

We Care

Because nothing else matters!

*“Education is the key to harness India’s potential”
- Ratan Tata*



“To be successful in your life what you need is education, not literacy and degrees.” – Munshi Premchand



EDITORIAL:
BETI BACHAO, BETI PADHAO !!!!
A SCHEME YOU WILL LOVE TO INVEST IN



Dear Friends,
Greetings.

Girls have the power to change the world !

Excerpts from a speech given by Priyanka Chopra at the annual “Power of Women” luncheon, at Beverly Wilshire Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills, California on October 13 2017.

“I’m very proud to be standing alongside you in life. You know there are moments when you stop and ask yourself how did I get here. I find myself going back to the beginning, back to my roots. I was born to incredible parents, amazing parents, who served as doctors in the Indian Army. I was the first born and as far back as I can remember I made my parents very proud and happy 99% of the time. My brother was born a few years later and even then nothing changed for me. **We were both given equal opportunities** and I want to really emphasize this for you. I don’t think a lot of people might understand that **being equal might seem very normal** but where I come from India, this is an exception.

My first experience of the **glaring disparity between boys and girls** came at a very young age. I grew up in a middle-class family with extremely philanthropic parents who constantly reminded me and my brother how lucky we were and **how giving back to those who were less fortunate was not a choice it was a way of life**. I was seven or eight years old when my parents started taking me on visits in a traveling clinic to developing communities and villages around the



city. My job at that age was ‘assistant pharmacist’. So I would count all the medicines put them in an envelope and give it out to patients. But the more I went on these expeditions the more I began to **notice the simplest things that distinguished a boy from a girl or a man from a woman**. For example girls were pulled out of school when they hit puberty because they were considered ready for marriage and babies, at ages 12 and 13, while boys still enjoyed their childhood. Basic human rights, such as health care, were denied just because they were women. Like a producer-director for example, early on in my career (I must have been about 18 or 19), telling me that if I didn’t agree to the ridiculous terms or painfully low salary in his movie that **he would just replace me because girls are replaceable** in the entertainment business. That was a memorable experience, that made me decide to make myself irreplaceable.

But I think what really moved the needle for me was an encounter with my housekeeper's daughter. I came home from the set early one day and she was sitting in my library reading a book. So I asked her, "It's a weekday why aren't you in school". And she said, "oh I don't go to school anymore." So I asked her mother why isn't she in school. And her mom said that her family couldn't afford to send her and her brothers to school, so they chose the boys. The reason, she would eventually get married and it would be a waste of money. I was completely blown and it shook me to my core. Eventually I decided to cover the cost of her education so that she could continue to learn because **education is a basic human right and a huge necessity especially today.**

From that point on I was **determined to make a**



difference and touch as many children's lives .. in whatever big or small way that I could contribute.

There's a beautiful quote that I think is appropriate to explain what I'm trying to say: **the hand that rocks the cradle, the pro-creator, the mother of tomorrow, a woman, shapes the destiny of civilization** and it is such a tragic irony of fate, that a beautiful creation such as a girl child, is today one of the gravest concerns facing humanity. **Girls have the power to change the world!** It is a fact and yet today girls are more likely than boys never to set foot in a classroom despite all the efforts and progress made over the last two decades.

The reason I'm so committed to this cause is because I know that a girl's education not just empowers families but communities and economies, as a result of her education we will all do better. I feel that is **our social responsibility**, to be a voice for the voiceless. Use your voice to contribute to change and for ensuring that there is not even one lost generation as long as we are alive."

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Dear Friends, We are grateful to all our donors, for your generous contributions and continued support. It is through your help that we are able to achieve our initiatives and endeavours. We take responsibility to utilize the resources well and to reach out to as many persons as possible. Do support us with your prayers too.

As we now move into the seventeenth year of our commitment, to humbly serve the poor with love, we are pleased to place this newsletter into your hands. Through all these activities, we endeavour, to touch

the lives of as many children, patients and the poor, with lasting values that promote the goodness of life and to **"leave our fingerprints on every heart we touch"**.

This newsletter covers the highlights of programmes, activities and corresponding financial information for April-March 2016-17. Pictures have been arranged to suit the layout of the pages and do not correspond with the text where these have been placed. The



newsletter is also available on our website.

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 programme and activities. The figures given in the statistical tables are taken from our records. The details are not complete because the real number of people who benefit from our programme is not easy to determine. The information will however give the reader a fair view. **It is not how many people you serve, that counts. It is how well you serve them, which really matters.**

We remember with gratitude, our Divine Patrons, St. Joseph and St. Anthony, our Trustees, Donors, Benefactors, Well-wishers, Staff, Volunteers and those who associate and support us in one way or another. We hope and pray that God Almighty may bless each one of you and your family members in a ways that He knows best.

