

# We Care

*Because nothing else matters!*



*touching lives*

**Be participants not spectators**

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## Editorial

# 'LET US BE PARTICIPANTS NOT SPECTATORS'

All said and done, 2010 has been a good year, atleast for us at We Care. When we examine the different facets of our work we feel a great sense of satisfaction. This has been possible because of the active PARTICIPATION of many people, such as our donors, benefactors, volunteers, government officials, staff and trustees. Each of you have lent a helping hand and played a key role in ensuring that the poor are served.

In sporting events, we find a few people called PLAYERS and the vast majority are SPECTATORS. While the players slog it out in the field, the spectators sit and enjoy themselves. This is true of life too, where we find many people who prefer to "sit" on the sidelines and "watch" the fun, while few slog it out. Our experience, however, has been a bit different. Over the past 11 years many people have come into our lives. They have been touched by our work and got themselves involved as participants, while few have remained on the sidelines as spectators. Where the field is vast and the work is much, we need more and more people to involve themselves in the process of nation building.

With your support and participation we have been able to **touch** the lives of many people in 2010. Briefly highlighted are the broad areas of our work, details are given in the following pages.

On the **Education** front, we set out with a goal to support more school going children than we did in 2009 and we were able to realise this goal. We felt a great need to reach out to children studying in the rural and tribal areas of our country and we did just that. In addition to supporting school children in Arunachal Pradesh, we extended support to children of those working in tea gardens in Darjeeling, tribal children studying in Nagaland and expanded our programme for the migrant children in Varanasi. We intend to keep this trend going in 2011 too. We are extremely happy that the Government of India has approved the **Right to Education** for every child. We hope this will enable many children, who are presently outside the education system, to reap the benefits from this law.

Under the **CBR programme**, for challenged and disabled persons, too we have been able to consolidate on the hard work done in the past years. Some trees take longer to produce fruits than others and the CBR programme is one such tree. During the year we successfully registered the Navajyothi Disabled People's Organisation. With this step, the challenged persons can now support and fight for their own rights and also for the rights of other persons with disability. During the year, we were able to reach out and help more disabled persons to receive their rights and benefits under various government programmes.

In association with **Hands of Hope Ltd.**, Ireland, we were able to support various developmental, educational, medical and charitable programmes in Panakahalli, a remote village, in Tamil Nadu. These programme have been going on for the past few years and many individuals and families have benefitted from them.

We extended **medical assistance** to patients suffering from cancer, diabetics, renal failure and psychiatric care. With the assistance of the social works department of St.

John's Medical College Hospital and Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, we were able to reach out to the poor and deserving patients.

The **Premankur** group has been going steady with their dedicated work of love. Their focus, not the quantity of hampers distributed, but the quality. Each cloth that they hand over to the new born babies are wrapped in love, stitched with their own hands.

All these programmes would not have been possible without the **spirit of networking**. We Care has associated itself with many government and non-government organisation in order to facilitate and promote our activities.

The role of **technology**, especially the mobile and computer, has revolutionised the way we think and work. Communication has become easier than before, thanks to emails and low cost of telephone calls. Taking advantage of this, we have also developed our website <[www.wecaretrust.org](http://www.wecaretrust.org)>. Many of our donors, friends and others have been making use of our site to keep themselves updated on matters concerning We Care. We hope to add more information and photographs in the future.

Technology has also made it possible to transfer money from one place to another with speed and at low cost. This has facilitated us in carrying on various programmes, even in remote areas without much difficulty. **We encourage our donors to use the internet or core banking facilities available in order to make your donations to We Care**. We have given detailed instructions with full information about our bank accounts on our website under <Donations>.

We now have **44 memorial and corpus funds** set up by various individuals to support charitable activities of the Trust. We invite you to kindly create a memorial fund in your name or the name of your loved ones in We Care and thereby have the privilege of being remembered in the hearts of the poor. Detailed information on the memorial funds have been given on our website under <Donations>.

This newsletter covers the activities and programmes for the calendar year 2010. The financial information relates to the year 2009-2010. Some pictures in the following pages do not exactly correspond with the text where these have been placed. We have arranged the pictures to suit the layout of the pages.

We have briefly highlighted some of our activities and programmes carried out during the year. All this would not be possible without the generous donations and support from you, our donors and benefactors. Our staff have played a vital role, both on the field as well as in the office, ensuring that the programmes are carried out with commitment and on time. Volunteers have supported us with their services, especially in carrying out programmes. Their involvement is highly appreciated. Our Trustees, have been a constant support and source of encouragement all along.

We cannot close this message, without remembering with gratitude our divine patrons, St. Joseph and St. Anthony of Padua, who constantly intercede for us.

