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Founded in 2003 Dharithree Trust - an Institution for People with Special Needs celebrated its Crystal Jubilee in January 2019. Dharithree strives to bring qualitative change in the lives of special children. Currently we run 4 (four) day 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 2018. Based on their ability to learn and performance level 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.

National festivals and Cultural programmes:

In an endeavor 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..



Teacher's Day Celebrations

We celebrated Karthika Deepotsava on 24.11.2018 at Dharithree Nandagokula Goshala. On the occasion hundreds of lamps were lit in and around the goshala. A rangoli competition was orgaised and people from the surrounding areas also participated in it. The best three were awarded prizes.

On the day of Rathasapathami we celebrated Tyagaraja Purandara Aradhana Mahotsava in which the artists from Swara Kshema Foundation performed for over 2 hours. The gathering of the management, staff and students of Dharithree, invited guests, donors and corporates enjoyed the programme.

As part of the school's annual day and 15th year celebrations of Dharithree Trust a puppet show was organized. Internationally famous Dhaatu puppeteers presented a show on this occasion. The theme of the puppet show was 'Asthavakra'.



15th year and school's annual day celebrations

Participation in Co curricular activities:

Our children actively participated in the sports activities conducted by disabled welfare department, government of Karnataka, Rajajinagar Samaja Seva Sangha, Shaswathi Seva Trust and won numerous prizes.



Sports participation & prizes won

Educational Tour:



Educational Tour - Vijayapur



Educational Tour – Gol Gumbuz

Teacher training programs:

In an effort to enhance the skill sets of our teachers various sessions were organized like a 10 day yoga camp conducted by Vivekananda Yoga Kendra, Smt. Padmakshi (Psychologist) and Dr. Jyotsna and Mr. Praveen Jacob conducted a session on how to handle mental tension, common problems faced by special children and health tips on food and nutrition in particular to autism children.

Parents / guardians of special children were also counseled, trained on how to handle stress by practicing yoga, etc.

In an endeavor to create general awareness the children were taken to places of public utilities like post office, banks, mall, railway station, etc.

The teachers and students of Dharithree went on a 3 day educational tour to Vijayapur. During this visit they gave a stage performance at the in front of 20 plus lakh huge gathering. The performance was highly appreciated by the august The school was gathering. awarded a trophy and all the participants were given certificate.

Parents – Teacher's Meetings



The parents-teachers meetings is an integral part of our curriculum which has helped in active participation of the parents in the progress of their children.

During these sessions parents shared their experiences with others and also the improvements of their wards with others.

Inauguration of water tank and physiopath @ Dharithree Narasipura:

On February 12, 2019 the water tank and physiopath was inaugurated at Dharithree Narasipura by Mr. V. S. Basavaraju, Commissioner – PwD, Karnataka in the presence of an august gathering.



Water tank @ Dharithree, Narasipura



Physiopath

On the occasion the team (50 members) of M/s. Rockwell Collins also visited our facility and spent time with our children engaging them in various activities like drawing and painting and playing games.



Rockwell Collin's team interacting with the children

A team of 6 volunteers from SCI (Service Civil International – Volunteering for Peace) visited and stayed at Narasipura for 10 days. During their stay they mingled with our children and worked on the farm, planted saplings, etc.

Success Stories:

We are happy to share the success stories of children who have improved considerably within a span of a few months of joining us after being given appropriate therapies like physio, speech, music, yoga. To name a few children - Keerthi, Vijayendra, Haleema, Varun.

Receipt of Foreign Funds:

Under the leadership and guidance of Mr. B R Ramaprasad, New Jersey, USA we have received funding from Heart and Hand for the Handicapped, USA.

Absorption of Disabled employees:

In an endeavour of providing equal opportunities for disabled persons we have employed 4 persons in our various facilities on our rolls.

Obituary:



T.S Champakanath (16.01.1925 – 09.11.2018). We deeply mourn the untimely demise of our beloved founder President Mr. T. S Champakanath. He predominantly strived to bring about a qualitative change in the lives of special needs children.

We are grateful and appreciate the continuous support of our partners in this noble cause *viz*. Rockwell Collins, Rotary Orchards, Optym Technologies, Triveni Turbines, Rotary Udyog, Have a Heart Foundation, ON Semiconductors, L.M. Windpower, Harman Inspired Charitable Trust, Vijay Electricals, Banashankari Glass and Plywoods, Bangalore and Heart and Hand for the Handicapped, New Jersey, USA.

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

- Dignitaries from the corporate world such as Sri. Savyasachi, Managing Director & Team of M/s. Rockwell Collins (India) Enterprises Private Limited, Sri. B R Ramaprasad, Heart & Hand for the Handicap, New Jersey, Sri. V. S. Basavaraju, Commissioner PwD, Karnataka, Smt. Sumangala, DDW, Bangalore Rural
- Sri. Ramu Jogihalli, Child Welfare Committee, Bangalore Rural
- Smt. Gayathri Ravish, Regional Director, RCI
- Sri. Sridharnath & Team G S Power Company
- Dr. Padmajakshi,
- Sri. K. Nagaraj,
- Mr. Sachin & Dr. Avinash