

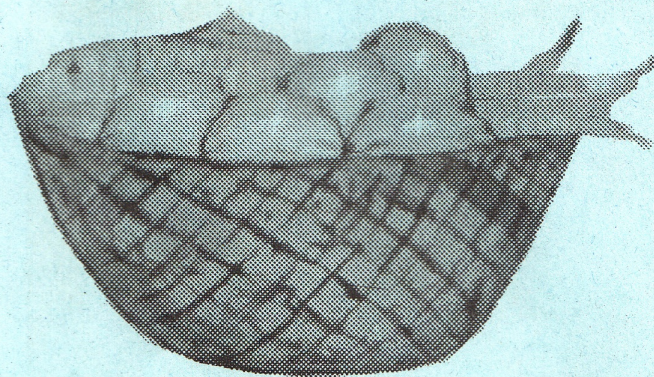
We Care

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Because nothing else matters

December 2000

*Love is
a basket with
five loaves
and two fishes*



*Its never enough
until
You give away*

LIGHT A LIGHT

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

Reaching out in love & service



Sukanya – God's Gift to We Care

A Message

Dear Trevor, the Managing Trustee, Trustees, Well-wishers, Friends and collaborators of WE CARE,

This is the 2nd annual meeting. I am happy to be present. I was away at the 1st annual meeting, and I was away when WE CARE took its birth in this very hall.

We have heard the annual report about the progress of the work and also the Prospects for the future

Quite impressive! There has been a lot of activities/programmes for the deserving. There has been a lot of effort towards reaching out in love and service. There has been a lot of donations pouring in. There has been a lot of people of good will, ready to collaborate and work hard

WE CARE will continue to grow – not as a big Institution, but as a Community of people, a large Family, with people of good will, love, concern and care for one another.

Symbolically WE CARE logo has got a branch with fresh leaves reaching out to "be more" and "do more".

Let WE CARE be a symbolic and a prophetic sign in our society, in our surroundings. It is not going to solve all the problems of the people, of the poor and the neglected. But it stands for a commitment.

The advertisement about WE CARE in TOGETHER struck me. It says, there is an alternate way of celebrating Christmas. These days I hear a lot about alternate way of being church, alternate way of being religious, etc. There is a new way of being and new ways of doing things. There is an alternate way of celebrating Christmas, a Wedding, a death anniversary, and perpetuating the memory of those who are dear to us. That is the important message.

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Within two years of our existence we were given a beautiful gift to take care of SUKANYA – God's own gift of happiness. This is how it happened.

April 13th, 1998 was a fateful day for little Sukanya – it was the day fate struck her a cruel blow by snatching away her mother for a seemingly trivial reason. A minor domestic quarrel with her brother-in-law led to Sukanya's young mother, Saroja, impulsively deciding to take her own life by hanging herself. She was rushed to St. John's Hospital but the blood supply to her brain had been cut off for too long and she was declared brain dead.

This is when FORTE (Foundation for Organ Retrieval and Transplant Education) came into the picture. FORTE is a non-profit medical service working with all the centres recognized by the government of Karnataka for organ transplantation and coordinating the donation and transplantation of organs in Bangalore. We were informed of Saroja's case and the counselor at St. John's spoke to the family and offered them the option of being able to save somebody else's life even though their own loved one was no more. Although they were from a poor illiterate family, they were able to understand what was being asked of them and had the courage and generosity to overcome their own grief and save the life of someone else through the gift of organ donation. Both Saroja's parents and her husband Chinnanna gave consent for organ donation. One kidney was transplanted into a 31-year old housewife and mother and the other into a 50-year old breadwinner of a family, both of whom received a new lease of life and are doing well after the transplant.



Sukanya with her grandmother

Sukanya's father, Chinnanna was behind bars for almost 8 months because the suicide of his wife had occurred within 7 years of marriage and all such deaths are considered dowry deaths. His innocence was however proved and he was released from jail and ready to start life again. Meanwhile the child was with the maternal grandparents at Jigani, a village about 25kms from Bangalore. At the function that was held to honour the families of cadaver organ donors in Karnataka, 2-year old Sukanya was also present and caught the attention of one of the guests who offered to help with her education. She sent a cheque for Rs.6,000/-, which has been handed over to the Social Service Organization, "WE CARE" so that the interest from this can be used for her education. In the meantime Sukanya's father also committed suicide by hanging himself and she is now an orphan in the care of her maternal grandparents at Jigani.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF WE CARE

*Presented on 10th December, 2000 at the Annual Meeting
Held at St Anthony's Friary, 85 Hosur Road, Bangalore - 560 095, India*



Dear Trustees and Friends of WE CARE,

Greetings to you and welcome to this second annual meeting.

I am very happy to present to you the second annual Report of your Trust, WE CARE, covering the year 2000. Through this Report I take this opportunity to acquaint you with the activities undertaken during the year, our financial position and our dreams and aspirations for the future.

WE CARE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Under our education programs, we have been able to help about 26 students ranging from primary education to professional courses. Assistance was given to very poor students towards paying tuition fees, purchasing text and note books, uniforms etc. Assistance given for school education is in the nature of scholarships.

