

We Care

Because nothing else matters!



*Our children and youth
are our national pride and asset.
We must invest in their growth and development,
lest our country and the world at large,
lose its energy and glory.*



*At We Care
We believe that Education
is not an expense,
but an investment!*



EDITORIAL

Dear Friends,

With each passing year, we are growing increasingly conscious that educating our children and youth is the only means to developing better human beings and at the same time sowing the seed toward creating a better world. With this consciousness we have begun putting more and more of our resources into supporting the ever-increasing costs of educating our younger generations. Two or three decades ago, running an educational institution (school or college) was considered a noble cause and charitable activity. But today, people are viewing educational institutions as "business" from which they can garner huge profits. While there is a mushrooming of educational institutions all over the country, lots needs to be said about the quality, infrastructure and values being provided by present day education.

This aside we believe with the great soul, Nelson Mandela, that "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" and that is why We Care has begun "investing" in educating our children. In our efforts to reach out to more children, we are trying to identify schools in the villages inhabited mainly by tribal and the poorer sections of India. Here educational institutions have not yet become a business but are still a basic need providing a basic ingredient for the development of our children.

At We Care we believe that education is not an expense, but an investment! If we consider our children as our real assets, then what better investment can we make than providing them with the best education possible? Many poor people come to us seeking financial assistance to support the education "expenses" of their children. We take time to make them aware that every paisa spent on their child's education should be seen as an "investment" and not as an "expense". Because money spent on clothes and toys will bring back a small return, but money "spent" on educating a child will return at least 80% and more to society in the years to come.

We also agree with Brigham Young, "You educate a man; you educate a man. You educate a woman; you educate a generation" and with Jane Austen, "Give a girl an education and introduce her properly into the world, and ten to one but she has the means of settling well, without further expense to anybody". At We Care we are conscious of our role to shape the future. Without depriving boys of education, we are favourably inclined to support the "girl-child".

Khaled Hosseini, in his novel, A Thousand Splendid Suns, said it all, "Marriage can wait, education cannot." We were surprised to discover that many parents, because of poverty and ignorance, put their children to work, rather than send them to school. Further, many parents, especially in India, still live under the impression, that a girl-child is a "liability" to the family and should not be provided higher education. From the time the girl enters her teens, some parents are already seeking a marriage alliance for her. We Care has been trying to nurture a healthy attitude in the minds of parents that good education provides the solid base for a healthy and prosperous life.

I would like to close this reflection with the words of the great philosopher, Aristotle "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all." It is the bounden duty of every section of our society to support the education system and processes that will ensure that our children get an all round education, building up their minds and hearts. With the growing consciousness among parents, educators, politicians and members of society we can only hope that the dream of Aristotle will be accomplished.

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This newsletter covers the activities and programmes for the calendar year 2012. The financial information relates to the year 2011-2012. Pictures have been arranged to suit the layout of the pages and do not exactly correspond with the text where these have been placed.

This year we have decided to publish two news-letters, one a print version and the other an e-version. The print version will be shorter, giving highlights of our activities and programmes. This will be sent to our donors and friends by post/hand-delivery and is meant to economize on paper, printing and postage costs. The e-version will cover the activities and programmes in detail and will be hosted on our website for public viewing. As more and more people are having internet facilities, they will be able to access the e-version of our newsletter on our website www.wecaretrust.org and read it at their leisure and comfort.

You can also view snippets of our programmes and activities on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/wecare.bangalore>

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 2012. The figures given in the statistical tables are taken from our records. The details given in the table under each activity is not complete because the real number of people who benefit from our programmes is not easy to determine. The information however will give the reader a fair view. It is not how many people you serve, that count. It is how well you serve them, which really matters.

We remember all of you, our Trustees, Donors, Benefactors, Well-wishers, Staff, Volunteers and those who associate and support us in one way or another, in our daily prayers and we ask all our beneficiaries to pray for you. 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.

with best wishes,

Fr. Trevor D'Souza,
Managing Trustee.

31st December 2012.

LEGISLATIONS IN INDIA FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN WELFARE

Guest Editorial, by Ms Nisha Ahlawat

I grew up in an Indian middle class family where education was certainly not a luxury. But I had taken it for granted, thinking that it is easily available for everyone. And that is where I have been proven wrong! Having read many reports and worked at NGOs in India I have now come to a conclusion that education is indeed a luxury for many children, especially those coming from less privileged families. What I so casually took as my privilege is not even known to them as being their right, let alone do something about it. So is the case with many other basic amenities, such as health care, shelter, water, and the like, for the less privileged children and women in India.

Nevertheless, in recent times, new and strong legislations that provide for the rights and welfare of women and children have been approved. These legislations are aimed at protecting women and children and ensuring that they get their rights under the Constitution and legal system of the country. Some of the important legislations passed by the Government for the welfare of children are, **The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, The Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 and Protection of Children Against Sexual Offences Bill, 2011.** All these legislations provide ample opportunities to the underprivileged children and shield them against any wrong doings. For example the **Right to Education** makes education a **fundamental right** of every Indian child in the range of 6–14 years. It also mandates every private school to reserve 25% of the total seats for underprivileged children under the gamut of public-private partnership plan. The **Child Labour Act** prohibits the employment of children below the age of 14 years in any factory, mine or any other hazardous employment.



