



## Ashwini Charitable Trust Newsletter

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### GREETINGS FROM THE ASHWINI CHARITABLE TRUST

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Dear readers welcome to this issue of the ACT newsletter. In our endeavour to update you regularly about our activities, we are planning to bring out the newsletter 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](mailto:info@ashwini-trust.org)

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### OPENING OF OUR RESOURCE CENTRE

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Thanks are due to the **N.M. Trust, Mrs.Prema Krishnamurthy** and **Dr.Ananthram** who gave us the **Ashwini Charitable Trust Resource Centre**. We had its inauguration on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2004 and have been having classes there on a daily basis since.

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### GOLDEN GESTURE

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Octogenarian **Mr. Parthasarathy** and his wife came up with an amazing and unique way to help us. While sending out invitations to guests for his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations at the Leela Palace the couple requested guests not to bring any presents but instead to donate to one of their favourite charities. The guests responded with overwhelming generosity. Such gestures can never be paid back; we can only pay it forward. We thank Mr. and Mrs. Parthasarathy for this heartwarming gesture.

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### WELCOME TO OUR NEW VOLUNTEERS

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Our volunteer base is constantly growing and we are grateful to each and every volunteer for their valuable contribution. We would like to mention a few of them like the **LML** group( these **Links to Miracles of Love** are Priya, Arthi, Kurinji, Shreeshakthi, Mokshi and their friends), **Lipika Varma, Shoba Jaidev, Khushbu, Neelima, Benitto, Geeta Narang, Pushpa Hemnani, Nripen, Ruchin, Rampriyan, Smitha Shirodkar, Girija, George, Mukund, Vishal, Sulagna** and her daughter, **Anasuya**.

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### THE DELOITTE TRIP

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**Deloitte**, an MNC, celebrates **Impact Day** world- wide by doing something for the have-nots of society. They took our dream of taking our children to the Bannerghatta National Park and turned it into reality. On 8<sup>th</sup> October, 23 Deloitteans, 47 children and three mothers left for Bannerghatta with excitement and trepidation in their hearts! The trip to the Park, with the Grand Safari included, left an indelible impression on all their minds. Three cheers to the Deloitteans who made a long yearned for dream, come true so effortlessly!

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### CISCO'S DAY OF SERVICE ON 28<sup>TH</sup> OCT

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Six different charities were chosen to participate in this event of significance organised worldwide by **Cisco**. The ACT was lucky that an impressive **132** volunteers signed up with us for various activities. As a part of their project they took our children to the Hasserghatta Lake, Nandi Hills, and Nehru Planetarium, organized a film show at the centre and also held interactive classes for the children.

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### ST. MARK'S CATHEDRAL FETE

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On 7<sup>th</sup> Nov the St. Mark's Cathedral organized a Thanksgiving Festival and ACT was one of 8 beneficiaries. This was all the more inspiring because this fete brought together people from many faiths and all walks of life. We thank them for their generosity.

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### PARENT MEETING

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On 26<sup>th</sup> Nov we had the fourth Mothers' Meet. They were given deworming medicines for their children; they have unanimously decided to clean the RC in turns. We also decided they would bring their husbands to meet Mr. Srikanth a counselor with Alcoholics Anonymous. Two days later, in an interactive manner Mr. Srikanth spoke on the growing problem of alcoholism and how to deal with it. He also made the parents aware of how this malady would affect the children.

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### DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

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The ACT celebrated Diwali on 13<sup>th</sup> November. Crackers, sweets and children came together in an unforgettable symphony of light and delight. Our thanks to Shobha, Pushpa, Ram, Nripen, Ruchin, Balaji, Geeta, Priyanktha, Bonnie and all others who gave their time generously to create the best Diwali for our children so far.

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## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

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On 23<sup>rd</sup> December the Resource Centre wore a very festive look with streamers and tinsel; a Christmas tree stood with gaily wrapped presents spread proudly under it. The FAPS group (**Pria, Sucheta, Sriram, and Akshay**) took the ACT kids through carol singing, exciting games and yummy snacks.

**Aanya** and her friends at the Canadian School came up with a brilliant idea of presenting each child with a gift. These thoughtful gifts ranged from dupattas, purses, stationery, to cricket sets, stuffed toys, drawing sets and what have you. Thank you all, such generosity among school children is truly inspiring.

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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.

- **Mr.Ravichander** and his wife **Bharathi** celebrated their daughter's birthday on 12th Oct at the Resource centre. They organised a movie show, distributed snacks and also gave return gifts to all the children.
- **Mr.Rampriyan Narasimhan** organised a lunch for all the kids to celebrate his daughter's birthday on Oct 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **Mr.Santhanam Iyengar** and his wife **Shailaja** very kindly donated sweaters to all the children.
- The **Sri Satya Sai Samaj** donated blankets to all the children.
- The **JPMC** group at **Mphasis** extended invitations to all the children for lunch and followed by entertainment on 20<sup>th</sup> Nov.
- **OWC** (Overseas Women's Club) had a charity bazaar on 26<sup>th</sup> Nov and ACT was one of the beneficiaries.
- Well known Bollywood playback singer **Udit Narayan** performed in the city at the Ambedkar Bhavan on 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. A donation will be made to ACT by the organizers, **MAAM Entertainment**, from the proceeds of the show.
- **Ms. Sangeeta** organized lunch for the kids in memory of her late father, Mr.Subramanian on 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov.
- **Dr. M. Ravi** performed corrective ear surgery on Anita. He conducted ENT checkups for all 55 children and all this without taking any fee.
- **Dr.Sundaram Shetty** of Siddhi Eye Clinic in Indiranagar conducted free eye check-ups for some of the senior children and also provided free spectacles to those who needed them.

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## QUIZ

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Answers to the previous Quiz:

1. What does CRY stand for?--Child Relief and You
2. What is the connection between Angelina Jolie and children?--She is the U.N. Goodwill Ambassador
3. The child Krishna was brought up by foster parents; who were they?--Yashodha and Nanda
4. What is the Makkala Sahaya Vani?--The Children's Help line in Bangalore
5. What is the name of the child star in "Malgudi Days"?--Master Manjunath
6. Who is the oldest child of the ACT?--Ashwini
7. The Disney movie "Treasure Planet" is based on which book?--Treasure Island
8. What does UNICEF stand for?--United Nations Children's Fund
9. Name the man-cub brought up by Bhageera and Bhalu in "The Jungle Book".--Mowgli
10. Who was the child that Parvathi fashioned out of clay?--Ganesha

This time's quiz is on Wildlife:

1. How many bones are there in a Giraffe's neck?
2. Which animal is the mascot for the WWF?
3. What present day animal descended from the Woolly Mammoth?
4. Which is the National bird of New Zealand?
5. Which animal is called a "River Horse"?
6. Which is the only bird that can hover in one place and also fly backwards?
7. What kind of an animal is Rudolph?
8. What is the baby of a Kangaroo called?
9. Name the flightless birds found only in Antarctica and the Galapagos Island.
10. What is the Komodo Dragon?

All the best with the quiz; send in your answers to [info@ashwini-trust.org](mailto:info@ashwini-trust.org) along with your name and address.

**We wish you a Very Happy and Joyous New Year 2005!!!!**