Among those pursuing professional courses, we were able to help students of nursing, short-term computer courses and one student who enrolled himself for the CA course. The help rendered to these students is more in the nature of an interest-free education loan rather than a scholarship. We hope these students will repay the loan they have received after they have completed their studies and are employed.

WE CARE & AMICI (BANGALORE ADOPTION)

AMICI Di Raoul Follereau is a non-profit organization which has been closely associated with WE CARE. Their primary objective is to finance leprosy-related work in India. They also extend assistance for the education of children and community-based rehabilitation programs.

With the assistance received from AMICI, WE CARE will be able to support the education of many poor children in Bangalore and Mysore. The total amount received this year is Rs 2,66,222.

I wish to thank Dr. Daisy Kandathil, Trustee & Secretary and Mr Jose M V, Administrator both of AMICI, for their generous support towards this program. I also thank Fr Gerald Lobo, Fr Daniel S, Fr Kurien Joseph and Sr Clara who animate this program.

WE CARE MORAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Human Life International conducted the 7th Asia Pacific Congress & the 19th World Conference on Love, Life and the Family in Mumbai between 26-29 October, 2000. The theme was: **Empower the Family**. Considering the theme and the importance of educating our youth and women on such issues, WE CARE in association with Respect for Life India (a non-profit organization), sent a delegation of about 20 persons from Bangalore to attend this conference. WE CARE has borne the cost of travel for the youth and women delegates.

WE CARE SNS PROGRAM

To encourage people to educate their children through self-help, WE CARE introduced a program called SAVE N STUDY. Under this program, for every rupee saved by the applicant, WE CARE contributes an equal amount towards the education of the student. We are happy to inform you that under this program, 11 students have benefited.

WE CARE AND EMATS

In association with Emats (Education Materials & Services), we were able to assist 142 students from 24 schools to participate in the Emats All India General Knowledge Test. WE CARE subsidized the cost of a book on General Knowledge for these students. The total expense for this program was Rs. 4,970/-.

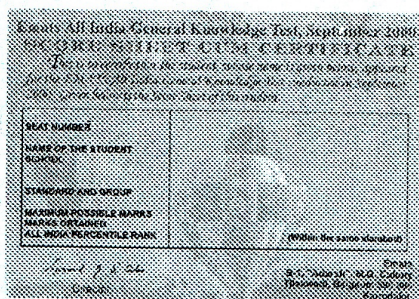
WE CARE also benefited much by way of publicity. About 10,000 students from over 500 schools all over India have received participation certificates. The reverse of each certificate carries a note about WE



*Mrs. Celine Soans, Trustee,
Lighting the Lamp*



CARE. We extend our thanks to Emats for giving us an opportunity to participate in their program.



Certificate issued by Emats

WE CARE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WE CARE has been partly supporting the medical treatment of Jaikumar (a resident of Bangalore) who has been suffering from juvenile diabetics. Jaikumar is only 24 years' old and comes from a very poor family. His monthly expenditure towards medicines alone is about Rs1,000/- (One thousand) per month. We have already contributed about Rs.10,000/- towards his treatment.

WE CARE has also been supporting the medical treatment of Mrs Jaya Mary, a resident of Chamarajnagar district, Karnataka. She is suffering from hyperthyroidism and needs to take medicines for about 12-18 months. Her medical expenses are about Rs.100/- per month.

WE CARE HOMEOPATHIC CENTRE

The WE CARE Homeopathic Centre which was started at Belgaum in the month of February 2000 is making steady progress. The centre is opened to poor patients every Sunday. The cost of the medicines and treatment is provided to the patient free of cost. A one-time fee of Rs 2/- (two) is collected towards registration. Till the end of November 2000, 42 patients with chronic sicknesses have received treatment from this centre.

My sincere thanks to Dr Santan D'Souza who conducts this service. I also thank the local coordinating team comprising Mr Wali, Mr Ipe, Mr John Alvares, Mr Gerard D'Silva and Mrs Majula Fredricks for their valuable support.

WE CARE SELF-EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Under our self-employment programme, four persons have benefited so far.

We have the story of Pedro. Mr Pedro is a married man with two children. Owing to prolonged illness, his backbone became weak. As a result, he lost his job and

was no longer fit for manual labour. He was in deep financial crisis and was left with only two options - either to borrow at exorbitant rates of interest (which he would not be able to repay) or to commit suicide with his family. At this juncture, WE CARE brought a new ray of hope in the life of Pedro. We ventured capital of Rs 12,600 to him to set up a tea stall. On my visit to Belgaum recently, I got an opportunity to meet Mr. Pedro. I am very happy to inform you that Mr Pedro is faring well in his business. He has improved in his health too.

This year we also ventured capital to:

- Mr Micheal Anthony, Begur, Bangalore (Rs 3,000) to set up his own Agency for the supply of stationery and household articles.
- Mr Venkatesh, Doddakannaly, Bangalore (Rs 4,000) to purchase a cow.