We wish all our friends and well-wishers, a very blissful new year 2011. With best wishes from our Trustees and Staff.

with best wishes,

**Fr. Trevor D'Souza**, Managing Trustee,

31st December 2010

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES & ACTIVITIES

### (Highlights)

**At We Care we believe that money spent on the education of a child is not an expense but an INVESTMENT in the future of our children and of our nation.**



We are certain that the seeds planted today, by supporting the education of a child, will surely bear fruits in the years ahead. We have expanded our education assistance by reaching out to more children in different parts of India. In 2010, the total number of children who benefited from education programmes, such as, scholarships,

free tuitions, mid-day meals, health-care, balwadi (pre-school), etc., is **1190**. During the year 2009-10 the total amount spent on educational activities was **Rs. 8,97,270**.

**Scholarships** were distributed to **50** students of St. Joseph's Convent High School, Belgaum, **50** students of St. Paul's High School, Belgaum, **50** students of Carmel School, Darjeeling, **15** students at Don Bosco Centre, Wakro, Arunachal Pradesh, **52** students studying various schools and colleges, **40** students under Hands of Hope Programme (2 academic years), etc. While most of the scholarships were given to school students, some were also given to college students and those pursuing professional courses like D.Ed., B.Ed., CA, Engineering, BSW, MSW, and GNM.

**Project Sarang Talab, Varanasi.** In 2009 we undertook the support of 146 children in 5 balwadis, i.e. pre-school. The balwadis are mainly for pre-school and non-school going children from the slums and from families who have migrated from other states. This year we expanded the programme to include **182** children under **7** balwadis. The support is in the form of honorarium for teachers, clothing, study materials and nutrition. This programme is being carried out in association with the Franciscan Servants of Mary, Varanasi Province.





The **BEST (Basic Education for Social Transformation)** programme supports the education of **100** poor and rural children in Wankaner, Gujarat. The support is in the form of honorarium to teachers, rent for tuition classrooms, uniforms, study materials, excursion, etc. This programme is being carried out in association with the Franciscan Clarist Congregation, Noida Province.

**Free Tuition Classes at Pratiksha Nivas, Bangalore.** Every evening **30-45** children benefit from free tuitions provided at our programme centre, Pratiksha Nivas. Most of the children are from the neighbourhood and come from poor families. Besides providing a proper environment (space and lighting) for the children to study, they also received education materials and nutrition. Various extra and cultural activities were organised for them such as computers, dancing, drawing, outings, drama, singing, etc. Teacher Yashodha coordinates the programme. Bros. Christy and Arvind, Pooja, Jagdish, Manjunath and others volunteered in conducting this programme.

In **Sneha Nilaya Orphanage, Bangalore**, We Care has been supporting **72** orphan children towards nutrition and hygiene. This programme is being carried out in association with the the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate, Bangalore.

In **Maria Kirana Creche, Bangalore**, We Care supported approx **60** children towards nutrition. This programme was carried on till August 2010 in association with the Dominican Sisters of the Presentation, Bangalore.



Various **Cultural Programmes**, such as, Republic Day, Independence Day, Teacher's Day, Gandhi Jayanthi, Girl Child Day, International Women's Day, Mother's Day, Deepavali, Parent's Day,

Children's Day, World Disabled Day, Holi, Dussehra, New-Year, Christmas, etc. were celebrated along with the children at various projects such as Pratiksha Nivas, Sarang Talab, BEST, etc.

**Extra-curricular Activities**, such as, indoor games, drawing, singing, music, computers, general knowledge quiz, capacity building, counselling, outings, etc. were conducted for the children at various projects such as Pratiksha Nivas, Sarang Talab, BEST, etc.

**Rambus Chip Technologies (I) Pvt Ltd, Bangalore** and its staff have contributed much towards the education of poor children enrolled with We Care. Some of their staff volunteered their time and expertise to teach the students at the evening tuition class. They also had an exposure programme was for **27** children to visit the premises of the Company. The children were taken around the office and shown the work environment. They also gifted the children with school bag, books, etc. and hosted a high tea for them. We are grateful to the Company and its staff for their initiative and contribution towards our programmes.

**The Torch Trust**, a group of young students, conducted a day's outing for **45** children of the evening tuition class. The children enjoyed themselves and the activities. We are grateful to Ms Harini Pinto, Kenneth and other members for organizing this activity.

### **Excerpts from the annual reports 2010 and visitors book.**

- ❖ The balwadi children of Doulatpur village, Varanasi, along with their teacher, took initiative to approach a business man and requested for his newly built room to conduct their activities. The man was so impressed by the children that he readily gave them the room. Sarang Talab, Varanasi, Annual Report.
- ❖ Pratiksha Nivas is a nice place for children to learn and develop themselves. The after-school activity is very helpful in giving good guidance to them. Mala C.K., Volunteer.
- ❖ Our children are growing and have improved in their studies. The parents are very happy to get this privilege. Owing to the motivation given to the children, they are doing well in school. Some of them have stood first in their class and performed well in curricular activities. BEST Annual Report.
- ❖ It is my pleasure to teach children math. Initially the children were slow, but now they have improved and showing much interest. I want to become a professor and teach others. This is a good training ground for me. I am very very happy and thankful to serve as a volunteer of We Care. S. Jagdish Kumar, Student of PUC2, Volunteer.



## COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION (CBR) PROGRAMME & ACTIVITIES

### (Highlights)



The CBR programme for challenged persons has been making steady progress. During the year new areas were surveyed to identify persons with disability (PWD). At present there are **437** persons with disability under our project. The total number of persons who benefitted from this programme in 2010 is **7403**. The total amount spend on the programme in 2009-10 was **Rs. 4,78,146**.

**Jaipur Foot Camp.** organised in Bangalore by Rotary Club and Jain Association. **30** PWDs were referred of whom **20** received free aids and appliances such as caliper, crutches, artificial limbs etc.

**Unit of Hope** (St. John's Medical College Hospital). **14** PWDs children were referred for identification of disability and treatment.

**Doctor's Certificate.** **32** PWDs were referred for obtaining doctor's certificate of whom **6** PWDs have received the same.

**Medication.** **27** PWDs were followed up to ensure that they were taking their medicines regularly. **2** PWDs received financial support towards purchase of medicines.



**General Screening Camps.** **11** camps, consisting of **795** school children, were conducted during the year to identify persons with disability. Some of the children were referred to Unit of Hope for further treatment.

**Therapeutical Services.** such as activities of daily living skills, physiotherapy and speech therapy were given to **44** PWDs.





**Nutritional sensitization.** 3 camps, consisting of 56 women and 5 men, were organised to instruct pregnant women on the importance and value of good nutrition as a preventive to avoid children being born with disabilities.

**Nutrition Programme.** 20 families of PWDs received food rations as supplement nutrition.

**First-aid boxes (2)** were donated to government schools at Begur and

Subashnagar, Bangalore benefitting 300 children.

**Home Based Education** was provided to 18 PWDs by our staff.

**Government Scholarship.** 44 PWD students were referred out of which 15 received the scholarship.

**We Care Scholarship.** 75 PWDs were granted scholarship in kind (school bag, books, toys, etc).

**School Awareness.** 15 programmes were conducted in schools to spread awareness about disabilities, their causes and prevention. 787 children benefitted from these programmes.



**School Admissions.** 2 PWD students were admitted to schools (one special school) through the intervention of our staff.

**Integrated children camp.** 4 camps, consisting of 223 children (including those affected by disability), were conducted. The camps gave the children an opportunity to mingle with each other and participate in various fun activities.



**Bus Concession Pass.** 34 PWDs were referred of whom 8 have applied and 8 received the same.





**Physically Handicapped Pension.** 36 PWDs have received pension (ranging from Rs.400pm- Rs.1,000pm) from the government.

**Self-employment-Computers.** Classes were conducted by Manikantha, PWD, for 15 students at Pratiksha Nivas. Through this he was able to earn his livelihood.

**Vocational Training-Tailoring.**

Classes were organised for PWDs by engaging a teacher, who is disabled. However these classes did not run successfully.

**Support for self-employment-micro credit.** financial support was given to Roshanara, PWD and her family to set up fish vending.

**Self-help groups.** various programmes such as motivation, training and exposure were conducted for 18 self-help groups consisting of 261 members, most of whom are women and PWDs.

**Navajyothi Disabled People Organisation.**

various programmes such as training, motivation, world disabled day celebration, sports and games, etc. were conducted for 77 members of the DPO. The DPO has been registered as a society and is now functioning independently.

**PWD Act Orientation.** was conducted for the public as an ongoing activity. This orientation helps the public to become aware of the rights of the disabled and the responsibility of the government and public towards them.



**Survey.** in order to extend the target area, a survey was conducted in 30 villages. 136 new PWDs were identified and brought under the CBR programme.

**Staff Training and Exposure.** 10 such programmes were conducted to enhance their skills and knowledge of CBR work.

**World Anti-Leprosy Day.** was celebrated on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010 with **40** children of government lower primary school, Subashnagar, Bangalore.

**Sneha Sambhrama.**

This programme was conducted by Sri Charukeerthi Bhattarakara Vedike to provide an opportunity for the PWDs to express their views on their life in society. During this



programme the Lioness Club of Bangalore, Lalithagiri handed over a sewing machine to We Care for the benefit of the PWDs. **32** PWDs and **19** parents attended the meeting.

**Deepavali Programme.** conducted by Charukeerthi Bhattaraka Vedike, Bangalore during which **3** PWD students from our programme received scholarships.