With best wishes,
Fr Trevor D'Souza,
Managing Trustee
31st March 2017

SEQUEIRA'S FROM SAKLESHPUR EDUCATIONAL FUND



Created in 2017. People love playing blame games when things go awry. It's the same with discussions on the politics or on the state of affairs in countries. But what do the general public who complain do about it? Yes, you can take your frustrations to social media. Yes, you can sign every petition there is. **I believe, however, that the most effective way to improve things is through education.** Illiteracy and an idle mind are, together, disastrous! That is why we, the **Sequeira family from Sakleshpur**, have started this small fund to help underprivileged children get a chance at education. We hope, through this fund, we get a chance to improve children's futures and give them too, an opportunity, to make this world a better place.

Reena Ann Sequeira and family members.

PROGRAMME & ACTIVITIES FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED PERSONS



We Care has a programme for challenged and differently-abled persons which covers five areas of support, namely, health, education, social, economic and community development. During the year 2016-17 the total amount spent was **Rs. 67,936**. The total beneficiaries were **440 persons** approximately, details of which are given in Table 2.



INTEGRATED CHILDREN CAMP (ICC) aims at bringing normal and differently-abled children on one platform, helping them understand and know each other better. This year two ICC was held at Pratiksha Nivas on 09th April and 09th October 2016. Our distinguished guests: Dr Kim, HOD, Psychology Dept, SJMCH, Dr Bhavya K Bairy, Psychiatrist, SJMCH, Priyanka, MSW, Christ University, Ganga Poornima, Teacher, Adarsh School, and others. We thank the guests, staffs, volunteers, parents and children who made the days enjoyable and meaningful.

OFFICE ACTIVITIES

Our office activities include staff training and exposure programmes, publicity and public relations, documentation and record keeping. Over the years, we have been devoting much time and effort to develop our documentation and records of various



activities and programme conducted, which include beneficiary list, photographs, monthly/annual reports. Publicity is done by sharing information through emails, quarterly and annual newsletters and social media, such as facebook and website. (Above: photo of our office staff)

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME AND ACTIVITIES

We Care supports the education of children through scholarships, free tuition classes, nutrition, health care, honorarium to teacher-volunteers, uniform, books, study materials, rent for class rooms, etc. Proper procedures are followed and scrutiny is done to ensure that the economically weak and deserving receive the benefits. The total amount spent during the year 2016-17 was **Rs. 23,17,780**. The total beneficiaries was **1,561 persons** approximately, details of which are given in Table 1.

FREE EVENING TUITION CLASSES was started to ensure that the economically weak students have a proper environment to facilitate study. The children (class 1-7) come from different schools for studies to our programme centre, Pratiksha Nivas. The tuition is coordinated by Ms. Meena M. B.



Awareness, fun activities, nutrition, health care, team building, talent discovery, drama, dance, drawing, music and many other activities were conducted for the children.

TEENAGE GROUP aims at assisting teenagers to cope with their new stage of life. Activities such as personality development, capacity building, self-



esteem, self-confidence, increased social awareness, forming and developing good attitudes and value systems, talent discovery and display, environmental issues, family and life issues etc., are dealt with. There was a significant and remarkable change in the outlook of teenagers. The programme is coordinated by Ms Meena M. B.

TOKEN OF GRATITUDE We extend our heartfelt gratitude to **Rambus Chip Technologies** who has made their generous donations to the education of children at We Care. We thank Pearl D'Souza and members of the CSR team of Rambus.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME AND ACTIVITIES

We Care is extending a helping hand to those in need of medical support. During the year 2016-17 the total amount spent was **Rs. 1,42,000**. Total beneficiaries was **214 persons** approximately, details of which are given in Table 3.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN PROGRAMMES



Various women and child programmes are conducted from time to time. During the year 2016-17 the total amount spent on these programmes and activities was **Rs. 947**. The total beneficiaries were **169 persons** approximately details of which are given in Table 4.

WORLD WOMEN'S DAY was celebrated at We Care, Pratiksha Nivas, Bangalore on 11th March 2016. Vinutha B S, Rani, Philomena D'Souza, were the Guests of Honor.



OTHER CHARITABLE PROGRAMME



Among other charitable activities is the support to the aged and destitute, food and rations for the poor families, etc. During the year 2016-17 the total amount spent was **Rs. 88,200**. The total beneficiaries were **282 persons** approximately, details of which are given in Table 5.