WE CARE SCREEN PRINTING VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE

We started a Screen Printing Vocational Training Centre at Madivala, Bangalore, in April 2000 with the twin objective namely of providing young men and women (especially school drop outs) with skills towards employment opportunities and also to generate income to meet the programs of WE CARE if possible. With the support and encouragement of many people we were able to run this training center effectively. Six to eight boys were trained in the art of screen printing for a period of about six months.

During this period, the boys were initiated into the work step-by-step. The master printer was paid a salary of Rs.2,750/- per month while the trainees were paid monthly stipends ranging from Rs.500 - 1,500 per month

During this period, we also undertook orders for offset printing on a commission basis. WE CARE entered into an understanding with two printers who did the work on our behalf. We were able to make a small profit from the jobs completed during this time.

After completing their training, some of these boys have taken up jobs. One or two discontinued their training.

We propose to conduct regular training programmes in screen printing for young boys and girls during the summer as such skills are in great demand and open the doors to employment.

Having completed phase one i.e., to train people in screen printing, we have now moved on to phase two, namely to impart business and managerial skills to some

of them. To do this, we have handed over the entire center to a young man and assist him in running it.

My sincere thanks to Sr Clara & her community at Holy Cross Convent, Madivala, Bangalore, for allowing us to utilize the garage and other amenities to carry on this activity. I also thank Mr Patrick, who gave us a helping hand to supervise this work.

My heartfelt thanks to Mr Anthony Warang for his tremendous service to WE CARE in securing orders for our screen printing center.

I also offer our thanks to St. John's Medical College Hospital and College, Prerana Placement Services, Omega Travels, P L Worldways, Professional Couriers, Asset International and many others for giving us printing orders.

CARE OF THE MENTALLY CHALLENGED

WE CARE has been supporting the treatment and rehabilitation of five mentally challenged patients who have been admitted to a half-way home called Navachetana. Of these, three patients are women and one is an orphan. The home-care and medical expenses ranges from Rs 700/- to Rs1,500/- per month for each person. These patients come from poor families and are unable to contribute towards their lodge, board and medical treatment.

WE CARE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

WE CARE set up an employment & placement service at the Holy Cross Convent, Madivala, in June 2000. The aim of the service was to provide a contact or reference point for those seeking employment and those needing employees. The service was run by volunteers. The response was very good and many un-employed people from the neighbourhood enrolled themselves. The difficult part was finding suitable employment for them. Owing to the hard work of our volunteers, many people were able to secure suitable employment. The service was successfully managed for three months after which it had to be suspended as we lacked proper infrastructure and volunteers. Given the proper conditions we can once again run this very useful and much-needed service for the unemployed.

I sincerely thank the volunteers for their dedicated services - Mrs Felcy D'Souza, Mrs Gauri, Mrs Carmen Prabhu, Mrs Inez D'Costa, Sr Clara, Mrs Mildred Sausman, Mr Borges, Mr Gerard and others.

CARE OF SUKANYA (AN ORPHAN)

Sukanya is an orphan who lost her parents at the

tender age of two. She now lives with her grandmother in a village at Jigani, about 25 km from Bangalore. Her mother's kidneys were legally donated after her death with the help of FORTE, (Foundation for Organ Retrieval and Transplant Education). Her father committed suicide eight months later. Seeing the plight of Sukanya, a generous person donated Rs 6,000/- towards her maintenance. This amount has been handed over to WE CARE so that the interest from this can be used for her education. WE CARE feels proud to undertake this responsibility for Sukanya.

WE CARE ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM

In association with Dr. Prasad, WE CARE conducted an awareness program for alcoholics of a slum near Bangalore International School, Bangalore. The program is the first in a series of such events proposed for the future.

WE CARE PROGRAM FOR WOMEN

A program for women workers living around Madivala was organized on the occasion of Worker's



Residents of Navachetana

Day on 1st May, 2000 at the Social Welfare Centre at Holy Cross Convent, Madivala. There were about 30 women present for the meeting. The gathering was addressed by Mrs Dona Fernandes, a noted women's activist and Sr Nancy, FMM, a social worker. The talks highlighted the role of women in society, especially in the family and work place.

WE CARE SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM

WE CARE has taken up the support of an aged and poor person. Some rations are purchased and given to her for the month. We hope to increase this service in the future.



WE CARE HOUSING PROGRAM

WE CARE assisted Mr Prakash, Garapalya, Bangalore, a daily worker, with Rs 5,000/- to complete the construction of his house.

WE CARE was also instrumental in helping Mr Gurappa, a leprosy patient, from Karpur village, Anekal, in securing financial assistance to complete the construction of his house.

Mr Pedana, (a TB patient), Madivala Slums, Bangalore received assistance of Rs.5,000 to repair his house.

WE CARE PURCHASES A PIECE OF LAND

In view of future developments and the progress of WE CARE, we have purchased a piece of land, measuring about 5000 sq ft at Doddakannali, Sharjapur Road, Bangalore. It is about 13 km from St Anthony's Friary. The total cost of the land is about Rs 1,95,000 (excluding registration and legal fees). We have paid Rs1,75,000/- and the balance will be paid on registration.