Among some of the important legislations passed by the Government for the welfare of women are **The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956, The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 and The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013.** These legislations are meant to safeguard the interest of women and provide them with strong case against any harm. For example **The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005** provides effective protection for women who are victims of violence (like physical injuries, sexual abuse, verbal and emotional abuse) of any kind occurring within the definition of family. **The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956** makes the trafficking of children and women a punishable offence.

When done with full vigour and spirit these legislations definitely provide a bright future to the Indian children and women, making some positive differences in their lives. The number of children enrolled for elementary education is increasing as parents are encouraged to send their children to school rather than to work. The numbers of child marriages are declining in the last few years. The occurrence of dowry cases is also on the decline. Today women feel confident in registering a case against domestic violence. Many of the trials are processed through fast track courts, saving time and energy for the victim. Reservation for women at the village level Panchayats, Municipalities and Parliament is taking progress in the right direction.

But the impact has not been very significant. There is still a big gap between the intention of the law and the way it is implemented. People at the lower levels of society still do not have free access to information regarding these legislations. Not all the points mentioned in the Acts are followed, for example, not all the private schools adhere to the rule of reserving 25% seats for the underprivileged children. There still are many factories, construction sites, and other work places (including families) where children below the age 14 years are employed. Legal jargons, procedures and costs are definite hurdles for the general public. Social stigma and superstitions play a great role in gender inequality, to the detriment of the girl child.

There is need for much to be changed on the ground if we are to make significant progress. Public awareness, judicious utilization of resources, proper plugging of loopholes and corruption, together with better management and distribution systems and an overall change in our mindset, will help in making our laws effective. The need for transparent and accountable public-private partnership is the need of the hour for proper growth and development in our country.

At **We Care** we try to play our part as well as we can and hope we can contribute to bring some changes in the right direction. Children are precious for us and we treat them as our national treasure. Therefore money 'spent' on the welfare of children, especially in their education, is not considered as an 'expense' but as an **investment** in nation building. We conduct many programmes for the welfare of children such as school awareness camps, free evening tuition classes, scholarships, nutrition and health care, capacity and talent building, celebration of important events like World Environment day, Children's' day, etc. For the welfare of women we conduct programmes such nutrition, capacity building, self-empowerment, vocational skills, etc.

It is my hope and dream that in the coming years, our children and women will become a powerful force, contributing towards nation building. I end this editorial with the famous words of Rabindranath Tagore:

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high
Where knowledge is free
Where the world has not been broken up into fragments
By narrow domestic walls
Where the mind is led forward by thee
Into ever-widening thought and action
Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.

(The words of this poem have been taken from <http://allpoetry.com/poem/8516621-Where-The-Mind-Is-Without-Fear-by-Rabindranath-Tagore>).

(Ms Nisha Ahlawat has completed her MBA studies in Marketing from ICFAI, Hyderabad and had worked as an Assistant Manager at Tally Solutions Ltd., Bangalore. She resigned her job as she is interested in pursuing a career in social work, and volunteered her services to We Care since August 2013, We Care is thankful to Nisha for all the assistance given to us.)

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES & ACTIVITIES

(Highlights)



Beneficiaries of Balwadis - Varanasi

During the year **2011-12** the total amount spent on educational activities was **Rs 7,57,375**. The education programme covers scholarships, free tuition classes, nutrition, health care, honorarium to teacher-volunteers, uniform, books, study materials, rent for class rooms, etc. Total number of beneficiaries **1228 persons** approx, details of which are given below.

Statistical information regarding beneficiaries and programmes in 2012	
Programs / Activities	No.
Assisi Convent School, Etah, Uttar Pradesh (education assistance)	7
Basic Education for Social Transformation, Gujarat (education assistance)	102
Basic Education for Social Transformation, Gujarat (clothing)	102
Don Bosco Centre, Rangajan, Golaghat, Assam (education assistance)	30
Karunalaya Balika Ashram, Hajimalang, Maharastra (education, nutrition, hygiene)	23
Maryknoll High School, Barkur, Udupi, Karnataka (education assistance)	75
Pratiksha Nivas, Free Evening Tuition Class, Bangalore, Karnataka (counseling services)	12
Pratiksha Nivas, Free Evening Tuition Class, Bangalore, Karnataka (education assistance)	45
Sarang Talab Education Programme, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh (education assistance)	281
Sarang Talab, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh (Clothing-sweaters)	161
Save N Study, Bangalore, Karnataka (education assistance)	16
Sneha Nilaya Orphanage, Bangalore, Karnataka (nutrition and hygiene)	60
St Mary's Junior High School, Etah, Uttar Pradesh (education assistance)	65
St Mary's Bal Bhawan (Hostel), Etah, Uttar Pradesh (study materials)	65
St Paul's High School, Belgaum, Karnataka (education assistance)	50
Students in various school, Gudalur, Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu (education assistance)	48
Students in various school, Mangalore, Karnataka (education assistance)	24
Students in various schools, Bangalore, Karnataka (education assistance)	32
Students in various schools, Kolkata (education assistance)	30
Total	1228

The best gift you can give to a child is the gift of education!!!