*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.*



TABLE 1: STATISTICAL INFORMATION - EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP & ASSISTANCE IN 2016-17

Particulars	No.
Alphonsa Vidhyalaya, Deoghar, Jharkhand	30
Alphonsa Hostel & Vinay Bhawan T.H, Deoghar, Jharkhand	15
Assisi Convent School, Etah, Uttar Pradesh	18
Bharath Community Matric Higher Secondary School, Gudalur, Tamil Nadu	25
Carmel High School, Hawk Wood, Giddha Pahar, Darjeeling, West Bengal	41
Fatima Girls' Higher Secondary School, Gudalur, Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu	62
Gerosa Nursery & Primary School (English Medium), Gudalur, Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu	30
Gerosa Primary School (Tamil Medium), Gudalur, Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu	27
Govt High School, Dharmagiri, Gudalur, Tamil Nadu	69
Jyoti Niwas Girls Hostel, Hazaribag, Jharkhand	40
Karunlaya Balika Ashram, Hajimalang, Maharashtra (Monthly)	27
Maria Deepti Matriculation School, Panakahalli, Erode, Tamil Nadu	48
Maria Nikethan Day Care, Gudalur, Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu	13
Maryknoll High School, Barkur, Udupi, Karnataka	102
Morning Star Higher Secondary School, Gudalur, Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu	15
Panchayat Union Middle School, Bandipet, Gudalur, Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu	10
Panchayat Union Primary School, Dharmagiri, Gudalur, Tamil Nadu	56
Pratiksha Nivas, Free Evening Tuition Class, Bangalore, Karnataka	31
Santhome Higher Primary & High School, Anavatti, Karnataka	10
Sneha Nilaya Orphanage, Bangalore, Karnataka (Bi-Monthly)	50
St. Alphonsa Hostel, Purnea, Bihar	40
St Alphonsa Niwas Hostel, Sundermore, Jharkhand	50
St Clare's Hostel, Satmi, Bihar	30
St Clare's Hostel, Darjeeling, West Bengal	25
St Bernadette Hostel, Satmi, Bihar	10
St Francis Primary School, Kishanganj, Bihar	35
St Francis Hostel, Thakurganj, Bihar	35
St Joseph's Nursery & Primary School, Gudalur, Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu	17
St Mary's Bal Bhawan (Hostel), Etah, Uttar Pradesh (Monthly)	73
St Mary's High School, Etah, Uttar Pradesh	55
St Mary's High School, Gudalur, Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu	80
St Montfort Boys Hostel, Hazaribagh, Jharkand	15
St Thomas Boys Hostel, Munshibari, Bihar	10
St Thomas High School, Munshibari, Bihar	50
St Thomas Higher Secondary School, Gudalur, Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu	14
St. Gabriel High School, Hazaribag, Jharkhand	70

TABLE 1: STATISTICAL INFORMATION - EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP & ASSISTANCE IN 2016-17 (CONTD.)

Particulars	No.
St. Thomas Middle School, Sundarmore, Jharkhand	50
St. Vianney School, Satmi, Bihar	40
Students studying at Kolkata, West Bengal	30
Students studying at various schools in Gudalur, Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu	30
Students studying at Wankaner, Rajkot, Gujarat	20
Students studying in various schools	63
Total	1561

TABLE 2: STATISTICAL INFORMATION — PROGRAMME & ACTIVITIES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY IN 2016-17

Particulars	No.
Ashray, Home for Mentally Challenged, Varanasi, UP (monthly)	40
Competitions and Cultural Activities	238
Integrated Children Summer Camps (2)	148
Nutritional supplementation programme	5
Staff	1
Volunteers and Collaborators	8
Total	440

TABLE 3: STATISTICAL INFORMATION - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME & ACTIVITIES IN 2016-17

Particulars	No.
Dialysis Patients, at different places	12
Medical Supplies at Ave Maria Palliative Care, Mangalore, Karnataka	2
Senior Citizens at St Joseph's Prashanth Nivas, Mangalore, Karnataka	200
Total	214

TABLE 4: STATISTICAL INFORMATION—WOMEN AND CHILD PROGRAMME & ACTIVITIES IN 2016-17

Particulars	No.
Premankur - Clothing for new born children	95
Women's Day Celebrations	54
Volunteers and Collaborators	20
Total	169

TOKEN OF GRATITUDE We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the staffs and volunteers of We Care who work tirelessly for the upliftment of poor and the less privileged in the society. May the good God bless you with loads of love and blessings!!!!

TABLE 5 : STATISTICAL INFORMATION - OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES IN 2016-17

Nutrition supplement for senior citizens & poor (7 families, Bangalore, Karnataka. (monthly)	4
Food & Hygiene for Aged & Destitute, Karunamaya Destitute Home, Andhra Pradesh. (monthly)	21
Food & Hygiene for Aged & Disabled, Maria Sadan, Telegana State. (monthly)	22
Hygiene support for Aged & Destitute, St Joseph's Prashanth Nivas, Mangalore, Karnataka	200
Support for Aged & Destitute at Missionaries of Charity, Mangalore, Karnataka	35
Total	278

ACCOUNTS: DETAILS OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

PARTICULARS	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
Voluntary Contributions	6,200	6,000	13,500
Voluntary Donations	45,000	69,500	41,500
Interest on Investments	24,35,905	25,58,815	27,90,536
Memorial & Corpus Funds	9,99,500	11,05,091	10,27,777
Other Income	15,866	44,935	0
TOTAL INCOME	35,02,471	37,84,341	38,73,313
Education Assistance	24,28,767	27,73,410	32,47,620
Disabled	1,13,101	1,21,701	2,12,369
Children & Women	947	1,263	35,672
Medical Assistance	1,33,054	41,727	1,02,052
Other Charitable Activities:	92,848	1,14,605	91,732
Administration & Other Expenses	2,51,557	2,46,340	3,78,392
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	30,20,274	32,99,046	40,67,837

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.

