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RURAL WELFARE TRUST, SANTIBASTWAD

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Respected Sir/Madam,

It is my immense pleasure to present the annual activity report and place the activities on record, carried on during 2012-13.

At the onset I extend my bountiful gratitude to the Emmaus team, the regional representative for extending their divine help, advice and support. I am also extremely careful to reach every penny raised to the concerned beneficiary and the needy, as I personally know the pains and tribulations of fund raising.

We pray for Bountiful blessings from the Almighty upon our funding partners and the donors. Their generous support has wiped the tears of several children, shaping them, educating and giving them a career. The sponsored children, their families and we, the RUWET team are indebted to all our helping partners.

We have really felt the absence of our founder Rev. Fr. J.B. D' Silva, however his effigy in the campus has been driving us, reminding us of the needy.

The staff has done a wonderful commendable task during the year. Without sticking to the official timings, they were available to children at any casualty, emergency, need. The staff members have sacrificed their family and personal time and I am grateful for their services too.

There were several local government officials who have visited us during the year and guided us, supported us. We are grateful to all the resource persons who have shared their rich knowledge with our beloved children.

I am pleased to acknowledge the friendly nature, supporting words, helping hands and humane heart of all our trustees.

Thanking everyone for their support and cooperation, I am presenting the Annual activity Report of Emmaus funded project of Rural Welfare Trust for the year 2012-2013.

Geo D' Silva,
Chairman,
Rural Welfare Trust,
Belgaum.



Orientation

Date : May 27, 2012

Venue : RURAL WELFARE TRUST Hall

1. ORIENTATION PROGRAM TO EMMAUS SPONSORED CHILDREN



The academic orientation program for the academic year 2012–2013 was organized on May 27, 2012 at Rural Welfare Trust training Hall. All the EMMAUS sponsored children were present. The chairman, Mr. Geo D' Silva addressed.

The program started by invoking almighty's blessings through a prayer song by children. Mr. Geo D'Silva, Chairman, Rural Welfare Trust, also a hard core trainer, briefed about the purpose of an orientation just before commencing the academic year. He also emphasized on why this group of children are very special compared to others. He said you are "God's chosen one. You are recipient of good things, deliver good things and do only good to the society."

A glimpse of year's projected activities was presented. Children's details such as marks, grades, addresses, new family members etc were updated. All their essential needs were also enlisted.

Basic inputs on behavior, study environment, family values, taking leadership were provided with games and entertainment to enhance their interest in education.

All children were given surprise gifts, Some of the most deserving families were given personal assistance after counseling. Tea, snacks were served to children. The session ended with a thanks giving song by children.



2. DISTRIBUTION OF STUDY MATERIALS

Date : June 3, 2012

Venue: Rural Welfare Trust Hall

Study material to sponsor children
Being distributed by the Hon'ble
Secretary Mr. Anil D' Mello, during
Children program held on 3rd June 2013.



The arrival of monsoon had just begun when schools reopened on June 1st. The session for the sponsor children was mainly to share their first day school experience and their resolution for the year. All the sponsor children were present. The session began with a reading of passage from moral stories.

The programme brought a greater thrill of happiness for the sponsored children as all children were given books, uniform, school shoe, amount for school fee, raincoat, a pair of good dress material. The parents were also present who were given an umbrella each.

This was basically to encourage students to continue their education and motivate parents. Mr. Geo D'Silva, Chairman, of Rural Welfare Trust Belgaum shared some of the case studies which he had encountered while serving in the children court at Mangalore. The incidents were inspiring and motivating. The Hon'ble secretary Mr Anil D' Mello & other trustees and staff members were present during the session.

The session got concluded by a group dance by girl children.

3. STUDY SKILLS TRAINING

Date : June 19, 2012
Venue: GRAMDEEP Hall

The Principal of Government run Morarji Desai residential school, Santibastwad was the key resource person who began the session with self introduction and requested all the children to introduce themselves. After few entertaining ice-brakers the children started to share their expectations from this one day training program.

All the points / expectations expressed by the children were noted down and the program was re-designed accordingly. Some of the key points were:



1. How to improve concentration power?
2. What is methodology to prepare for exams?
3. How to manage time as house hold work is pressing
4. What are the reference books to obtain more marks
5. Method of taking notes of important points
6. Is there any requirement of preparation before going to school? What is it?
7. What discipline means?