**Sports and Drawing Competition.** was organized by the Women and Child Welfare Department of Government of Karnataka. **10** persons from our programme (including PWDs) participated and **6** of whom won prizes.

**World Disabled Day.** was organized by the Women and Child Welfare Department of Government of Karnataka. **22** persons from our area (including PWDs) attended the programme. A similar programme was also organized by Navajyothi DPO at Pratiksha Nivas. **32** persons attended the meeting.

**Volunteers Day.** was conducted to thank those who helped us in carrying on the CBR programmes. **20** persons participated in this programme.

**Networking with other GOs' and NGOs.** during the year our CBR team made contact and networked with various government and non-



government organisations involved in similar activities and programmes. This networking helped us to carry out our programmes in a better manner.



**Ashray, Varanasi. 22** mentally ill patients were supported for clothing, hygiene and medical expenses during the year. Ashray is run by the Indian Missionary Society and managed by the Franciscan Clarist Sisters, Noida Province.

**Our CBR Team.** consists of Amala (Rani), Programme Coordinator, Meena M B, Asst. Programme Coordinator, Sheila Montero, Mentor, Yashodha (PWD), Muniyamma, Deepa, Varalaksmi, Narashima Murthy, Sowmya, Pooja and Augustine.



**CBR collaborators and volunteers.** who supported us in carrying out the CBR programmes:

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, BEO's, CDPO's, School Principals, Anganwadi Teachers, Taluk Offices, Panchyat Members, Karnataka

Parents Association for Mentally Retarded Citizens, PHC's, Local Area Members, Home-Based Education Teachers, Employment and Training Department, Govt. of Karnataka, St. John's Medical College Hospital (Unit of Hope and Community Health Department), Mobility India, MOB, Mandya, Association for Physically Handicapped, Shanta Jeeva Jyothi, Summanahalli, ASHA Social Workers, Staff of AIFO, Rathnakumari, Dr. Janet Parameshwara, Dr. Sheila Daniels, Dr. Harini Christopher, Susan Philip and others.



Our thanks to **AIFO, Italy** for their continued support and encouragement in providing financial and technical support for the CBR Programme. Our thanks also to **Amici di Raoul Follereau (Trust), India** for their support and encouragement in carrying out the CBR programme. Our special thanks to Mr Jose M V, Administrator, and all the staff members, Jayanth Kumar, Project Coordinator, Dr Manimozhi, Health Coordinator, Dr. Parthipan, Research Project Coordinator, Patrick, Accountant, Lucy Bhaskar, Office Assistant, Nyjil George, IT & Systems, and Krishna.

## STORIES OF HOPE

### **Yashodha - from inferiority to confidence.**

My name is Yashodha. I was normal like all women, living a happy married life and have one son. In 2004, accidentally when I was cooking the kerosene stove burst. I suffered from burn injuries and my face got disfigured. Seeing me like this, my husband left me. After this incident people started looking down on me. I went in for facial surgery but this brought about little improvements. After this,



for 4 years, I was hesitating to go outside the house and to mingle with people. This resulted in inferior feelings within me. In 2009 I was identified by We Care (CBR) who have a programme for persons with disability. They motivated me to mingle with people and encouraged me to join the Disabled People Organisation (DPO). Step by step they also helped me to get the government facilities, such as doctor's certificate, bus pass, pension, etc. As there was a vacancy I started working as a CBR staff in We Care. I was also appointed as

the coordinator for free evening tuition classes and I also became a member of the DPO.

Soon I began to realise that just like me there are many people with severe kind of disabilities, some worse than mine. This gave me the confidence that **my disability is of the body and not of the mind**. Moving around in society and with the help of the programme, I grew in confidence and now I am able to talk with people, conduct awareness sessions for students and public, conduct



and carry out other kinds of work. I no more feel inferior and am able to mingle with people with confidence. At present I am the President of DPO and was able to register our organisation as a society, with the support of the members. Thanks to We Care for helping me to re-build my life.



### **Roshanara - Housing, Education, Rations and Self-employment**

I am Roshanara, a person with disability. I suffer from polio and am unable to walk. I am living in Neelasandra along with my husband and three children, one of whom is disabled. In 2007 I came in contact with We Care. Soon I became aware of my disability and how I could rehabilitate myself. I also became aware of the government programmes. I was staying with my family under a plastic sheet near the banyan tree. We had no money to buy food regularly. I also did

not send my children to school as I did not have money to pay their fees. Looking at my difficulties, We Care came forward to support me and provided financial assistance to secure a tin sheet house (which is now my own), scholarships for my children and monthly ration. My husband also received micro-credit from We Care to rent a cart to sell



fish. With the help and support we received we are now able to live our lives comfortably. Our thanks to We Care and the staff for their help and support.

