An Institution for people with special Needs

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Annual Report 2022 - 2023

It gives me immense pleasure to present before you the annual report for the year 2022 – 2023. Dharithree is an organisation working for special needs children since 2003. We at Dharithree consider special needs children not as a bundle of problems but children with some disorder and bundle of potential. Our experiments over decades in this kind of programme in management of special children is highly rewarding. It is here that we all need to extend our strength to mould them as bright, blooming and confident children. Currently we run 3 (three) day care centres and 1 (one) residential home catering to around 200 children on its rolls. Qualified special educators, therapist, psychologists and psychiatrist are engaged in the service of the special needs children.

The academic year commenced in June 2022. Based on their capabilities the children were divided into pre-primary, primary, pre-vocational, vocational and educable groups. Each child was individually assessed and based on their skill sets the curriculums were fixed. The curriculum is as prescribed by the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI). Vocational activities and training are an integral part of the curriculum. They are trained in candle making, phenyl, soap oil, quelling ornaments, paper covers, diyas, vermin-compost, tree saplings, gardening, diary and farming activity.

Calendar of Events:

Health camps:



The camp was organised by Special Olympics Bharath on an All India basis as part of the 75th Anniversary of Independence in which 75,000 children participated in 750 centres. It rejuvenated the activities for special needs children after Covid-19 pandemic. Dharithree Trust joined hands in organising a mega dental and health check up camp on April 7, 2022 in Bangalore and Doddaballapur in which over 2,500 children participated. Our partners in this mega event were R V Dental College and Ramaiah Medical College.





Dharithree Trust through its schools made special efforts in the academic year 2022 – 2023 to get all the children enrolled under the UDID Cards and Niramaya Schemes by arranging special medical camps with the help of Department of Disability, Government of Karnataka. Medical and eye camp was conducted at the schools in collaboration with Shankar Eye Care.

Developmental Activities:

As part of the Corporate Social Responsibility Activity Bank of India headed by their executive director Ms. Monica Kalia visited Dharithree, Narasipura and supported us for setting up a Skill Developing Centre in June 2022 under their CSR activity.







Mr. H N A Prasad along with his family members inaugurated the new kitchen complex on August 13, 2022 on the occasion of his 75th birthday.

Water harvesting project:

As a result of the water harvesting project plan the old well in Dharithree which was dry for the past two years got recharged after the heavy rains this monsoon. In this context ganga pooja was held on 13.10.2022.



National festivals and Cultural programmes:

In an endeavour to spread the message of harmony and impart cultural and social values among children national festivals such as Independence Day, Gandhi Jayanthi, Republic Day, World Disable Day, Teacher's and Children's Day, International Yoga Day, Kannada Rajyotsava, World Environment Day were celebrated in all our centres...



Swarakshema Foundation an organisation providing music therapy. Its founders Dr. Sowmya Sanak Kumar and Mr. Sanak Kumar Athreya provide music therapy to all the children of Dharithree regularly. The children from all the centres participated in the 10th Anniversary Celebrations of Swarakshema held at Bharitya Vidya Bhavan on 15.10.2022.

On 11.12.2022 the *ShashtiabdaPoorthi* (60th birthday) of our beloved Treasurer Sri. T S Sathyanarayana Talya was celebrated at Dharithree. On the occasion family, relatives, friends and colleagues were part of the occasion. He dedicated all the offering received on his birthday to Dharithree. On this day the Pratisthapana (statue installation) of a new Lord Krishna's idol was also done by him in Goshala. This was followed by a sumptuous lunch.

In the evening Parama Poojaya Sri. Sri Sri. Swayamprakash Sachidanada Saraswathi Swamiji of Sri Adi Shankaracharya Sharada Lakshminarasimha Mutt, Hariharpur graced the occasion and blessed the gathering.



This was followed by a Yakshagana Puppet show by the renowned Padmashri awardee Uppinakudru Sri Bhaskar Kogga Kamath and troupe on "*Chudamani Lanka Dhana*". In this context we would like to thank Mr. T S Satyanarayana Talya for arranging this grand function.