The session was interactive and informative. All the doubts of children were addressed. A specific time schedule, regular physical, spiritual, psychological preparation and creating a study environment was presented with clippings.

Introduction of some basic study skills, taking notes on important subject matter was one of the key tips provided by the resource person.

The students were very happy to take home several inputs and the program concluded by one of the student thanking the resource person, handing him over a token of remembrance.

4. LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Date : July 29, 2012

Venue: GRAMDEEP Hall

The sponsor students gathered for the monthly meeting on 29th July, Sunday at 10.00 am. The session on leadership began with a welcome dance by students followed by a prayer song. One of the student read the report of the previous orientation session. Mr. William samy was the resource person who began the session with introductory games.

The students felt that their confidence level is low and becoming leader is not their cup of tea. The resource person shared some interesting stories to inspire them and highlights that leaders are not born. They are made.

A leader is always recognized for his qualities and to develop such qualities one need to work hard. Some interesting clippings were displayed. The session was interesting and participative. Children chose one each role model as their leader at the end of the session.



The students expressed their need to have a confidence building session in the next month. The management and staff assured that we will organize the same as per the availability of good resource person.

The students then planned for the celebration of Independence day, August 15. Various responsibilities were distributed to exhibit their leadership qualities. Some of the tasks given to them are:

inviting chief guest, erecting flag post, inviting local people, decoration, food arrangement, seating, stage program, flag incharge etc.

The students were excited to feel the ownership of the responsibilities given to each one of them. The students then thanked the resource person with a token of remembrance.

5. Independence Day celebration

Date : Aug 15, 2012

Venue: GRAMDEEP GROUND

The National Independence day is celebrated by sponsored students. The flag hoisting was done in the morning and all children went to their respective schools for the formal school function. Only after 11.00 am the students gathered for the session and the celebration.

The objective of the celebration was to check the leadership skills of our students. The flag hoist was done by one of our trustee Mr. Dugir Saheb, who is also a member of the local government, gram panchyath.

The session was conducted by staff members. Various competitions on national songs, writings, speeches, mono acting, presenting national leaders, etc. each program leader was extremely satisfied by their performance.

All leaders were given certificate and winners were given prizes.

The days program was concluded by critical evaluation done by the trustees and the staff. Necessary corrections are given to students.



6. Confidence building

Date : October 5, 2012

Venue: GRAMDEEP Hall

During the month of October, it is academic midterm vacation. Before students could proceed to their festival celebrations like Daseera, etc all the sponsor students gathered for the monthly meeting on 5th October, at 10.00 am. The session on confidence building began with a welcome song followed by reading of the report of the previous orientation session. Mr. Praveen from Bangalore was the resource person who began the session with ice brakers.

Various spot games were conducted and each of them testing the confidence of students. The most timid child also could come up to the stage at the end of the session. Students' having severe stage fear was made to participate in the group and then slowly reduce the numbers without child's knowledge. This technique was so effective the objective of conducting the session resulted into utmost satisfaction.



The students then were given different tasks to perform and though it was tough it was not impossible to finish in the given time. With positive encouragement and being with them to initiate gave them tremendous boost to perform with confidence. All the students broke the shackles and realized that they need to compete in the world with confidence.

The students requested to have a days' exposure tour. The date for the same was fixed and all necessary responsibilities were distributed to students.

The students thanked the resource person with a token of remembrance. Evaluation of the day's program was done. All students gave their feed back with confidence.



7. EXPOSURE TOUR

Date : October 24, 2012

Venue: GRAMDEEP Hall

The sponsor students, few parents, staff and few trustees joined for a day's exposure tour. The schedule of the program was designed by the students and all arrangement by them under the guidance of the staff. The trip began at 8.00 am with a prayer.

The students visited the historical places, ports, museums, few temples of worship, botanical garden and water sports. The students were taken to various government offices like Post office, banks, district commissioner, taluk officer, block education officer etc.



The tour was more of educative than entertaining.

The students were extremely happy but the trustees were much more impressed by students' behaviour, involvement, confidence, zeal for learning time management. There were so many fun games, spot games, non stop sing songs and jokes while traveling.

The students were sent home around 7.00 pm. The evaluation of the program is scheduled to be carried on during the next meeting.