As it is an agricultural land, we have applied for exemption from the Government for the land to be registered in the name of WE CARE. The papers are still being processed.

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to Mr Baptist D'Souza, Advocate, who has given us his valuable advice, time and energy. He has been working on our papers and is hopeful that the land will be registered in our name in due course.

WE CARE NEWSLETTER

We have kept close contact with our donors and supporters through our news letters. In the month of June 2000, we published the second newsletter. It made a very good impression on the readers.

I owe a sincere thanks to Ms Juliana Lazarus for her very creative presentation and production.

WE CARE OFFICE

To make our work more effective, we purchased a computer and UPS costing about Rs 45,000/-. We thank Mr & Mrs Aubery D'Costa of Koramangala, who donated a printer for our use, thus saving us a cost of Rs 7,000.

We have also employed a full-time lady clerk, Ms Julina Gaspar, to assist in office work.

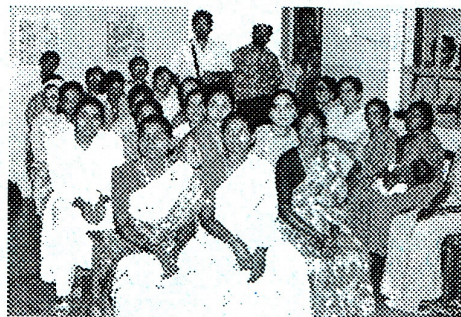
WE CARE now has its own telephone and e-mail connection. Our telephone number is **00-91-80-5526267**. And our e-mail ID is **wecare@vsnl.net**.

WE CARE still needs a proper place to set up an office. We hope God will take care of our need.

WE CARE PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE

Respect For Life India (RFLI), a non-profit, secular organisation, **promotes life** at all its stages - from conception to natural death. They believe human life is precious and are concerned with issues like abortion, child labour, drug additction, alcoholism, suicide, battered wives, dowry deaths, euthanasia, aids, etc. WE CARE wishes to associate with RFLI and its programs - for life is too precious to ignore it!

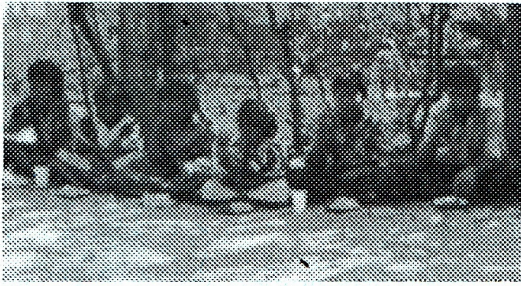
WE CARE wishes to undertake **Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR)** programmes especially those which are focused on the development and empowerment of women. WE CARE is associating itself with **Nava Jeevan Mahila Pragrati Kendra**, a non-profit organization, which has taken up health, education and awareness-building activities in about 40 villages in Bangalore Urban and South districts.



Working Women - May Day Celebrations

WE CARE is also associated with **Maria Seva Sangha (MSS)**, a non-profit organization, which provides useful services in the field of education, housing and care of senior citizens. MSS has been carrying on a program of providing mid-day meals to over 700 poor children studying in various schools. Under the able guidance and experience of MSS, WE CARE has undertaken to provide **mid-day meals** to 50 poor and deserving students of St Francis Xavier School, Sumanahalli, Bangalore. We propose to extend this service to many more children, if resources are available.

WE CARE also proposes to associate itself with the **Belgaum Diocesan Schools Managing Committee, Belgaum** to provide **mid-day meals** to the poor children



Mid-day Meal

of St. Anthony's Kannada Primary School, Belgaum. Majority of the children belong to the low income group and are children of sweepers working in the Cantonment Board. The total budget needed for this program is about Rs.1,60,000/- to support 200 students for one year.

WE CARE also proposes to associate itself with the **Society of Friars Minor**, a non-profit organization which is planning an **environmental project** called "Mannan Ujtaanha" which means "reviving trees". The aim of this program is to educate the people about the value of trees and forests and to take steps to preserve the same. WE CARE has already committed Rs 5,000/- towards this project. The area of this project will be the new states of Chattisgarh and Jharkhand.

WE CARE also proposes to associate itself with **Sr M Magdella, AC**, a noted social-worker who was nominated for the prestigious title "Woman of the year - 2000" and who is the recipient of various awards for her selfless social service, especially to those suffering from **cancer**. She works among poor cancer patients from Bihar, many of whom have to sell their lands to pay for the medicines and hospital charges.

WE CARE also proposes to associate itself with **MOB Rural Health Centre (Society)**, a non-profit organization, which has committed itself to the service of those suffering from **leprosy**. MOB is actively involved in the district of Mandya in Karnataka. At present, they are constructing houses for leprosy patients on land given to them by the government.

Last year, WE CARE had set up a corpus fund of Rs 50,000/- towards the Care of Leprosy patients and their families. From this year onwards, the interest from this fund will be utilized for the benefit of leprosy patients and their families.