We have many people to **THANK** for their unstinted involvement, support and prayers in carrying out the Education related programmes. **Volunteers:** Samarjit Dixit, Madhu Satish, Philomena D'Souza, Pearl Lewis, Anthony Das, Martin Joseph, Judith D'Silva, Lydith Pinto, K Yashodha, Mamatha Kulal, Pooja, Parimala



Children Studying at free Evening Tution

Organizations: Sr Daisy Paul, FSM, and volunteer-teachers, Project Sarang Talab, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh; Sr Alphonse Maria, FCC, and volunteer-teachers, BEST (Basic Education for Social Transformation) Programme, Gujarat; Sr Louisa, FSI, and her staff, Sneha Nilaya Orphanage, Bangalore. Sr Alexia, Asha Deep Trust, Kolkata; Sr Leena Mary, Principal, Carmel School, Darjeeling; Fr Joseph Pampackal, Principal, Don Bosco School, Rangajan; Sr Mary Pius and Sr Beatus, Karunalaya Balikaashram, Hajimalang, Thane; Sr Marina, Maryknoll School, Udupi; Fr Irudayaraj, Coordinator, Gudalur; Fr Roland Coelho SJ, St Paul's High School, Belgaum; Sr Bency Francis and Sr Betty Tresa, St Mary's Bal Bhawan, Etah.

COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION (CBR) PROGRAMME & ACTIVITIES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY

(Highlights)

During the year 2011-12 the total amount spent on the CBR programme and activities was Rs. 3,41,299. The programme covers five areas of rehabilitation, namely, health, education, social, economic and community development. Total number of beneficiaries is 4032 persons approx, details of which are given below.

Statistical information regarding beneficiaries and programmes in 2012	
Programs / Activities	No.
Aids and Appliances	2
Ashray, Home for Mentally Challenged, Varanasi, UP	28
Assessment and Referrals	1703
Bus Concession Pass	13
Competitions and Programmes	310
Corrective Surgery	1
Development of Disabled Peoples Organization (1 group)	129
Doctor's Certificate	9
Eye Camps (1)	100
Home Based Education	84
Home Visits to PWDs (64 areas)	433
Integrated Children Summer Camps (3)	232
Jaipur Foot Camp (referral)	29
Medicine Support and Follow-up	13
New PWDs identified during the year	11
Nutritional sensitization programmes (4)	52

Nutritional supplementation programme (17 families)	85
Pension for Disabled	11
Scholarship (From Government and others)	37
School Admissions (Inclusive education)	1
School Awareness (4 Programmes)	464
Staff	6
Staff exposure programmes (1)	2
Staff training (12 programmes)	5
Therapeutical Services	114
Vocational Training (computers) for PWDs	4
Volunteers and Collaborators	25
World Anti-leprosy Day celebrations (1 programmes)	70
World Disabled Day celebrations (1 programmes)	59
Total	4032

STORIES OF HOPE: HELEN'S FAMILY-COMPASSION



Timely help and concern
– Leading peaceful life

Hi, I, Helen, want to share my tragedy-cum-successful life story with you. My husband is a painter (without a proper job) and I am a housewife. I have two daughters and one son. I am unable to go for work as my son, Satish, is mentally challenged. I also suffer from some medical problems such as sugar and blood pressure. My eldest daughter is married and lives with her husband. Our family is dependent on the little income of my husband.

One day my younger daughter, Satya, met with an accident while cooking and in the process her right hand got burnt. As a result of the burns the skin on her forearm shrunk and she was not able to stretch open her elbows fully. With all these problems I went into depression.

One day staff from We Care visited my home. They were taking a survey to identify persons with disability. On discovering my son, Satish, they informed me about their organization and facilities they provide. On noticing my daughter, Sathya, they observed her burns and told us to take early action. They also suggested that Sathya to undergo an operation-corrective surgery.

In the days to come they visited our house regularly, helped us to get the doctor's certificate and physically handicapped pension for my son. They also sought admission for him in the government school (KPMRC) and regularly provided us with motivation and awareness. Our family was also provided with ragi powder as a food supplement.

After We Care's suggestion, support and motivation we decided to take my daughter to Victoria hospital for treatment. The We Care staff arranged for concession and also provided a substantial amount towards the cost of the operation and medicines. The surgery was successful and my daughter can now use her hand freely. Though our family was going through a very big crises we are now happy and leading a peaceful life. I thank We Care very much for their timely help and concern.