8. Team work

Date : November 25, 2012

Venue: GRAMDEEP Hall

The students gathered for the monthly meeting at 10.00 am. The session on began with a silent prayer by students followed by the report reading of the exposure tour. Lengthy discussion took place as there was no evaluation carried on. The day's feedback was considered as part of the previous report and the students thanked the management and God parents for giving them an excellent exposure.

The resource person for the session began the interaction with various group dynamics. Every act was being enjoyed by students. The students felt that they need to perform better than others and each one needs to contribute to his team in his/her maximum capacity.

The resource person shared some interesting video clippings to inspire them.

As the theory they learnt need to be put into practice the time was opt for the same as Christmas was just one month ahead of them. The students planned for the Christmas and 4 different teams were made to carry on different tasks.

The students were happy that they were learning something new every time and excited to celebrate Christmas as the feast of joy, forgiveness and merry making.



9. Christmas Celebration

Date : December 24, 2012

Venue: GRAMDEEP Hall

The Christmas celebration is one of the most awaited events for Emmaus sponsored children as it is a merry making, fun filled program. The preparation for this day had commenced at least a fortnight back. Children had prepared “the mega Christmas star” and each student had made their individual Christmas stars. All children were in their new dresses and merry mood for the day.



The children arrived to the venue by 9.00 am and prepared the Christmas crib on their own with creative idea. By 11.00 am the trustees, staff, local Panchyat officials, parents and sponsored children gathered at the celebration venue.



After the formal introductory note the children began one hour prayer service for their God parents.

Each child specially remembered their God parent and read out their in-heart intension to grace them with blessings. There were few children literally in tears while remembering their God parents. To re produce few lines from their prayers:



“to this less privileged child, God the almighty send the unknown parent to me, unknown family, no geographical boundaries, no blood relation but just God’s burning love in their heart. Loving God as you care me through my God parents, please stand as their shadow of protection, give them gracious health and mighty strength to overcome all their troubles. ...”

After the prayer service the Christmas lunch was served and it was the memorable fellowship meal prepared by the parents. Afternoon session was of star competition, greeting card competition and writing letter to God parents. The various stars were then tied up, Christmas tree was decorated and the fun games, dance, merry making till sunset.



All children were given Christmas gifts on behalf of their God parents and RUWET team wished them on behalf of the God parents, Emmaus team and requested children to specially pray to all God parents during the Christmas week.

The days program was concluded by singing few carols.

10. Founders' day celebration

Date : January 26, 2013

Venue: GRAMDEEP

The day was rather very different and students involvement on this day was heart touching. This day was the first death anniversary of our founder rev. Fr. JB D' Silva who was the darling of children. The children participated in the holy eucharistic prayers, walked along with candle march, and decorated the resting place, arrangement of public function, seating and food counters.

The students decorated the statue of founder which was inaugurated by Dr. Rev. Peter Machado, Bishop of Belgaum Diocese.

The students got exposed to how to organize a program and involve in it. Many children were found expressing their deep grief over the loss of our founder. Placing flowers in front of his statue, portrait, lighting candles, garlanding him was heart touching.



The food counters were attended by senior students, and was well appreciated by everyone.

The days program got over at 4.00 pm. All students joined in chorus to sing " al -vida " to our founder and dispersed for the day.



11. CREATIVITY SKILLS

Date : February 18, 2012

Venue: GRAMDEEP Hall

The session began sharp at 10.00 am with the whole group dancing. A special prayer service was conducted by students placing various prayers for their biological parents, teachers, God parents, sponsors, organization, fellow students, political & religious leaders.

The resource person, then open a box and requested each student to pick a slip from it. Each piece of paper had an instruction. He suggested that need to be presented in a very creative form. Only 5 minutes will be given to prepare and 2 minutes for demonstration.

The students were amazing. The presentation was superb. The whole process was then summarized saying every child has creative talent. And talents are like springs. Only an opening required to flow. Today's task was just to provide a platform for the same.



The afternoon session was reserved for creative art, sand art, mask making, face painting and model making. Various skill sets and inputs for creative thinking were provided by the resource person. Children were extremely happy.

The staff and trustees evaluated the program and advised students to put their whole self into studies as examinations are fast approaching. There would not be any session during March and April due to examination. Students with a thanks giving prayer song dispersed for the day.

