



Dharithree Trust®

An Institution for people with special Needs

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Annual Report 2023 - 2024

It gives me immense pleasure to present before you the annual report for the year 2023 – 2024. 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 2023. 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, farming activity, oil extraction, etc .

Calendar of Events:

Health Overview:

A one day dental health camp was organised at Dharithree Narasipura and the government hospital in Narasipura in the month of January and February in partnership with KLE Society's Institute of Dental Sciences in which 12 doctors and over 200 children and adults participated in each camp respectively. This was in an endeavour to improve the living standards of the residents of the surrounding areas this providing basic minimum comforts.



On 24.01.2024 Rotary Bengaluru, Peenya and Sri Bhagwan Mahaveer Jain Hospital sponsored various aids like KAF, Callipers, AF and walker to 6 of our children.

Developmental Activities:

As part of the Corporate Social Responsibility Activity, Bank of India supported Dharithree, for setting up of the Skill Development Centre at Narasipura. The inauguration of the newly constructed centre was held on 06.11.2023. On the occasion Sri. M P Ramesh, Zonal Manager, Bank of India inaugurated the building; Smt. Shashikala Jolle, President, Special Olympics Bharat, Karnataka and Ex. Minister, govt. of Karnataka presided and Sri. Amit Sawarkar , Manager – CSR Collins Aerospace was the chief guest.



Along with the inauguration of the Skill Development Centre the Dormitory Building sponsored by Dharithree, USA was also inaugurated by the dignitaries in the presence of an august gathering.



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.

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..



Karthika Deepotsava

International Yoga Day at Secunderabad



One June 21, 2023 in the International Yoga Day celebrations organised by National Institute For The Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID) at Secunderabad.

We feel proud to have been a part of this huge gathering of 3500 participants and this event entered the Guinness Book of World Records.

On 16.02.2024 we celebrated the 81st birthday of Sri B R Ramaprasad – President Dharithree USA. On the occasion family, relatives, friends and colleagues were part of the occasion.

On this day we also celebrated Rathasapathmi and Tyagaraja Purandara Aradhana Mahotsava in which over 25 artists from Swara Kshema Foundation performed for over 3 hours. The occasion was graced by well known mridangist Vidwan Sri Anoor Ananthakrishna Sharma and Ganakalashree Ms. Manasi Prasad – founder Indian Music Experience Museum. - Our children also participated in the event by giving short performances.



Sports & Co curricular Activities



Our children Dharithree, Narasipura and Dharithree Ajitha Chethana, Peenya actively participated in the selection process and the games held by Special Olympics Bharath, Karnataka.

These children participated in the various games held at Mandya and Mangalore

Table Tennis : Gopalakrishna Hegde and Sandesh Hegde

Basket Ball: Dhanalakshmi, Naveen and AnuBhyravva

Badminton: Madhusudhan, Swetha

Floorball: Manikanthan, Palavi

The below mentioned children have been selected to represent the state in the following games:

Cycling: AnuBhyravva, Bhanupriya

Volleyball: Naveen, Pallavi

Football: Dhanalakshmi, Pallavi

Teachers Training & Skill Enhancement

Teachers Day was celebrated on September 5, 2023. On this occasion various competitions were organised in which the teachers acting participated and won prizes.

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 both offline and online mode. Ms. Vidyavathi Hegde secured the second rank in the 6 months CBRD - special education training programme.

Our teachers also participated in the 3 day Teacher's Training Programme (TTP) organised by Kaivalyadhama at Lonavala as part of their centenary celebrations for introducing yoga in a fun way to children with special needs between October 7 – 9, 2023. Event was supported by Ministry of Ayush



The other training sessions organised by the Trust as part of skill enhancement include a 3 day training on *Manne Maddu* conducted by Ms. Manjula and vocational training on cow based products.

Other Snippets:

May 17, 2023 : This was a memorable day in the history of Dharithree to host a one day state level Workshop on Upgradation of Child Centric Special Schools conducted by the Department of Empowerment of the Differently Abled, government of Karnataka along with similar institutions. The workshop was inaugurated by its director Ms. K S Latha Kumari (IAS). Over 150 participants took part in the workshop to shape the future . The Director patiently answered all the queries posed by the participants regarding fund allocation, teacher training programmes, marketing products, medical insurance etc were discussed.

Ms. Latha Kumari visited the campus and appreciated its greenery, maintenance, peaceful and serene atmosphere.

On this occasion Mr, A. Amarendra, Area Director, Special Olympics Bharat, announced that it was time that we participated in the international level.



In the quiz competition *Quizabled* organised by Seva In Action on the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities our children participated and stood first in the state level.



The Annual School day was celebrated at Dharithree Ajitha Chethana and Dharithree Narasipura in which the children participated with enthusiasm and vigour and exhibited their talents keeping the audience spell bound.



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 support Dharithree by subsidising our activities for providing care, education and therapy services to children at Dharithree Narasipura.

In this context Mr. Jim Reeves from APPI visited our facility to assess Reflection Learning and Change on completion of one year of the grant from them



The children of all the 3 schools were taken on an excursion to Bannerghatta National Park and Butterfly Park in different batches. The children enjoyed the outdoor visit.



Our children were also engaged in chanting and writing of *Sri Ram Naam*. The *Sri Ram Naam* books written by these special were sent to Ayodhya before the inauguration of temple. They also did karseva (cleaning of the Sri Rama Temple) at Narasipura.

On 22.01.2024 the day of the pran pratishtha the children sang bhajans and celebrated. A festive lunch was served to the residents in and around Narasipura on the occasion

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

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.

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, Dharithree Inc and 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 and visiting our facility on several occasion which includes Collins Aerospace, Triveni Turbines Ltd, Triveni Energy Solutions Ltd, Kisankraft Foundation, International Power Corporation, M P P Technologies Pvt. Ltd, Nutanix, Rotary Bangalore Orchards Trust, etc.



Mr. Savyasachi Srinivas, Vice President Engineering, Collins Aerospace & team with Mr. Srikant Betageri



A team from Triveni Turbine Pvt. Ltd visited our facility at Dharithree and distributed dresses to the children.

Dharithree Inc, USA sponsored the TATA Winger vehicle to Ajitha Chethana School, Peenya for picking the children from their doorstep and enabling them to attend school on a regular basis.

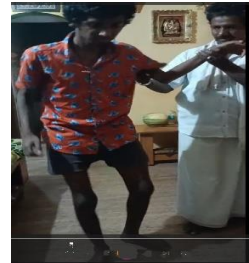




Lavanya with her mother Anusha

In an initiative by Sparsh Hospital to reach out to the needy who could be cured with treatment and the problem resolved as opined by Dr. Sharan Shivaraj Patil, chairman and chief orthopedic surgeon it was a distant dream come true for one of our child Lavanya was diagnosed with developmental dislocation of the hip. She was one of the first 200 kids to be short listed and operated. She has now recovered after surgery and is able to walk.

Also Srinivas who had a fall was diagnosed with left proximal femur intertrochanteric fracture. He was operated at Sparsh Hospital and discharged after 2 days when he was able to walk.



In the process of expansion and providing a more conducive and disabled friendly environment to our Dharithree Ajitha Chethana School children we are pleased to inform you that we have acquired a land of around 7,000 sq ft near our present school building. In this regard we seek your support for constructing the building. We would be immensely pleased if you could liberally sponsor towards the construction of the building. For amounts received beyond Rs. 5 lakhs the names/logo of the sponsorer would be displayed in the building.



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. We request you to come forward and contribute

Thank you!

