



## Ashwini Charitable Trust Newsletter

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### GREETINGS FROM THE ASHWINI CHARITABLE TRUST

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Dear readers welcome to the third 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 bi-monthly 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](mailto:info@ashwini-trust.org)

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### OUR STRENGTH IS NOW 55

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In this new school year we have added 16 children to our Trust. We have taken deserving children from National Children School, AGCC School, St Anne's and Shri Guru Harkrishan Public School from the Ulsoor area. We have also taken a child from the Jawaharlal Nehru School in Chamrajpet. Three of our girls have successfully passed the SSLC examination and are now in PUC. We are proud to announce that their results are: 75%, 71%, and 60%.

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### CLASSES AT THE GURUDWARA SCHOOL

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Since April 2004 our after--school supplementary classes were being held at the Guru Harkrishan School at the Gurudwara. Forty children from this school have also been attending our classes. We are very grateful to the Management Committee of the Gurudwara for giving us the space for the classes.

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### OPENING OF OUR RESOURCE CENTRE

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Thanks are due to the N.M. Trust and Mrs.Prema Krishnamurthy who have generously donated the premises for the Ashwini Charitable Trust Resource Centre. We now plan on having classes there on a daily basis.

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## UNIFORMS FOR OUR CHILDREN

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We are greatly obliged to Dr. Ananthram, a highly respected plastic surgeon, who has donated school uniforms for 40 children this year.

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## 91 FM RADIO CITY

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Our managing Trustee Sujata Mukherjee featured in two programs on Radio City – “**Chat on the Mat**” and “**Karmayogi**”. The programs evoked a tremendous response and we now have 25 volunteers thanks to it!

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## GUEST SPEAKER

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The guest speaker for the month of September was Mr. Shiva Kumar of Bombay House. He enlightened the children about Hotel Management as a career option in a very interactive session.

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## STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

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The Interact Club members of Frank Anthony Public School volunteer time teaching our children once a week. The Management students of Christ College have done their Community Service project with the children of ACT as also students from the Canadian School and Mallya Aditi International School. It is very gratifying to see such young people so enthusiastic about teaching!

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## NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OPEN SCHOOLING (NIOS)

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The Spastics society of Karnataka conducted special tests for four of our slow-learners. On their recommendation one such child was taken out of regular school and has joined NIOS. He benefits immensely from the one-on-one sessions with a counselor.

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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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.

- Well known Bollywood playback singer **Shreya Ghosal** performed in the city at the Ambedkar Bhavan on 30<sup>th</sup> May. Proceeds from the show were donated to ACT by the organizers **MAAM Entertainment**.
- **Bombay House**, a well known eatery on CMH Road, donates their surplus food to the children everyday. They also give sweets and snacks to the kids on a regular basis.

- **Soroptimist International** celebrated World Peace Day on 21<sup>st</sup> Sept with the children. They held drawing competitions and fancy dress competitions and gave prizes to all the winners. They distributed Dictionaries sponsored by **Gangarams** to each and every child.
- **Dr. M. Ravi**, ENT specialist of the Specialists Clinic, Indiranagar, has conducted free ENT check ups for all the children and has also performed an ear surgery for one of them.
- **Dr. Sunderam Shetty** of Siddhi Eye Centre, Indiranagar, provided free eye check ups and frames for the children who needed spectacles.
- **Bali H**, an interior designer and architect of Cellistia, Vasantnagar, has come forward to renovate our new Resource Center at Ulsoor.
- “The Hindu” highlighted our activities in the article “The Right ACT” by **Revathi Shivakumar** which appeared on 20<sup>th</sup> Sept.
- **Sudha Muralidharan** a well wisher has provided the children with a nutritional porridge mix.
- **Mr. Allan Rego** a well known singer and musician from Bangalore conducted a workshop which was a very enjoyable experience for the children.
- **Mr. Raghavendra Pillai** a Software Engineer donated saris to all the mothers of the children.
- **Mr. and Mrs. Alope Biswas** of MAAM Entertainment sponsored snacks for the children on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July 2004.
- The JPMC group at **Mphasis** extended invitations to 10 children to join in the Birthday celebrations of some of the employees. The children enjoyed the cake and other goodies.

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### QUIZ

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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](mailto:info@ashwini-trust.org)

1. What does CRY stand for?
2. What is the connection between Angelina Jolie and children?
3. The child Krishna was brought up by foster parents; who were they?
4. What is the Makkala Sahaya Vani?
5. What is the name of the child star in “Malgudi Days”?
6. Who is the oldest child of the ACT?
7. The Disney movie “Treasure Planet” is based on which book?
8. What does UNICEF stand for?
9. Name the man-cub brought up by Bhageera and Bhalu in “The Jungle Book”.
10. Who was the child that Parvathi fashioned out of clay?

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

