



Ananda Social and Educational Trust

Newsletter

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# Shanti Children Project

Dear Friends,

Heartfelt greetings from Shanti Children Project!

First, we thank you all from our heart for the continues support to "Shanti Children Project". Our special thanks to AWD Stiftung Kinderhilfe, "Uncle" Heinz from Austria with family and friends for their enormous contribution.



Last academic year was another successful year for SCP. We had a good summer vocation, in April we took all our tuition children for a one day trip, to a temple and an amusement park, it was so nice, we enjoyed the water park, the company and the get together. It was an experience to see the children. In April and May we conducted our basic computer class for our tuition children, another 6 children participated in the class, now they know how to use a pc and have their email address, know to browse on the internet.

In the vocation time, we sent some of our tuition children to the district music school for drawing and music classes, at the end they got a certificate for participation, they were very proud to show the certificate.



All our 10th grade students passed in their government public exam, also scored high marks. Gnanapragasam scored the school first, got 476 out of 500 marks. We thank our tuition teachers for their effort achieved this result.

This year we have adopted another seven poor children into our sponsorship program, we hope to help these children with their education, only with your continues help that would be possible!

**E. Yogeshwari**, 7 yrs, going to Ragavendra School. **A. Kavitha**, 12yrs, her father died, she has a sister and brother, her mother working as a tailor and looking after the three children, very poor. **R. Subash**, 15 yrs, from a poor family. **V. Vijayalakshmi**, 11 yrs, her father expired last year. She has a brother, who is in a government orphanage, her mother still looking for a job, she is an illiterate. **S. Siva**, 4 yrs, going to kinder garden, his father was an autoriksha driver and died last year, being sick for long time with Astma. **D. Gnanaprakasam**, 16 yrs, from a poor family, his father died many years ago. **V. Neelavathi**, 19 yrs, from a poor family is going to college studying her B.A, second yr.





**Deepa** graduated B.Sc, mathematics and wants to become a teacher, so she joined B.Ed course (Bachelor of Education, one year course, it is necessary if you want to become a teacher)

**Chandra** finished her nursing course, now getting six months training in Hariharan Hospital, Chennai. 😊

**Chandra Kumar** finished his 12th grade and now joined in DCE (Diploma in Civil Engineering, two years course) so in two years we will have a good civil engineer with us 😊

**Krishnamoorti** is doing his B.Sc, Physics, 2nd year, he is studying well, his brother finished his M.Sc Physics degree, thinking to do his M.Phil in physics, isn't it great, from the poor family, father and mother illiterate and their both sons studying higher studies, wow this is super. We are still helping the family with vegetables and rice every month. Since they are very poor and still don't have their family card for buying groceries from the government shop for cheap price. Our thanks to Wouter from Holland, Lise and friends from Canada for helping this family.

**Elakkiya**, doing her final year B.Sc Bio-technology, (she is the daughter of the flower selling women in front of Sri Ramana Ashram)

**Aalayam**, finished his 12th grade and now joined in B.Sc Computer Science degree course

In June, we have given all the sponsorship children, schoolnotebooks, uniform, school bag, etc.,

At our tuition, some times we have intensive art classes with Caroline, the children learn to use scissors, paint, brushes, water color, reusable, waste material to create something nice, we are happy to have Caroline helping us with the art classes. We have nice paintings from our children, we are thinking of making greeting cards from them. Or even sell them at some event.





Our SCP college students are involved in volunteering with local lions club, they conduct free eye camp for the poor people once a month, each month more than 400 poor people come and benefit from the eye camp. Me and five of our SCP students as volunteers, were there and helped them with enrolling the people, guiding the aged people, distributing food, etc., it is about eight hours work, I am happy to see how much our students interested in helping others. We follow the policy: love all & serve all!

Our SCP college students are also involved with Arunachala Cleaning Project, we have been several times on the Arunachala mountain for to clean, pick up the trash. Time to time, we are taking the tuition children to govinda park, for playing and learning about the nature and environment. SCP is a member in “**Iyarkai**” forum, it is formed for environmental issues, it is a charity network for mother earth. Last year we did the 10.10.10 walk with our children and this year on the 24<sup>th</sup> Septmeber, for earth day, we are planning a cycle cavalcade with school children around the mountain, as an awareness event. Our SCP children participate in Drama, singing, speech, etc.,



Arunachala Cleaning Project



Free Eye Camp, by Lions Club



This year we received many sets of new baby cloths from our friends Stephanie Lawson from Canada, so we called our neighborhood mothers and gifted the cloths to their children, they were very happy to get such a good dresses, once again thanks to Lawson family. Nandri from Tiru mothers.



Sorting new dresses for babies

This year, we arranged a cooking class for girls at our tuition centre, boys were not interested to join. Some older girls came and brought vegetables, we were cleaning, cutting, cooking, prepared lunch together; chapati, shakshuka and salad, after we all ate the lunch together, was very good, yummy yummy!



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR VALUABLE TIME !!! WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEE YOU AGAIN / HEAR FROM YOU!!**

**NAMASKAR!**

**- KUMAR & ALL THE CHILDREN FROM SHANTI CHILDREN PROJECT.**