Vist to Shree Ramana Maharishi Academy
for the Blind by PWDs parents

the students (all of whom are blind), see how they are taught the art of dancing, music, studies, farming, gardening, etc. The visitors were also taken to the cardboard box manufacturing unit to see for themselves how blind people operate heavy and dangerous equipments. They were shown a film on the activities of the institute and received an inspiring message from Ms Jayalakshmi, the coordinator.

After the visit, we interacted with the parents and got a feedback from them. Most of them felt that the disability of their own children was much smaller in comparison to what the others have. Further they were inspired to see how a person with disability can be trained for study and work. They realized that there is no person with disability who cannot be trained to make his or her life productive and useful. They were extremely happy and thanked We Care very much for organizing this visit.

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We have many people to **THANK** for their unstinted involvement, support and prayers in carrying out the CBR related programmes: **Government Departments:** State Commissioner for Persons with Disability; Women and Child Welfare Department, Government of Karnataka; K C General Hospital, Bangalore; Primary Health Centres in the target area; Block Education Officer; Government schools; Anganwadi Centres; Department of Labour and Employment, Government of Karnataka; Makkala Sahaya Vani, Asha workers, Taluk offices and local Panchayats. **Non-Government Organizations:** Amici Di Raoul Follereau Trust, St John's Medical College Hospital, Mobility India, Association for Physically Handicapped, Shree Ramana Maharishi Academy for the Blind, Enable India, Rotary Club-Jaipur Foot Camp, etc. **Individuals:** Dr. Jose M V, Dr. Jayanth, Dr. Mani Mozhi, Patrick A, Lucy Baskar, Nigel George, Krishna and others from Amici di Raoul Follereau (Trust), Bangalore, India; Fathers of the Indian Missionary Society and the Sisters of the Franciscan Clarist Sisters, Ashray, Varanasi; Hiremath (KC General Hospital); Nagaraj (Mobility India); Babu (School SDMC President). **CBR Staff:** Amala Rani (Programme Coordinator), Yashodha, Mamatha Kulal, Narashima Murthy and Augustine (Support staff).

Volunteers and Resource Persons: Dr Nagendra Prasad; Deepti Colaco (Consultant for NGO's), Dr (Sr) Silvia (Homeopathy), Joseph Paul Raj (Vocational Trainer); Chamundeswari (Vocational Trainer).

STORY OF SUCCESS: POSITIVE FEEDBACK FROM PWDs' PARENTS

A visit for the parents and family members of persons with disability (13 persons in all) was arranged by us on 07th March 2012 to Shree Ramana Maharishi Academy for the Blind (SMRAB), Bangalore. The purpose of the visit was to provide an exposure to them and to see for themselves how a person with disability (visually impaired) can study and work as any other normal person.

The visitors got an opportunity to interact with



Networking with other organization



Staffs and Volunteers Of We Care

"We all do better when we work together. Our differences do matter, but our common humanity matters more" - Bill Gates

"Every human activity can be put at the service of the divine and of love. We should all exercise our gift to build community" - Jean Vanier.

WOMEN AND CHILD PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

(Highlights)

During the year **2011-12** the total amount spent on Women and Child programmes and activities was **Rs. 30,658**. Total number of beneficiaries is **198 persons** approx details of which are given below.

Statistical information regarding beneficiaries and programmes in 2012	
Programs / Activities	No.
Premankur - Clothing for new born children	81
Women's Day Celebrations	97
Volunteers and Collaborators	20
Total	198

Premankur (A seedling of love) is a programme to welcome new born babies into our world with love. The underlying philosophy of this programme is summed up in this line, **"Every child born into our world brings a message that God still loves us!"** Premankur is steered by its single minded mission of love-in-action. A group of like-minded women pool their resources in time, talent and money to clothe some of the hundreds of newly born babies, whose parents cannot afford to wrap them even in swaddling clothes. The fruits of our labour, in the form of clothing (both for mother and child) are gifted at different maternity hospitals and shelter homes. It is our hope that this initiative will inspire many other women to reach out in love to these less fortunate women and their little bundles of joy!



Cloth distribution by Premankur member at Madiwala PHC

The members and volunteers of Premankur stitch baby clothes, by themselves, consisting of about 20 or more pieces wrapped in a hamper. In 2012, **83 hampers** were distributed **free-of-cost** to mothers of newly born babies in municipal maternity hospitals, at Cox Town, Yeshwantpur, Thavarekere and Madiwala all in Bangalore. With rising prices, each hamper now costs approximately Rs.1,000/-. They also distributed

gifts to the support staff of the hospitals to thank them for their cooperation and hospitality. The members meet once a month to fellowship and plan out their work. The packing and distribution is done once every quarter.