### **Unnamalai - stopped begging.**

Unnamalai, aged about 60 years, has faced much suffering in her life. She met with an accident, being knocked down by a lorry and lost one leg. Being unable to walk she had to crawl. She was living alone in a small hut and was being looked after by some neighbours. Often she had to beg for her daily living. The staff of We Care identified her during a survey and after assessing her needs, she was referred to various places for assistance. She is the beneficiary of artificial limbs, through Jaipur Foot Camp and the recipient of monthly rations. Now she has stopped begging and now leads a decent life.

### **Uma - Self-reliant.**

Aged about 27 years, I was identified in 2007 by the staff of We Care. Being physically handicapped, I was facing many problems in my day-to-day life. With the assistance from We Care I received doctor's certificate, pension and tricycle from Jaipur Foot Camp. Because of this I could take up some employment and now my economic situation has improved considerably. I wish to express my thanks to all who supported me.



## WOMEN AND CHILD PROGRAMMES & ACTIVITIES

The total number of persons who benefitted from this programme in 2010 is **110**. The total amount spend on the programme in 2009-10 was **Rs. 23,489**.



**World Women's Day** was celebrated on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at Prathiksha Nivas. About **30** women were present for the occasion. Besides other programmes, an awareness about cancer, its causes and prevention, was also given to the participants.

**PREMANKUR** is a programme for newly born babies and their mothers. During the year **61** babies, born in different government

hospitals, received cloth hampers under this programme. The **members** of Premankur group are: Carol Beck, Carol Karumbaya, Concelia Perez, Cynthia Rosario, Dorothy Rebello, Greta Colaco, Indra Miranda, Jaya Miranda, Jeanette Menezes, June Carvalho, Lydia Fernandes, Marie D'Souza, Winnie Mascarenhas, Jessie Almeida and Yvonne Pereira. **Volunteers:** Aida D'Costa, Ivy Rodrigues, Shirley D'Cruz, and Meera Manjunath.



### **Jaya Miranda, A Purpose Driven Life, by June Carvalho.**

In today's harried world, where gentle, soft-spoken and genuine people are hard to find, Jaya Miranda is a rare exception and Premankur is indeed privileged to have her as a member. It's not only her services but her very presence in the group that is invaluable. Jaya has lived in Bangalore since 1953. A teacher by profession, she has dedicated her life to teaching the young. Her kindly countenance and unshakeable faith in God belies the grief and pain that she has endured over the years. She

lost her daughter at the tender age of eight, her husband, and had an accident that nearly cost her her life. Being skilled in embroidery, she now manages to stitch by using an electric machine. She is a regular visitor to the Home for the Aged and an Orphanage. Jaya lives her life with purpose and as the saying goes **the purpose of life is to live a life with purpose**. Jaya Miranda is a living example of it.

## MEDICAL PROGRAMMES & ACTIVITIES

During the year financial support has been provided to about **548** sick and infirm people. Support for purchase of medicines, hospitalization and other health related matters in the year 2009-10 amounted to **Rs. 2,06,859**.



**Free Eye Camp.** was conducted at Maria Deepthi Matriculation School, Panakahalli village, TN in association with Arvind Eye Hospital, Coimbatore on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2010 under the Hands of Hope programme. **130** patients were screened and **40** patients were taken to the hospital for surgery.

**Health Awareness:** was given to about **60** girls and mothers by Dr. Yadve at Project Sarag Talab, Varanasi.

**Health Support.** during the year **13** cancer, **1** kidney, leukemia, diabetic, HIV, mentally challenged and cardiac patients respectively received financial support for treatment through St. John's Medical College Hospital and Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology.

**Senior Citizens:** **2** persons received financial support towards purchase of medicines on monthly basis.

**Felicitation of Dialysis Patients.** a function was organised by the Medico-Socio Work Department of St. John's Medical College Hospital for the patients undergoing dialysis and for their children, volunteers and donors of this programme. Awareness was given about dialysis and cancer to the participants. We Care, besides supporting the dialysis of patients, also sponsored gifts for **30** children present on the occasion.



## OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

The total amount spent on other charitable activities in 2009-10 was **Rs. 52,913** and over **3125** persons benefitted from these programmes.

**Electrification of Houses.** 9 families in Panakahalli village, Tamil Nadu, were supported for electrification of their houses under Hands of Hope programme.

**Borewell.** was sunk in Panakahalli village, Tamil Nadu for the benefit about **3000** villagers who were experiencing shortage of drinking water under Hands of Hope programme.

**Clothing.** 61 poor villagers in the neighbourhood of Panakahalli village, Tamil Nadu, received free clothing under Hands of Hope programme.

The programmes at Panakahalli village were supervised by Fr. Irudayaraj, Parish Priest of St. Anthony's Parish.



**Care of Senior Citizens.** 7 senior citizens and their families received assistance for monthly rations. The programme is supervised by Mrs Celine Soans, Trustee and assisted by Mr Calistus Fernandes.