WE CARE TRUSTEES

During the course of the year, Ms Delon Pereira, one of our Trustees, has gone abroad, for a year, on an

International Cultural Youth Exchange Programme. We wish her the very best and we hope her experiences and contacts abroad will be useful to WE CARE later.

During the year, Ms Rochelle Lobo, another Trustee, returned to Goa, after completing her studies in Personnel Management at Bangalore.

During the year, Ms Angeline Sunderraj, another Trustee, secured a job in Chennai after completing her studies at Karnataka Chittrakala Parishad and in computers.

Mrs Ann Noronha, our Executive Secretary, has not been keeping well for a long time. She has had to undergo two operations. We wish her a speedy recovery.

WE CARE FINANCIAL POSITION & REPORTS

The abridged statement of accounts have been appended to this report. This statement has been prepared from the audited accounts. (See p. 9)

PEOPLE WHO CARE

I am happy to inform you that many many people from all walks of life have invested their faith in WE CARE by making generous donations from time to time. We have been humbled by your contributions and are **extremely grateful** to you, for without people like you WE CARE would not exist. A sincere thanks to Mr Anthony Warang, Mrs Celine Soans, Mrs Evon Pereira, Mrs Vida Lobo, Mrs Maureen Colaso and many others who actively solicit donations for WE CARE.

We give below the names of our SIGNIFICANT DONORS. Donations made from February 2000 to November 2000:

- Alwyn & Bernadette Nazareth, Mumbai Rs 50,000
- Mrs Theresa D'Souza, Mumbai Rs 25,000
- FMM Sisters, Bangalore Rs 25,000
- Mr Prakash Lazrado, Ahmedabad Rs 12,000
- Mr & Mrs Calistus & Family, Bangalore Rs 1,000 pm.

Rs. 10,000 each

BANGALORE: Mr Charles Noronha, Ms Delon Pereira, Mrs Ida Smith,

MUMBAI: Mrs Jacqueline Salis, Mrs Janet Pinto

MANGALORE: Melville Stephen D'Souza,

Rs. 5,000 - Rs. 6,000

BANGALORE: Bangalore Turf Club Charitable Trust, Mr Richard Noronha, Maj (Retd) Claude D'Souza,





Mr Valerian Saldanha, Mr Gerald Sequiera, Mr Anup Warang, Ms Linã DeCruz, Joselyn, Meera & Sujay, Naveen & Lynn Pinglay, Mrs Gladys D'Souza, Mrs F Sequeira, Society of the Order of St Camillus

MUMBAI: Mrs Mary Carvalho, Mr Kevin D'Souza, Mrs Lovina D'Souza,

MANGALORE: Mrs Christine Dotty Lobo, Mr. Kevin Colaso

Rs. 3,001 - Rs. 4,000

DUBAI: Vincent & Mabel Rodricks

BANGALORE: Mrs Githa Rebello, Mr R G Sangoram & Mrs C G Rajamani, Mr Vasanth V Fernandes, Mrs Cecilia Thomas, Mrs Jennifer Pereira, P S Joseph

MUMBAI: Menezes, Mr & Mrs D'Souza

HYDERABAD: Mr Reginald D'Souza

CHENNAI: Mr H D D'Silva.

Rs. 2,000 - Rs. 3,000

MUMBAI: Ms J Castellino, Mrs Lovie Menezes, Mr Roland Xavier

BANGALORE: Mr Stephen Pinto, Mr Philomena D'Souza, KCA & Mrs Inez D'Costa, Mrs Pamela Taveira

GOA: Mrs Amy Pinto, Mrs Sylvia Martin

SAUDI ARABIA: Dolphi D'Lima

Rs. 1,000 - Rs. 1,999

BANGALORE: Y's Men Club, Ms Supritha Hegde, Mr T Balakrishna Reddy, Mr Henry L Roche, Mark & Leila Lynn, Mr A Lazarus, Mr Jose Francis Thekackara, Mrs Galdys Selvaraj, Mr John L Rosario, Mr Archie D'Souza, Walter & Lovina Pereira

MUMBAI: Mrs Lira Nair, Mr Glenn Pinto, Mrs Isabella Fernandes, Mr Edgar John Kamath, Mr Alfred D'Souza, Ms M.E. Alvares, Ms Leena D'Souza, Mrs Emmy D'Cunha, Mr Cyril Fernandes, Mrs Jyothsna D'Souza, Mr Almeida, Ms Lucy Misquita, Mrs Naomi Rodrigues, Ms Flory Fernandes, Ms Juliet C Pereira

GOA: Mrs Irene Alfonso, Mrs Leena Rodrigues.