Vinutha: B S, Lecturer, District Institute of Education & Training, Rajaji Nagar, Bengaluru

"Today it was Women's Day celebration at the centre. It was neatly arranged programme. Thanks you for calling me to this programme. I had a wonderful time here."

Gangapoornima M, Teacher, Adarsh School, Taverekere

"We Care is doing a great job towards all the programme. Today as I attended the Christmas and Disability Day Celebration, I totally enjoyed the function and sincerely thank you for inviting me for this wonderful celebration. I felt great about the differently abled children."

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
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 March 2017, we now have **58 (Fifty Eight)** memorial/corpus funds. We are thankful to those who have reposed their trust and confidence in us by setting up funds in honour and 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.

2017	Sequeira's From Sakleshpur Education Fund	2007	Valeria Peters Memorial Fund.
2016	Franklin Menezes Memorial Health Care Fund	2007	Lily & Bonaventure Memorial Fund.
2015	Mary Valerien Rodrigues Education Fund	2007	Premankur Fund
2015	Raymond & Cecelia, Basil & Violet Lobo Memorial Fund	2007	Amanda & Ambur Fund
2014	Francis & Santanna Pinto / Andrew & Magdalene D'Souza Memorial Education Fund	2007	Alwyn & Bernadette Nazareth Fund.
2013	Daniel D'Souza , Path of Charity Fund	2007	Hands of Hope Fund.
2012	Robert & Alex Lewis Memorial Fund	2006	We Care 4 Children Fund.
2012	Mervyn & Irene Colaco Charity Fund	2006	Cecilia Thomas Memorial Fund.
2012	Mervyn & Irene Colaco Education Fund	2005	We Care Education Fund
2011	John & Celine Smith Fund for Senior Citizens	2005	Prudente & Fatima Menezes Fund.
2011	Kulandai Mary & Marian Ambrose Memorial Health Fund	2005	Beatrice & Charles Noronha Fund
2011	Kamala Nataraj Memorial Charity Fund	2004	St Anthony's Charity Fund.
2011	Christopher Savio & Shantila Maria Correia Education Fund	2004	Rosario Vincent & Natalia Lobo Fund.
2011	We Care Health Fund	2004	Osborne & Ella D'Lima Fund.
2010	We Care Disabled Persons Fund	2004	Mable Rodrigues Fund
2010	Noel Lobo Prabhu Memorial Fund.	2003	Rita Nazareth Memorial Fund
2010	Jerry Cardoza Memorial Education Fund.	2003	Karen Maryann Pereira Memorial Fund.
2010	Kardel Education Fund	2003	John & Edith Coutinho Memorial Fund.
2010	Aruldass Ambrose Education Fund.	2003	Dr Jeanette Pinto Fund
2010	Hailey Nazareth Penny Fund for Children.	2003	D Y N Murthy Fund.
2009	Yvette & Austin Da Gama Memorial Fund.	2002	Velthoria & George Sequeira Fund
2009	Stella Sequeira Memorial Fund	2002	Shirley & Maurice D'Mello Fund.
2009	Peter & Florine Tantz Memorial Fund.	2002	Annam Manikkathan Fund.
2009	Mercy Jacob Charity Fund.	2001	Vida & Douglas Lobo Health Care Fund.
2009	Lazarus Rajamani & Erick Vaz Memorial Fund	2000	Women's Welfare Fund
2009	Ivy & Rudy D'Silva Marian Charity Fund.	2000	Maureen & Kevin Colaco Fund
2009	Francis Xavier & Lilian Catherine Sequeira Memorial Fund.	2000	Leprosy Patients and Families Fund.
2008	Alma Philip Memorial Fund.	1999	John & Theresa D'Souza Fund.
2008	A Lazarus Old Age Memorial Fund.	1999	Initial Trust Fund.

THANK YOU

We have many people to **THANK** for their unstinted involvement, support and prayers that has helped us in carrying out the various programme and activities.

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In the year 2016-17 our Board consisted of the following: Fr. Trevor D'Souza, Managing Trustee. Member Trustees: Joseph Sequeira and Celine Clara Soans. Our sincere thanks to all the Trustees for their valuable support, cooperation and guidance.

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