering 17,000 kilometres. We raised INR 1,67,500 for ABC (Advocates for Babies in Crisis Society), a local NGO that supports orphan children in need of crucial medical care. This amount will be used to procure vital medical equipment for babies and special needs children.

Thank you to every participant who was involved. It's because of your active support, and unwavering spirit that we managed to achieve such incredible results, both in terms of our fitness goals and our fundraising efforts.

- Jasmine Stout (12th grader at ISH)



Annual Sari Distribution

Every year, since our involvement with the orphanage, we have given saris and clothes sets to all the staff at the 2 main orphanages we support.

Pictured here are our own staff with their lovely new saris along with our board member Latika.



RUNNER UPDATES

Thank you toApollo

Hospitals (Dr.

Nithin

from

the General

Hospital)

for sending doctors when needed to review and advise on preventive vaccinations in the month of November. We continue to track and support the FTT (failure to thrive) babies at the orphanage. We had many admissions this quarter and significant number, eight of these, required more than 2 weeks in

the hospital. The issues ranged from respiratory distress and gastroenteritis, severe ear infections. Fortunately, all of the children's health improved and

they were

back to the

subsequently discharged

orphanage.



We are thankful for the continued support of our corporate donors and CSR Partners.

Donations received in the last quarter:

- * Alphageo India Limited
- * Greenpark Hotels and Resorts Limited (photo below left)
- * Neuland Laboratories Limited
- * Pegasystems Worldwide India Pvt. Ltd. (see below)
- * United Way of Hyderabad

Additionally, we couldn't do what we do without our wonderful individual donors (who have given over Rs. 5000 in the past quarters):

- Ramchandran Manjeri
- Ritu
 Shukla
 (for
 her
 mother)
- SrikanthPothkanuri
- Uma Narayan Reddy

Other donations in Kind:

Lindie Bosman - play house (photo below - right) Luchelle - bedsheets and duvet covers







A long-time corporate sponsor wanted to do a hands-on activity at the orphanage. A total of 12 volunteers spent about 2 hours with the pre-school children doing various activities like story reading, painting and Zumba, much to the delight of the children.

We thank you team Pega for your participation and contributions to ABC.

EXPENSES

Listed below are our expenses for the last quarter:

Admin: INR 1 lakh primarily accountant fees to maintain our books and compliance.

Baby items: INR 2 lakhs - medical, physiotherapy equipment etc.

Consultations, Diagnostics and medicines: INR 34 K

Health and Safety: INR 30 K - Antibacterial soap and Sanitizer

Supplements: INR 3.3 lakhs - Pediasure, Nutrilite, vitamins/minerals, Dry fruits

and nuts

Salaries and transport for staff that care for the babies: INR 5.3 lakhs-

includes ayahs to care for babies in the hospital, full time nurse, part time occupational therapy, and staff to monitor FTT babies and annual bonuses. **Hospitalizations: INR 37.5 lakhs** Covering19 hospitalizations. As mentioned earlier, many children needed long stays in the hospital.

We need you!



The demands placed on us are never ending, so do you know anyone who can help out? They can volunteer and help us...

- Cuddle babies
- Raise funds
- 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)

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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