



Ashwini Charitable Trust Newsletter

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GREETINGS FROM THE ASHWINI CHARITABLE TRUST

WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY 2005!

Dear readers welcome to the fifth issue of the ACT newsletter. In our endeavour to update you regularly about our activities, we are planning to bring this newsletter out on a quarterly basis. Please share with us any stories or thoughts that you'd like in order to make it more interesting reading. Send in your entries to the Editor at info@ashwini-trust.org

PHILIPS SOFTWARE CENTRE RENOVATES OUR RESOURCE CENTRE

This well known software company has been associated with us for 2 years now. They took up the project to renovate our centre .It has been done well and appreciated by all with the help of an architect, Ms.Bali H.

4TH ANNUAL DAY ON 9TH JANUARY

With a lot of help from our dedicated volunteers and trustees our annual day function was a grand success. The children's performance was good and all our wellwishers and guests were very happy. Our chief guest was a very special person ,Dr. Ali Khwaja, the Director of Banjara Academy. His speech was very impressive, more so because he stressed that "Every child is a special Child". We also had all the doctors who have helped us as special invitees – Dr.Ravi M,Dr.Khatib,Dr.Anantram.

In appreciation of all the hard work put in by the volunteers we organised a tea party on Jan 22nd for all of them.

SBI OPENS ITS DOORS TO THE CHILDREN

On 17th Jan. State Bank of India, MG road branch issued bank pass books for all the children who had opened bank accounts with them. This will help the mothers to save some money for the well being of their children.

TERRACOTA WORKSHOP

Sweta, a sculptor and furniture designer from NID, Ahmedabad is conducting a terracotta workshop with the children. During the workshop the children will explore the medium of terra cotta through hands on experience. First will be the introduction to clay and the basic techniques of building something by hand. The basic hand building techniques are pinching, coiling and slab work. There will also be an introduction to aesthetics, forms, sizes, and decoration. They will learn how to make a bowl, a decorative tile, a mug, and a piece of jewellery.

PROTEIN MIX DISTRIBUTION

A high protein vitamin mix was made, packed and distributed to all the children. It was a well appreciated 11 hour painstaking effort of some of the mothers. The jars were given by the volunteers of the LML group and the bunsen burners were donated by the Chartered Foundation.

ASHA PAINTING COMPETITION HELD ON FEB 13TH

Every year ASHA, another NGO conducts an annual painting competition at the St. Joseph's high school. This year 52 children from Ashwini took part. Three boys Gopi, Harikrishan, and Vinod got prizes too.

EYE TO EYE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The director of this international program visited our resource centre and was very impressed by the work we are doing here. They are going to send 2 full time volunteers for the months of April and May to conduct summer workshops. The NIOS children from the Spastics Society Of India will also attend our summer programme.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ACT has been very fortunate that several institutions and individuals have come forward to help us in our mission. It is a matter of pride that our sincere efforts are being appreciated and we at ACT are motivated to do more work... We are grateful to the following people that have helped our cause.

- **Seraphim Charitable trust** has sponsored 5 children this year. Apart from this 21 children have benefited from the computer classes they attend as part of their 1 year diploma in computers.
- **Mr. Rampriyan Narasimhan**, a dedicated volunteer celebrated his son's birthday on 28th Feb at the Resource centre. They organised lunch and also gave return gifts to all the children.
- **Mr. Mahenderlal Kothari of Chartered Foundation** an organization formed in 1993 to help deserving and destitute children by a host of well known CA's in Bangalore have very generously donated a writing table for the trust and a lot of stationery for all the children. They distributed the same on Jan 26th at the centre.
- **Femina and Indian Express** have given us good exposure with the very inspiring articles which appeared in the month of January.
- **Mr. Mohan Reddy** of Nagarjuna Hotels was very generous in distributing biryani packets to all the children for the Annual day.
- **Ms. Swarna Janaki's 80th birthday** was celebrated by her son at the resource centre in January.
- MMR vaccines were given during the 1st week of March to the new children thanks to **Soropmist International**.

QUIZ

And that brings us to the end of this edition on the Ashwini Trust Newsletter. I leave you with a Quiz on the theme "Child". Please send in your answers, with your name and address, to info@ashwini-trust.org

Look out for the answers in the next edition of The Ashwini Charitable Trust Newsletter.