UDUPI: Ms Shanti D'Souza, Mrs Tressy D'Souza

MANGALORE: Mr Vijay Miranda, Lt. W D'Souza

BELGAUM: Mrs Majula Fredricks

DAVANAGERE: Mr Vinayaka D Joshi

Rs. 500 - Rs. 999

MUMBAI: Mr. Prakash Puthur, Mr. Jeevan Rebello, Mrs. Namratha Nandakumar Valanju, Ms Felci Fernandes, Ms Fiona Rodrigues, Mr Clement Vaz, Ms Mary D'Souza, Mr. Sunil Cerejo, Mr. H J Fernandes, Mrs Lucy Rego, Mr Santhosh D'Souza

BANGALORE: M S F Veigas, Mrs Assumpta Jacqueline, Mrs F Pinto, Ms Prema Warang, Paramesh, Ms Daisy Mary Rita, Mrs M Abraham, Mr John Mascarenhas, Mrs Philomena Lewis

PUNE: Ms Leela D'Souza

MANGALORE: Mr A O D'Souza, Lt W D'Souza

BELGAUM: Mr Raju Pandit

GOA: Mr F M Menezes

Below Rs. 500

BANGALORE: Mr Babu Gregory, Mr H F Gonsalves, Teachers of Cathedral School, Ms Susai Mary, Mrs Shylaja D Patu, Ms Maria Kumari, Mr S A Nayak, Mr Walter Rego, Mrs Iru D'Silva, Mrs Lucy Bhaskar, Mr Manish Reddy, Master Kishore, Mrs Hazel, Mrs Else Chacko, Ms Jane Huddleson, C Muralidharan, Mrs Myola Mascarenhas, Ms Aruna Edwin, Padmavathi & Padma Duran, P Mohd Oosman, Bhaskar, Mrs Saraswati Roa, R. Poonappa, K G Daniel, Mrs Evelyn Rego, Mr Lancy Crasta, Ms Agnes Mampilly, Mr Patrick. T, Ms Uma Devi, Mr Mahantesh PattenShetti

MUMBAI: Ms Feba Nanakyal, Alvira Cardoz, Avelon Gonsalves, Mrs Annie Soares, Rosevina Gonsalves, Mrs. Rena Pereira

GOA: Ms. Judyline D'Souza

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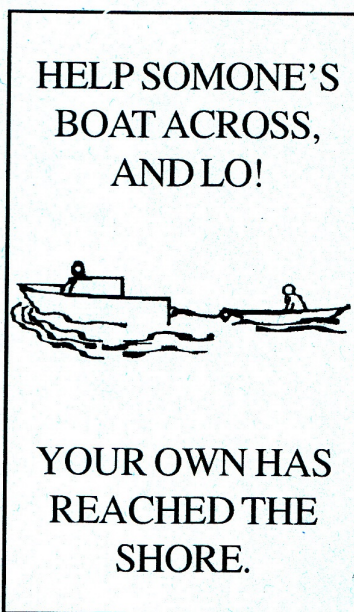
COIMBATORE: Jude Lazaro

GUJARAT: Aishwarya

Foreign Donations

- Rudolph & Mabel D'Souza, USA USD250
- Mrs Syra Vaz, USA USD200
- Mr Mark D'Souza, Canada CD 150
- Sr Patricia Bandara & Sr. Simone Lim, Singapore USD 25 each

(Names of donors who wished to remain anonymous have not been listed above.)



FUND RAISING

We have taken various steps to raise funds to carry out the objectives of WE CARE. We have solicited donations from individuals. Many have responded very generously to our appeal. We have also regularly advertised in magazines and this has borne fruit. We tried to bring out an advertisement brochure. However, the kidnapping of Mr Rajkumar had its toll on our plans. We are now in contact with an event management team to help us raise funds through conducting charity shows, selling greeting cards and advertisements. We hope that our efforts will bear much fruit in the future.

I wish to thank Ms Sabrina Sunderraj who spent a lot of time working at raising funds for WE CARE.

WE CARE has also found a very good fund-raiser in the person of Fr John Lee, OFM from Korea. Fr John Lee has taken a great interest in WE CARE and has introduced some of his friends to us, who have donated generously. Among his donor-friends have been the Franciscan Province of Korea (USD5,000), Mrs Ursula Cho and Friends (USD2,000), Mr Joseph Nam and Pious Kim (USD2,000).

I wish to thank Fr John Lee for his great support and encouragement.

I also wish to thank Mr Gerard van Balveren of Winkel van Swinkle (a fund-raising shop in Holland) who voluntarily came forward with a donation of USD5,000.00.

PERMISSION TO RECEIVE DONATIONS FROM FOREIGNERS

I am happy to inform you that WE CARE has received permission from the Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, to receive donations from foreign citizens. This permission has opened the doors to tap resources from generous people living abroad too.

TAX BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO OUR DONORS UNDER SECTION 80G

I am happy to inform you that **donations made to WE CARE are eligible for tax deductions under Section 80G.** At present, our permissions are valid till 31st March 2001.

THANKS

I wish to thank once again all the volunteers and friends who so generously give of their time and energy to promote the activities of WE CARE.

I thank the Trustees for their whole-hearted support and encouragement. In a special way, I wish to thank Fr Babujose Pamplany, the Joint-Managing Trustee who has rendered valuable services to WE CARE.

I wish to thank our staff, Mr Michael Raj and Ms Julina Gaspar for their hard and dedicated work.