## We Care Staff



Augustine, Amala (Rani), Pooja, Meena M B, Muniyamma, Yashodha, Narashima Murthy

## PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST, SOCIAL ACCOUNTING

In our efforts to enhance the quality of our work and to ensure the optimum cost-benefit we have made an effort to count the number of persons who have benefitted from the programmes and activities that were conducted in 2010. The details given below is not complete because the real number of people who benefit from our programmes is not easy to determine. But the information below will give the reader a fair view.

### **DETAILS OF PERSONS and INSTITUTIONS WHO BENEFITTED OR PARTICIPATED IN OUR PROGRAMMES DURING 2010**

#### **CHILDREN EDUCATION PROGRAMMES**

(includes scholarships, nutrition, hostel fees, etc.)

Basic Education for Social Transformation, Gujarat	100
Carmel School, Darjeeling	50
Computer classes for children, Bangalore	40
Don Bosco Centre, Wakro, Arunachal Pradesh	15
Festivals and Cultural Celebrations	394
Free Evening Tuition Class, Pratiksha Nivas	40
Hands of Hope Programme, Panakahalli	40
Maria Kirana Creche, Bangalore	60
Sarang Talab Balwadi Programme, Varanasi	182
Save N Study, Bangalore	30
Sneha Nilaya Orphanage, Bangalore	72
St Joseph's Girls High School, Belgaum	50
St. Paul's High School, Belgaum	50
Students in various schools and colleges	52
Volunteers and Collaborators	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>1190</b>

#### **COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION PROGRAMME**

Aids and Appliances	86
Ashray, Home for Mentally Challenged	22
Assessment and Referrals	175
Bus consession pass	50
Competitions and Programmes	72
Development of Disabled Peoples Organization (1 group)	405
Development of Self-help Groups (18)	313
Doctor's Certificate	44
Home Based Education	18
Home Visits to PWDs	3590
Intergrated Children Summer Camps (4)	223
Medicine Support and followup	28
Networking with Government offices	36
Networking with Non-Government Organisations	6

New villages in which survey conducted	30
New PWDs identified during the year	136
Nutritional sensitization programmes (3)	61
Nutritional supplementation programme (21 families)	84
Pension for Disabled	39
Resource Persons involved in the programme	14
School Awareness (15 Programmes)	787
Scholarship (From Government and others)	145
Self-employment support	2
School Admissions	2
Skin Screening (11 Camps)	795
Staff	8
Staff training and exposure (10 programmes)	6
Therapeutical Services	41
Train concession pass	6
Vocational Training (computers) for PWDs	17
Volunteers and Collaborators	22
Vounteers Day	20
World Anti-leprosy Day celebrations	40
World Disabled day celebrations	80
<b>Total</b>	<b>7403</b>
<b>WOMEN AND CHILD PROGRAMMES</b>	
New born children (Premankur)	61
Women's day celebration	30
Volunteers and Collaborators	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES</b>	
Free Eye Camp, Panakahalli, TN	130
First aid box for school, Bangalore	300
Health Awareness Programmes	90
Hospitalization and Medicines	20
Senior Citizens, Bangalore	2
Volunteers and Collaborators	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>548</b>
<b>OTHER CHARITABLE PROGRAMMES</b>	
Borewell for villagers at Panakahalli	3000
Clothing for the Poor	61
Electrification of 9 houses	36
Nutritional supplement for senior citizens (7 families)	21
Volunteers and Collaborators	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>3125</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>12376</b>



## MEMORIAL AND CORPUS FUNDS

**If you love someone, show it  
Set up a memorial / charity fund  
in memory of yourself / your loved ones  
Continue to live in the hearts and minds of people  
than on the face of a tombstone!**

We are thankful to the people who have reposed their trust and confidence in us by setting up funds in honour & memory of their loved ones or for a particular cause such as children, education, health care, widows, women, old age and leprosy patients. The funds are listed below along with the year and cause for which they were established.

- 2010 Noel Lobo Prabhu Memorial Fund.
- 2010 Jerry Cardoza Memorial Education Fund.
- 2010 Aruldass Ambrose Education Fund.
- 2010 KARDEL Education Fund.
- 2010 Hailey Nazareth Penny Fund for Children.
- 2009 Yvette & Austin Da Gama Memorial Fund.
- 2009 Stella Sequeira Memorial Fund.
- 2009 Peter & Florine Tantz Memorial Fund.
- 2009 Mercy Jacob Charity Fund.
- 2009 Lazarus Rajamani & Erick Vaz Memorial Fund.
- 2009 Ivy & Rudy D'Silva Marian Charity Fund.
- 2009 Francis Xavier & Lilian Catherine Sequeira Memorial Fund.
- 2008 Alma Philip Memorial Fund.
- 2008 A Lazarus Memorial Fund.
- 2007 Valerie Peters Memorial Fund.
- 2007 Prem Ankur Fund.
- 2007 Lily & Bonaventure Memorial Fund.
- 2007 Hands of Hope Fund.
- 2007 Amanda & Ambur Fund.
- 2007 Alwyn & Bernadette Nazareth Fund.
- 2006 We Care 4 Children Fund.
- 2006 Cecilia Thomas Memorial Fund.
- 2005 We Care Education Fund.
- 2005 Prudente & Fatima Menezes Fund.
- 2005 Beatrice & Charles Noronha Fund.
- 2004 St Anthony's Charity Fund.
- 2004 Rosario Vincent & Natalia Lobo Fund.