REACHING OUT TO THE LESS FORTUNATE IS THE KEY TO FULFILLMENT AND HAPPINESS

(Cordula Mascarenhas, member of Premankur - a profile by Jacintha Mascarenhas, Member of Premankur)

Sitting gracefully at the age of 76 is a retired teacher, former vice principal and proud Premankur member, Mrs. Cordula Mascarenhas. Originally hailing from the small village of Manapad in Tamil Nadu, Cordula completed her early years of schooling and college in Chennai. A dedicated teacher by profession and an expert in the French language, Cordula served at the Rosary Matriculation Higher Primary School in Santhome Chennai for over 30 years before retiring as the Vice Principal of the school. She has always been an avid reader and also loves to write. She has written a book titled, 'Pomegranate Daze' in which she depicts her experience of living in coastal Manapad, of its people and rich cultural history. During her teaching days, Cordula was always active in the several community outreach programs organised by the school and she was also an active member of her local Church parish. Post her retirement, she missed the school, her students and her late husband dearly. In 2011 she opted to relocate to Bangalore city to be closer to family. Her love for teaching and passion for French encouraged her to give tutoring lessons to students who wished to learn the language.



"Cordula Aunty" as she is fondly called by the Premankur members, finds joy in being a part of this group of fearless women who come together to help those in need, with their stitching skills - despite their busy personal schedules. Having been a part of this group for over two years, Cordula finds the idea to be a novel one and has pledged her support to the group for as long as she can. She owns and manages the task of cutting flannel coats for new born babies. On behalf of all the Premankur members, we wholeheartedly thank Cordula aunty for generously opening her apartment to us whenever we meet for our gatherings and for inspiring us to help others in need, at whatever stage of life we may be in.

CELEBRATING THE WOMEN'S DAY



Participants at Womens Day Celebration

Participants at Womens Day Celebration We Care celebrated the World Women's Day on **11th March 2012**. Around 70 women from the vicinity and elsewhere participated in the programme. The group comprised of two resource persons, persons with disability, students, parents of persons with disability, We Care Staff and Volunteers (students from Jyothi Nivas College, Bangalore).

Ms Premaja (from Vanitha Sahaya Vani), one of the resource person, lit the lamp and gave an inspiring message to the gathering. The students from Free Evening Tuition Class put up some skits about how women are suppressed in society. Ms Eliza Pereira (SJMCH), another resource person, spoke about the upliftment of women in society, and provided strong motivation to the women in attendance. The volunteers from Premankur

briefed us about their work which was followed by an exposition about We Care and our work. The women who attended were extremely happy with the programme. Many of them felt motivated to empower their lives.

We have many people to **THANK** for their unstinted involvement, support and prayers in carrying out the **Women and children related programmes: Premankur volunteers** Dorothy Rebello, Mary Rodrigues, Jessy Almeida, June Carvalho, Jaya Miranda, Indra Miranda, Winnie Mascarenhas, Carol Beck, Lydia Fernandez, Cynthia Rosario, Marie D'Souza, Augusta Machado, Beatice Abreo, Carmen Motha, Concelia Perez, Cordula Mascarenhas, Debjani Ghosh, Mary Antonia Raj, Mary Rodrigues, Meera Manjunath and Yvonne Pereira **Individuals and Organizations:** Dr. Madhusudan (PHC, Madivala), Eliza Pereira (HOD, MSW, SJMCH) and Premaja (Coordinator of Women Helpline 'Vanitha Sahavavani', Bangalore) **We Care Staff and Volunteers:** Amala Rani, Yashodha and Mamatha Kulal.

MEDICAL PROGRAMMES & ACTIVITIES

(Highlights)

During the year **2011-12** the total amount spent on Women and Child programmes and activities was **Rs. 58,370**. Total number of beneficiaries was **168 persons** approx, details of which are given below.

Statistical information regarding beneficiaries and programmes in 2012	
Programs / Activities	No.
Hospitalization and Medicines	2
Volunteers and Collaborators (SJMCH)	2
Dialysis patients	1
Homeopathy Treatment	131
Awareness on Mental Illness by Dr John P John	30
Water Beds & Gloves (patients at Ave Maria Palliative Care, Mangalore)	2
Total	168

We have many people to **THANK** for their unstinted involvement, support and prayers in carrying out the **Medical related programmes:** St John's Medical College Hospital (Mrs. Eliza Pereira, Mrs. Fabiola, Fr. Joji); Dr John P John (Resource Person, NIMHANS) and Sr Silvy, Doctor for Free Homeopathy.



Congratulations to Mr Jose M V, Administrator of Amici Di Raoul Follereau Trust, India who was awarded a Doctorate in Sociology on Inclusion of People with Disability due to Leprosy in Community Based Rehabilitation Program: A Sociological Study of Mandya District, Karnataka, India through Sri Venkateshwara University College of Arts, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.

OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

(Highlights)



Clothing for Mentally Retarded at Varanasi

During the year 2011-12 the total amount spent on Senior, Aged, Destitute and Poor peoples programmes and activities was Rs 97,219. Total number of beneficiaries was 321 persons approx, details of which are given below.