Finally, I must acknowledge that all we have done in the past one year would not have been possible without the silent

guiding hand of God. We thank God for giving us an opportunity to serve the poor and for touching the hearts of people. I also acknowledge with thanks the silent efforts of our patron saints, St Joseph and St Anthony who have been actively involved interceding for us and our donors. May God be praised through WE CARE.

CONCLUSION – BECOME A PERSON WHO CARES

I wish to conclude this Report with a short story taken from the book "Make Caring Your Target" by George Kaitholil. He quotes John Powell, **"The only truly happy people are those who have found someone, some cause to love and belong to."** He then narrates a story which goes like this.

"It can be easily noticed that even birds and animals care for one another. Here is a first hand account. Someone shot an owl with a little catapult. Its wing was badly injured and it was unable to fly. It was in pain. In a short time, several members of the owl fraternity gathered around it. One could see how they were consoling and supporting their wounded fellow-bird. They were keeping close to it, gently patting and caressing it with their wings and whispering comfort in its ears. In such an **atmosphere of solidarity and fraternal assistance**, the injured bird recovered fast and in a few hours was hopping and half-flying - always accompanied by very sympathetic and supportive owls.

"My friends and myself were watching this scene and then someone commented: **'I was eyes for the blind and feet for the lame.'**"

Here's another story. In our home in North India, we had several buffaloes. Once we sold a she-buffalo. When she was led away, her sister buffaloes did not seem to bother. But in the evening when it was time for them to get back into the shed, we saw how they were restless and "worried"; they were obviously upset. They began crying and calling and looking nervously. Only then it dawned on us that they were worried about their missing sister; the empty place in the stall was too conspicuous. That night none of us could sleep peacefully - the buffaloes kept bellowing all night! The buffaloes had grown into a small community. They had formed a kind of family, grazing, playing and fighting together - and concerned with one another as well.

If birds and animals are so interested in their kind, can we humans be less caring for all fellow beings? How sad it would be if I had to say: I care for nobody; and nobody cares for me!

Men and women become truly human only if they show love and care for those who live with and about them.

With best wishes,

Bangalore
10th December, 2000

Fr. Trevor D'Souza
Managing Trustee





WE CARE

EXTRACTS FROM THE AUDITED
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2000

DONATIONS & INCOME RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR

	Rs.
Voluntary Contributions/Donations	589304
Donation in kind (Mobile phone)	6000
Donation towards Leprosy Patients Fund	25000
Donations towards John & Theresa Memorial Education Fund	29500
Donations towards Women's Welfare Fund	25000
SNS Education Programme	13750
Income from Screen Printing Centre	200
Advertisements	1100
Homeopathic Centre	47
Bank Interest	2748
TOTAL	692649

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

- Telephone Deposit	4000
- Annual Day Celebrations	4137
- Legal & Professional Charges	525
- Bank Charges	304
- Meeting Expenses	383
- News Letter	12451
- Printing & Stationery	3850
- Postage	3534
- Telephone Charges	8293
- Travelling & Conveyance	532
- Public Relations & Publicity	19612
TOTAL	57621

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Care of Self Employment	12600
Care of alcoholics	99
Anti-leprosy Day	5000
Care of Poor	2000
Hoemopathic Centre	5242
Screen printing Vocational Training Centre	3739
TOTAL	28680

WELFARE FUNDS AS ON 31 MARCH 2000

Leprosy Patients and Families Fund	50000
Women's Welfare Fund	25000
S.N.S. Education Fund	13750
John & Theresa Memorial Education Fund	59582
General Fund	491995
Trust Fund	5000
TOTAL	645327

ASSETS AS ON 31 MARCH 2000

FD in ICICI	30000
FD in Amanath Coop Bank Ltd	155000
FD in South Indian Bank Ltd	357000
Cash in Hand	15552
Cash in Saving Bank Accounts	78004
Telephone Deposit	4000
Mobile Phone	6000
TOTAL	645556

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That is the inspiring contribution. The good works alone have no power. The good works must be an expression and an overflow of our Faith and prophetic consciousness – of our new being in Jesus.

The beginnings of WE CARE as well as its works inspire me. But more than all the different activities and programmes of WE CARE what I value most is the option, the commitment, WE CARE has taken. It stands for a cause, God's Cause, and that generates good will in people. People are ready to contribute to a worthy cause. I am inspired by the prophetic message WE CARE gives to the society. A Franciscan Message.

Let me share with you stories of some good lay people whose prophetic stand and personal decisions which have inspired me so much. I read about them in the New Leader. Here is the personal decision of Mr. Job Kurien of Kerala. He was against all extravagant expenses at weddings. When his son was to get married he decided that along with his son's wedding, at least 12 poor girls of marriageable age who were languishing in their houses for want of money, must also be married and experience the joy of realizing a fond dream! He decided to curtail the expenses of his son's wedding in order to meet the marriage expenses of these 12 poor girls. He donated Rs. 10,000 for each girl. He bought them ornaments and also met the expenses of bridal clothes and the wedding feast! These 12 poor couples would be blessing the family of Mr. Job Kurien always!