2004 Osborne & Ela D'Lima Fund.  
2004 Mabel Rodricks Fund.  
2003 Rita Nazareth Memorial Fund.  
2003 Karen Maryann Pereira Memorial Fund.  
2003 John & Edith Countinho Memorial Fund.  
2003 Dr Jeanette Pinto Fund.  
2003 D Y N Murthy Fund.  
2002 Velthoria & George Sequeira Fund.  
2002 Shirley & Maurice D'Mello Fund.  
2002 Annam Manikkathan Fund.  
2001 Vida & Douglas Lobo Health Care Fund.  
2000 Women's welfare Fund.  
2000 SNS Education Programme Fund.  
2000 Maureen & Kevin Colaco Fund.  
2000 Leprosy Patients and Families Fund.  
1999 John & Theresa D'Souza Fund.  
1999 Initial Trust Fund.

***The interest from these funds supports various charitable activities***

## NEW FUNDS CREATED DURING THE YEAR

**FRANCIS XAVIER and LILLIAN CATHERINE SEQUEIRA MEMORIAL EDUCATION FUND. A tribute of love from their sons**



Xavier was born in 1920 in Barkur, South Kanara. After completing school he joined the Indian Navy and served for 30 years, including active service in London during the Second World War. Lillian was born in 1921 in Kadri, Mangalore, and worked as a nurse at the JJ hospital in Bombay. They were married in 1953 and had two sons.

After postings to Bombay, Cochin, and Mysore, they chose to live out their golden years in the garden city of Bangalore. They served on various

church committees, always willing to lend a hand to those in need. After Lillian passed away in 1992, Xavier devoted his time doing volunteer work at Seva Sadan, an orphanage and training institute in Koramangala.

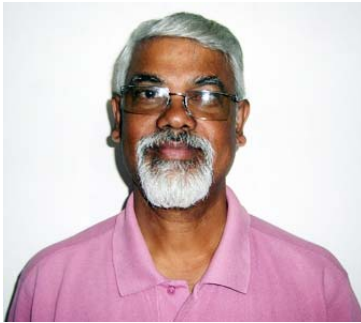
Despite living in a big city, they never forgot their humble beginnings. They both shared an earnest desire to provide the priceless gift of education to underprivileged children, as they truly believed that a good education was the stepping stone to all success that follows. An educational fund in their name has been established for this purpose. Thank you, We Care, for providing such an opportunity to have their wish come true.

**JERRY CARDOZA MEMORIAL EDUCATION FUND - a tribute to my beloved late husband.**

This fund has been created as a tribute to my beloved late husband, Jerome Eusabeus Cardoza. I was fortunate to have 40 years of a blissful life as his wife. My husband, a coffee planter, had educated many of our workers' children who are now well placed in life. I wish to continue this tradition through the noble efforts of *We Care* and hence request that this fund be used exclusively for the education of the underprivileged children.



**ARULDAS AMBROSE EDUCATION FUND. A gesture of gratitude to my father.**



This fund is instituted in memory of my late father, Marian Ambrose. I wish to express my sincere gratitude to him for having given all his five children a good convent education despite the fact that he himself was an uneducated man. The education that we received has placed us in good jobs and prominent places in society. Now that I have retired, after working in the gulf for over 25 years, I would like to further his endeavour to make available the privilege of "education" to the have-nots in our society.

**KARDEL EDUCATION FUND - giving back to the world what we got freely from our blessed parents.**

This fund is started to educate children from all walks of life. Children are our future and giving them an education will not feed them for a day but for a lifetime. KARDEL stands for Karen, Delon, Deloitte and Elizabeth, a fund in honour of my siblings, giving back to the world what we got freely from our blessed parents. In life when we take a moment to count our blessings we realise the word "count" is overtaken by the word "showered". We have been blessed abundantly. In gratitude for all the blessings my family and I have received just a small but sincere offering to help one generation at a time. I thank *We Care* for giving us this opportunity to give back to the society what we have received.