Statistical information regarding beneficiaries and programmes in 2012	
Programs / Activities	No.
Nutritional supplement for senior citizens and poor (12 families in Bangalore)	48
Food & Hygiene support for Aged and Disabled (Maria Sadan, Toopra, Andhra Pradesh)	20
Food & Hygiene Support for Aged and Destitute (Karunamaya Destitute Home, Khammam, AP)	29
Food support for Aged and Destitute (St Joseph's Prashanth Nivas, Jeppoo, Mangalore)	150
Food Support for Aged and Destitute (Mother Teresa's Home, Vaslane, Mangalore)	64
Distribution of used clothing (full details not available)	7
Volunteers and Collaborators	3
Total	321

We have many people to **THANK** for their unstinted involvement, support and prayers in carrying out the **Social related programmes**: **Trustee**: Celine Soans, **Volunteers**: Calistus Fernandes, Ratnakumari, Judith D'Silva and Lydith Pinto, **Organizations**: Sr. Mary Payyappilly, Maria Sadan, Renga Reddy, Andhra Pradesh, Sr. Mercy Cheriakara, Karunamaya Destitute home, Khammam, Andhra Pradesh.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

(Highlights)

TRAINING OF STUDENTS AND VOLUNTEERS. In order to bring an awareness of our activities and also to impart information about social work We Care conducted training for students and volunteers. During the year five MBA students from Jyothi Nivas College, Bangalore, enrolled themselves for 20 hours of community development programme. They were exposed to various aspects of an NGO and social work, including visiting families of persons with disability, providing therapeutic services, home based education, interaction with members of the community and conducting an integrated children's camp. The students benefited from this training programme.

DOCUMENTATION AND RECORD KEEPING. At We Care we have been putting much efforts to develop and maintain our documentation and records of various activities and programmes conducted

during the year. These include, beneficiaries' lists, photographs, monthly and annual reports, updating our website, newsletters, etc.

PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS. During the year many people visit our programme centre, Pratiksha Nivas. Awareness is given to them by our staff about the various activities and programmes conducted by We Care. This is done with the help of visits to the field, power-point presentations, photo-exhibition, interaction with our staff and beneficiaries and participation in the activities and programmes. For the general public we also share information about We Care through emails and the website, www.wecaretrust.org Efforts are also being made to share information through social networking sites, like Facebook.

We have many people to **THANK** for their unstinted involvement, support and prayers in carrying out the **Website related activities:** David James, Vanishree and Hema of Cybertech Systems, Bangalore; Conrad Colaco and Mercy Jacob, **Legal matters:** Baptist D'Souza, Advocate and his office staff, **Computers:** Joseph Paul, Mangal Computers and his staff, **Office administration related matters:** Nikhil Pinto and Anthony Pradeep.

ACCOUNTS: DETAILS OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE

(For it is in giving that you will receive)

PARTICULARS	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10
Voluntary Contributions	63,137	1,71,770	2,86,753
Voluntary Donations	19,000	20,700	17,715
Interest on Investments	17,21,220	13,26,842	11,71,751
Contributions to Memorial & Corpus Funds #	18,30,011	16,98,667	24,29,987
Other Income	1,530	3,941	1,000
TOTAL INCOME	36,34,898	32,21,920	39,07,206
Education Programmes	7,57,375	10,32,923	8,31,088
Disabled Programmes	3,41,299	4,11,700	4,53,146
Children & Women Programmes	30,658	20,835	23,489
Medical and Health Care Programmes	58,370	1,00,371	2,06,859
Other Charitable Activities: (Housing, Help			
for the Poor, Senior Citizens, etc)	97,219	2,81,937	84,313
Administration and Other expenses	1,74,129	83,211	67,321
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	14,59,050	19,30,977	16,66,216

The contributions made to the Memorial and Corpus funds form part of the capital. These funds are invested in fixed deposits and the interest thereon is utilized for carrying on various activities

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

MEMORIAL AND CORPUS FUNDSs

**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
rather than on the face of a tombstone!**

Memorial and corpus funds are a beautiful way to preserve the memory of someone you love. Up to the end of 2012, we now have **51 (fifty-one)** memorial/corpus funds. For more information on memorial funds, kindly visit our website.

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.