There is another story. It is about Mr. Bhaskar Shah, who markets computers in Madras. In 1989, at his son's wedding in the thick of the celebrations and splendour and happiness, he did not forget the less fortunate in the society – people who are blind. He quietly placed a donation box next to the bridal couple, inviting guests to drop in their mite for a noble cause – the setting up of a model eye-bank in the city. "We had a reception" says Mr. Shah, "only because we have so many friends and clients... We wanted even our guests to join us in this effort. People are in the habit of bringing presents even if we warn them not to. So we thought of a novel form of donation for the sightless"! Whatever was collected on that day was handed over for the model eye bank.

Let We CARE be a prophetic sign, and let all its activities spring forth from a prophetic consciousness and from deep faith and trust in God. God bless you all.

Scaria Varanath, OFM, Minister Provincial

LETTERS

"I am a spinster, 72 years of age. I have no means of income to make ends meet. ... Thank you for the 10kgs ration and the packet of cooking oil. Thank you once again for the help rendered to me. I shall not fail to pray for you and the success of your organization."

Ms Teresa Joseph, Vivekanagar, Bangalore

(Note: Ms Teresa Joseph receives a monthly assistance from WE CARE.)

"My husband 40years old, was maintaining the family till the day he met with a scooter accident. He was in hospital for over 3 months and has suffered sever brain injuries. After much expensive treatment he is alive, but has become a vegetable – lost his memory and physical strength. I am aged 36 years and am highly diabetic. I do not have regular income and support my family with the help of stitching and embroidery. Will WE CARE sponsor my three children and help their education?"

Mrs Biju Paul from Ernakulam

(Note: WE CARE supported the children's education expenses.)

"We are students of Holy Cross School of Nursing, Kamagere. We had deposited Rs.3,000/- each with you under the Save N Study programme. We have received the money back along with a big help of Rs.1,500/- each. Thank you for helping us....it was a great help in paying our annual fees. We are struggling financially to carry on our studies."

Ms Catherine & Ms Sonia Sunny

"Many greetings from Seoul.

I fully appreciate your new project "WE CARE" as it will be a very good instrument for our Franciscan commitment and "Option for the poor". To help encourage your beautiful plan, I am sending US \$5,000."

Fr. Lee Jong Han (John)

On behalf of the Franciscan in Korea

"In the month of April 2000 I had sent a cheque for US \$ 100 through my friend ... This amount is my "an hour's" wage per week for the last three months... I shall send you more from time to time when I can afford for the needy ones who suffer all around us. America may be rich in material goods, we are very poor in spirit."

Syra Vaz, USA

All contributions are eligible for tax exemption under 80G



100 x 250 x 12
= CARE !!!

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE!

5 LOAVES could feed 4000!!!

2 FISHES could feed 5000!!!

***Make the Miracle
Happen!***

We Care has adopted 250 poor children of two school to be served with mid-day meals. We need your help to raise Rs. 3,50,000 to meet this expense during the coming year.

We believe that nothing is impossible. If you share **Rs. 100/- per month for 12 months** you will help us to perform the miracle of feeding 250 children for 365 days!

How can a child study on an empty stomach! How can a hungry child's brain develop to do mathematics and score 100. How can a hungry child take part in sports and games! How can a hungry child...

Rs. 3,50,000 divided by 250 children
= no empty stomach!

**NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE
WHEN EVERYONE SHARES!**

Send your contributions to:

**WE CARE, St. Anthony's Friary
85, Hosur Road, Bangalore - 560 095, INDIA**



ABOUT US

WE CARE is a Public Charitable Trust, registered on 30th January, 1999, which was the 75th birthday of its Foundress, Mrs Theresa D'Souza. We Care was born out of a true love and concern for the poor. We Care wishes to reach out in love and service to all peoples, especially to the poor, women and children, without any kind of discrimination. We Care believes that to be at service of one's neighbour is to be at the service of God Himself.

The basic vision of We Care is to create a better world, to support people in their endeavours to achieve a better human growth and development. We Care wishes to create and build an attitude and culture of love and care towards the more needy members of our society, towards nature and environment. We Care also wishes to create a network with people of goodwill – all those who think like us and who care.

At present We Care is involved in the service of people in many fields, like care of the poor, care of those in need of education, care of the sick and infirm, care of orphans & children, care of the homeless, care of those seeking employment, care of women, etc.

We Care believes in reaching out in love and service, because nothing else matters!

OUR LOGO: *We Care*

The logo, WE CARE with a branch of fresh leaves – was designed by Ms Angeline Sunderraj. New leaves are a symbol of new life that bring joy and hope. New leaves herald the season of Spring which is a resurgence of new life. This logo is symbolic of two things: We care for people - bringing a new leaf into their lives thereby bringing a new sense of hope and joy. We care for mother earth - which is a constant inspiration of new life – hoping that mother earth will always bring forth a new leaf of hope, joy and life!

WE CARE TRUSTEES

Ordinary people for ordinary people!

The names of our Trustees are:

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and so merits understanding and compassion

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