**HAILEY NAZARETH PENNY FUND A dollar has 100 pennies - it takes time to collect it.**

My name is Hailey Asha Nazareth and I am 6 years old. I live in Burlington, Canada. My parents are Rohan and Deborah Nazareth. I am in Senior Kindergarten at Tom Thompson School. Once when I was visiting my grandparents in Toronto, I was playing with a jar of pennies which my grandma, Bernadette, collects for charity. Seeing this my grandma suggested that I start collecting pennies and use this money to educate tiny tots (children below 6 years) in India. My grandma helped me set up a fund with We Care in Bangalore, India. I was surprised that when the pennies were converted to Indian Rupees, it was equivalent to Rs.2,000/-. I hope the pennies I collect will help a small girl like myself to go to school in India.



**Hailey, We Care is proud of you, our youngest fund raiser!**

**NOEL LOBO PRABHU MEMORIAL FUND - to cherish my husband's memory**



My husband (1938-2009) was the eldest of five children of Charles and Mercy Lobo, Mangalore. He was a God-fearing man with strong faith and family values, a man of principles, straight forward, honest, generous and righteous. A man of impeccable integrity. He excelled in academics, always standing 1st and was a gold medallist in Electrical Engineering. He had a successful career in the Indian Railways and retired as a member of the Railway Board. Being generous hearted, he gave alms to the poor and supported an oldaged home, orphanage and CRY.

He has left behind his son Rohit and daughter Leah and ofcourse myself, Jennifer, to whom he was a loving and caring husband. We Care is doing a commendable work for the less fortunate and to cherish my husband's memory, I wish to institue this fund in his name.

## ACCOUNTS: DETAILS OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE (For it is in giving that you will receive)

PARTICULARS	2009-10	2008-09
Voluntary Contributions	2,86,753	21,48,730
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Interest on Investments	11,71,751	9,64,384
Memorial & Corpus Funds	24,29,987	5,86,486
Other Income	13,591	0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>39,19,797</b>	<b>37,65,600</b>
Education	8,97,270	4,28,253
Disabled	4,78,146	6,61,538
Children & Women	23,489	14,025
Medical	2,06,859	63,482
Other charitable activities: (Housing, Help for the Poor, Senior Citizens, etc.)	52,913	13,06,011
Admin & other expenses	1,03,665	1,06,135
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>17,62,342</b>	<b>26,92,572</b>

**NOTE:** The above details have been taken from our audited accounts. The figures are in Indian Rupees. We are grateful to our Auditor, Rohan Miranda of Lawrence Tellis Associates, Bangalore and his staff for their valuable guidance and services.

## TRUSTEES, STAFF, VOLUNTEERS AND FRIENDS

We are not alone in our efforts to build a better world. Many people, our trustees, staff, volunteers, friends and well-wishers have supported and encouraged us with their time, energy and donations. We gratefully acknowledge the services and support we have received.

**We remember in our daily prayers**, all our Donors, Well-wishers, Benefactors, Staff, Volunteers and Beneficiaries. We hope and pray that God Almighty may bless each one of you and your family members in a special way that He knows best.

Dear Friends, donors, benefactors, and well-wishers, we are confident that you will continue to encourage our work with your generous donations and support us with your prayers. We rely on your generosity and goodwill to carry out programmes that benefit the poor and needy. We assure you that your donation has made and is making a difference in the lives of many, many people.



### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Ordinary people for ordinary people!**

Our Board consist of: Fr. Trevor D'Souza, Managing Trustee, Jose M V, Jt. Managing Trustee, Member Trustees: Angeline Sunderraj Pradhan, Celine Soans, Rochelle Lobo, Gerard D'Silva and Joseph Sequeira. We thank Fr. Daniel S, who served as Trustee for many years and has now retired. Our sincere thanks to all the Trustees for their valuable support, cooperation and guidance.

### **VOLUNTEERS and FRIENDS:**

Every year we have many persons who support and assist us in carrying out programmes. We wish to thank each one of them individually for their valuable help. **Through this space we express our heart-felt thanks, gratitude and appreciation to all of you, people of goodwill, who support, encourage and participate in our programmes and activities. THANK YOU !**

### **TAX BENEFITS FOR DONATIONS**

**All donations to *We Care* are eligible for tax benefits under section 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961.**

**NOTICE:** This is to inform our donors, benefactors, friends and well-wisher that **Mrs Anita Khan (Nee Smith)** residing at Gopal Nagar, Kengeri, Bangalore is **NOT** an employee or volunteer of *We Care*. Neither she nor any other person has been authorized by us to collect donations or deposits for *We Care*. Our donors and benefactors are requested to **send your donations directly to us**, preferably by cheque in favour of *We Care* or through bank transfer. Every donation is acknowledged by us with an official receipt. In case anyone approaches you to collect money on our behalf kindly bring it to our notice immediately. Thank you. Fr. Trevor D'Souza, Managing Trustee.

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