2012	Robert & Alex Lewis Memorial Fund	2007	Valerie Peters Memorial Fund.
2012	Mervyn & Irene Colaco Charity Fund	2007	Premankur Fund.
2012	Mervyn & Irene Colaco Education Fund	2007	Lily & Bonaventure Memorial Fund.
2011	John and Celine Smith Fund for Senior Citizens	2007	Hands of Hope Fund.
2011	Kulandai Mary Ambrose Memorial Health Fund	2007	Amanda & Ambur Fund.
2011	Kamala Nataraj Memorial Charity Fund	2007	Alwyn & Bernadette Nazareth Fund.
2011	Christopher Savio and Shantila Maria Correia Education Fund	2006	We Care 4 Children Fund.
2010	Noel Lobo Prabhu Memorial Fund.	2006	Cecilia Thomas Memorial Fund.
2010	Jerry Cardoza Memorial Education Fund.	2005	We Care Education Fund.
2010	Aruldass Ambrose Education Fund.	2005	Prudente & Fatima Menezes Fund.
2010	KARDEL Education Fund.	2005	Beatrice & Charles Noronha Fund.
2010	Hailey Nazareth Penny Fund for Children.	2004	St Anthony's Charity Fund.
2009	Yvette & Austin Da Gama Memorial Fund.	2004	Rosario Vincent & Natalia Lobo Fund.
2009	Stella Sequeira Memorial Fund.	2004	Osborne & Ella D'Lima Fund.
2009	Peter & Florine Tantz Memorial Fund.	2004	Mabel Rodricks Fund.
2009	Mercy Jacob Charity Fund.	2003	Rita Nazareth Memorial Fund.
2009	Lazarus Rajamani & Erick Vaz Memorial Fund.	2003	Karen Maryann Pereira Memorial Fund.
2009	Ivy & Rudy D'Silva Marian Charity Fund.	2003	John & Edith Coutinho Memorial Fund.
2009	Francis Xavier & Lilian Catherine Sequeira Memorial Fund.	2003	Dr Jeanette Pinto Fund.
2008	Alma Philip Memorial Fund.	2003	D Y N Murthy Fund.
2008	A Lazarus Memorial 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.

Detailed information on each fund is available on our website
www.wecaretrust.org/memorial_corpus.htm

The interest from these funds supports various charitable activities

MERVYN AND IRENE COLACO EDUCATION & CHARITY FUNDS**“A Tribute to our parents Late Mervyn and Irene Colaco”**

We the family keep alive the memory of our parents by creating

- a. MERVYN and IRENE COLACO EDUCATION FUND – for children education, and
- b. MERVYN and IRENE COLACO CHARITY FUND – for support of old and destitute persons.



Mervyn, our dad died at a very young age of 50, left us very shocked and broken. He was on duty at the Syndicate Bank, Coimbatore Branch, as an Inspector. There he died of a massive heart attack. Our Mother was young and a homemaker and now had the responsibility to shoulder the burden of taking care of us six children, the eldest being 24 years and the youngest 6 yrs, besides, run the house without an earning member to support. Our mother being a women of faith

and strength, took up the reigns, her faith in God, her love, her courage, her inspiration, her honesty & discipline, her guidance, and the concern of our future in giving us the best education, we her children stand as a witness of her toil. Today we can proudly say that we are the children of Late Mervyn & Irene Colaco.

Having being nurtured and brought up with not much income, it was inculcated in us to share whatever we had with the needy, be it our time, food, or service, and this has given birth to our united decision to open a fund as a tribute and remembrance of our beloved parents. What better way to keep their memory alive than to imitate them, and reach out to the underprivileged and old aged. We do not recollect much of our father's activities, but we have experienced his strict discipline attitude, which helped us to be more docile and obedient to our mother, which helped her in a way. We have much to speak of our mother as she lived a long life and died at the age of 87. The rare thing which needs mention is that she belonged to one parish all her 87yrs. She was one who was well known to all the relatives both on her side and her husband's side, as most of them would come and stay with her as it was the ancestral house, more so because of her warm and pleasing hospitality, irrespective of their status. She always said that this house has no steps, when it came to welcoming her husband's step brothers/ sister and their family members, so large were her mind and heart. She was loved by her grandchildren, who often recall all the songs, hymns and her proverbs, a few I would like to mention 'No pain, no gain' 'A stitch in time saves nine', 'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy'. She handed over to us her faith and also saw to it that we practiced it, by daily Mass in summer holidays, daily morning and night prayers and the daily rosary. Yes, indeed she took it very seriously that a family that prayers together stay together and today in their absence the family is still united and we pray we will stay united.



This space is dedicated in prayerful remembrance of our donors, benefactors, well-wishers & beneficiaries who have left for their heavenly abode.

May their souls rest in peace.



Additional Information and Photographs



During the Integrated Children's Camps, children with disability are provided an opportunity to mingle with normal children and participate in all the activities. Such camps give the children with disability an opportunity to discover their talents and to grow in confidence. The normal children also get an opportunity to closely interact with the disabled children. Seeing that the children with disability also have intelligence, skills and talents, they come to have a healthy respect for them and began to include them in their circle of life. It is also hoped that through such camps the general public who participate will become aware of the disabled and participate as a community in supporting the persons with disability.

Excerpts from the programme reports 2012 and visitors' book. "Thank you for inviting us to see the program for the children. It is inspiring to see a group of people that believes they can give children a future. We all come from different backgrounds and we all need the opportunity to succeed. Please continue to give the children the confidence that they can have any future they desire!" **John Rabasa, 7th December 2012.**

Vocational Training for Disabled. In order to provide vocation and employment skills to persons with disability and the youth, 4 PWDs were referred for Vocational training and job placement to other NGOs such as Shristi (Samarthanam Trust for Disabled) and Government offices.

Thread Spinning. Chamundeswari, a young widow, conducted sessions for parents of persons with disability and other women from the neighborhood, teaching them the skill in spinning thread. The thread which comes in big spindles are spun into smaller bundles, which are then packed and sold in the market. The small bundles are normally purchased by flower vendors to tie flower garlands.