On January 29, 2023 we celebrated Rathasapathmi and Tyagaraja Purandara Aradhana Mahotsava in which over 25 artists from Swara Kshema Foundation performed for over 3 hours. This also marked the 10th anniversary celebrations of Tyagaraja Purandara Aradhana Mahotsava on Rathasapthami by Swara Kshema Foundation. The occasion was graced by Vidwan Anoor Ananthakrishna Sharma, Chairman Karantaka Sangeetha Nataka Academy. Our children also participated in the event by giving short performances.



The schools also celebrated their Annual Days in which the special children actively participated in the cultural programs. Parents and well wishers attended the programme and encouraged the children.

Sports & Co curricular Activities



We are proud to share the news that our staff member Ms. Manjula V has been selected by Special Olympics Bharath (SOB) to represent Karnataka and India as a basket ball coach at a week long basket ball international level coaches training programme to be held at Berlin, Germany in the first week of June 2023.

Special Olympics Bharat-Karnataka Chapter in coordination with Dharithree Trust conducted a one day Coaches Training Programme at Seshadripuram College Auditorium on 19.12.2022. It was represented by over 25 schools from across Bangalore City



In February 2023 a district level sports event was organised by Special Olympics Bharat - Karnataka Chapter in collaboration with Dharithree Trust. children from Dharithree have been selected to represent the state in the national level – Senthil, and Bhanupriya from Ajitha Chethana, Peenya and Ambika from Dharithree Narasipura.







The children also attended a 2 day floor ball training programme at Mangalore.

Six of our children qualified for the finals in the quiz conducted by Seva In Action.

Teachers Training & Skill Enhancement

About 20 teachers attended the Continuing Rehabilitation Education Programme (CRE) conducted by Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) and upgraded their skill sets.

A teacher from Ajitha Chethana, Peenya had registered for the 6 months CBRD - special education training programme and has successfully completed the same. Some of our teachers participated in the 3 day International Conference organised by Indian Institute of Health, Education and Research

Teachers Day was celebrated on September 5, 2022. On this occasion a sports and quiz competitions were organised and prizes were distributed to the winners.

Some of our teachers also participated in the various trainings, seminars, workshops conducted by other institutions and have used their learnings in adopting and inculcating these practices.

Skill development:

Our children are trained in self employment in rural sector. The skill development includes gardening, vermicompost, diary farming, horticulture.



They are all taught rural oriented rehabilitation skills like oil extraction, flour mill, moulding activities, distillation plant, etc.

Other Snippets:

Dharithree has been the recipient of the multi year grant from Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiative under their grants to not-for-profit organisations that work with the most vulnerable in the society. In this context they shall support Dharithree by subsidising our activities for providing care, education and therapy services to children at Dharithree Narasipura.

Research and college students (interns) visited the school and collected data and took guidance from our teachers.

Parents counselling, guidance to behavioural issues is an integral part of our activity. We owe our gratitude to Dr. Madhasudhana and Dr. Prashanth – HOD, Victoria Hospital, Bangalore. Many of our donors celebrated birthdays and anniversaries of their near and dear ones with the special children sponsoring lunches and other items on the occasion.

The children of Dharithree Narasipura grew Tulsi saplings which and distributed on the occasion of Tulsi pooja.

We are grateful and appreciate the continuous support of our partners in this noble cause viz. Rotory Udyog, Peenya Industrial Association, Have A Heart Foundation, Agarwal Samaj, Bhagyalakshmi Rice Traders, Heart and Hand for the Handicap, USA to name a few.

We are grateful to our partners in progress supporting us through Corporate Social Responsibility i.e. Collins Aerospace, Triveni Turbines, Kisankraft Foundation.



Triveni Turbines team visit to Peenya School



Mr. Savyachi Srinivas, Executive Director, Collins Aerospace and team



Peenya Industries Association Members visit to Peenya School

In conclusion we would like to state that with the support of our donors, well wishers, philanthropic organisations we have been able to march ahead bringing in considerable change in the life of these special needs children and their families.