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Editorial

Dear Readers,

A heartfelt thanks to all our readers! This newsletter is published from WARDS' News Desk every Quarter. For more than 25 years, WARDS has been striving hard to provide various services like simple education, therapy, vocational training etc. to the Mentally Challenged children mostly from the under-privileged society. We thank all our patrons, friends, donors and well-wishers who have journeyed with us over the years without whom WARDS could not have reached the position it is today.

Most of our readers are aware that the WARDS Management has taken up the challenge of constructing a three floor building to provide better services for our children at WARDS. The ground floor comprises of office rooms, dining hall, kitchen, store and utility. The first floor consists of

class rooms and staff rooms. The second floor comprises of conference hall with stage and green-rooms. The estimated cost of this building is around 1.65 crores. The construction has started on 6th March, 2017. The roof of the ground floor was concreted on 11th of June 2017. We appeal to the public to donate liberally in the form of kind or cash to accomplish our task which we have undertaken for providing better infrastructure for disabled children to make their learning comfortable and convenient.

I would like to salute the people who have already donated for this cause by joining our hands to strengthen our endeavor stronger and stronger. May God bless you all.

April

Summer vacation was declared for the children of WARDS from April 1, 2017. The teachers and other staff

continued to work till April 25, 2017. Based on their evaluation, the teachers prepared the progress cards for all children in the month of April. The survey for identifying disabled children was also undertaken by teachers, particularly children with IDDS (Intellectually Delayed Disabilities) in and around our Centre (Jeevan Bhima Nagar).



A Vocational Skills Training program was organized by Mrs. Pradeepa Anchala for teachers and a few children from WARDS in the first week of April. Two trainers were invited to impart new skills like making cloth bags, Quilled Art, Embroidery, Stitching Pillow covers, and Clay based toys.

May

Summer vacation was declared for teachers from April 25th to May 25th. The care-givers were given vacation for 15 days in turn basis. The vacation is only applicable to permanent staff who have served the institution for more than one year.

The children studying in WARDS were awarded with monthly pension available with Government of Karnataka for all types of disabled persons. This program was initiated in the school itself for ten children in association with employees of Department of Pension Scheme for the Government of Karnataka. Around 10 children have benefitted from this scheme from 2017. Each disabled child was given pension on the basis of percentage of disability declared by Victoria Hospital, Government of

Karnataka. Minimum pension for each child starts from Rs.500 and maximum pension of Rs.1200.

June



WARDS special School reopened from 1st June for all special children. ANZ Employees visited our School on 16th June. They involved themselves in all activities with the children from 10 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. There were different activities planned for the employees along with the children who were engaging themselves from 10 a.m. They also hosted lunch and given gifts for our children. Rain coats were distributed to 30 children on that day. The visit on that day concluded with a short entertainment program presented by the ANZ Employees. Our children also entertained them with a dance performance.



A special day on performing Yoga was observed on 23rd June, as special occasion organized by Government of India for all people in the Country. This special Yoga was initiated by the staff of 'Youth for Seva '.

Present Position of the Construction

The present position of the building is: the ground floor structure has come up to the roof level. We are facing a shortage of funds currently and require additional funds money to proceed further to complete the ground floor. We request the donors and well-wishers to donate liberally either in the form of kind or cash to complete the construction of the ground floor. The estimation for completion of the ground floor is around 30 lakhs. We request one and all to kindly help us financially for this construction.



Conclusion

I conclude this News-letter by reassuring the readers that we are striving very hard to complete the challenge we have undertaken to satisfy the needs of our children successfully. It will create and opportunity for us to launch many activities for these disabled children in our campus.

Thank you.

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(Hon. Secretary)