Success Story: Eye Camp Report. A Free Eye Camp was organized by We Care in association with St. John's Medical College and Hospital, Bangalore on 08th April 2012 at G B Palya Government School. We were greatly assisted by the local MLA of Bommanahalli, Shri M Satish Reddy, BBMP Corporator of Mangamma Palya Ward, Smt Syed Haseena Salam and Mr Babu, Government School SDMC President.

One hundred (100) people participated in the camp of which five (5) were offered surgery by St John's Hospital at the community centre at Mugulur. Ten (10) people were referred for spectacles and five (5) people received spectacles on the same day.

Organizing the eye camp was a first experience for us and was a good learning experience for collaborating with other NGOs and community involvement.



Awareness on Mental Illness. Dr John P John, Additional Professor of Psychiatry, together with Dr Sylvia, gave awareness on Mental Illness, causes, treatment, misconceptions and other aspects. They also answered questions of the people present. We Care thank Dr Sylvia and Dr John P John for their service for the people and also Ms Theresa Jose for introducing such persons to We Care.



CBR Exposure Program for Br Marks Group, New Delhi

Kanteerava Stadium, Bangalore. Six (6) persons with disability from our target areas took part in the drawing competition and five (5) persons participated in the sports events. All the participants received certificate for their participation and few received prizes too. Members of the DPO, CBR staff, volunteers and parents of the disabled other also participated and gave a helping hand.

World Disabled Day (WDD) which is celebrated all over the world on 3rd December is celebrated to create awareness about the human dignity of persons with disability and their human right. WDD was also

Exposure for Parikrama Group, led by Br Mark, New Delhi: On 5th December 2012, 19 people (coming from six continents) came to We Care Program Centre for the Exposure of We Care activities. Some of the disabled children and their parents shared their life situation and staff Amala explained the CBR activities and Fr Trevor explained through power point presentation the activities of We Care.

Sports and Drawing Competition for persons with disability. was organized by the Women and Child Welfare Department of Government of Karnataka on 24th and 28th November 2012 at



conducted by the Navajyothi (Disabled Peoples Organization, supported by We Care) on 8th December 2012 at Pratiksha Nivas, Bangalore. Sixty (60) persons, including disabled, their parents, CBR staff and the public were present on the occasion.

Excerpts from the programme reports 2012 and visitors' book I was so happy to come over here because the wonderful work you are doing for the society. When Dr. (Sr) Silvy asked me that she wanted to do some free service to the poor, I told her about We Care. Dr. (Sr) Silvy started free homeopathy clinic for the poor at We Care. May be



it is God's plan to make us help other people. Let us look for the best. Thank you very much for the hospitality. **Ms. Theresa Jose, Bangalore**

Thank you for your hospitality and the good work done by this small team. You all are doing a real good job, spending so much of your time for a noble cause. I will support this organization. Thank you. **Ms. Anu Punnen, Tavarekere Branch Manager, Federal Bank Ltd., Bangalore.**

Photographs



Volunteers Teaching the
Free Evening Tuition Children



Dr Sr Sylvie, treating a woman under
Free Homeopathy Treat



School Awareness on Disability



Deepavali Celebration for Children



Women's Day Celebration



Clothing for New Born Babies _Premankur

Photographs



Premankur members at Primary Health Centre



Children Program by Rambus Chip Technologies Pvt Ltd



Clothing for a New Born Baby_Premankur



Nutrition Camp for Women



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Nutrition for families with Disabled

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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Ordinary persons for ordinary people!)

In the year 2012-13 our Board consisted of the following: **Fr. Trevor D'Souza**, Managing Trustee, **Jose M V**, Jt. Managing Trustee, **Member Trustees: Angeline Sunderraj Pradhan, Celine Soans, Gerard D'Silva, Joseph Sequeira**. Our sincere thanks to all the Trustees for their valuable support, cooperation and guidance.

Jose M V resigned on 31st March 2012. We thank him for the valuable service rendered as Trustee of We Care since its inception.

VOLUNTEERS and FRIENDS: Every year we have many people 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!**

OUR STAFF: We thank our Programme Staff (**Amala Rani, Yashodha, and Mamatha Kulal**), Office Staff (**Narasimha Murthy**) and Support Staff (**Augustine**) immensely for their valuable contribution in carrying out the programmes and office administration in a very dedicated and committed manner. Yashodha left us at the end of June 2012.

OUR DIVINE PATRONS : Our special thanks to our divine patrons, St. Joseph and St. Anthony of Padua.

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All donations are eligible for **TAX BENEFITS** under **Section 80G** of the Income Tax Act 1961. Kindly note our accounts are open for inspection by the Income Tax Department and that we are obliged to give information about our donations, including details of our donors, when asked for. Kindly mention your full postal address, email id and permanent account number (PAN) when making your donation.

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.

GREETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2013

May your life be filled with the blessings of the Almighty.