

## **MILT Charitable Trust - Bengaluru**

### **Introduction**

As on 01.01.2017, MILT Bengaluru Snehalaya had 32 children put up in two homes. During the year, 5 children were transferred to MRS, Simultala. We have added 13 children during this year, including Master Akash who was directly admitted to Simultala.

Third Snehalaya home started functioning in Vijayanagar from 15/08/2017.

Unfortunately, two children had to leave Snehalaya for various reasons. Presently we have 37 children in 3 Snehalaya Homes.

### **Working of Snehalaya homes**

Periodic review meetings are conducted to discuss maintenance, education and health related issues. During this year, we have introduced behaviour chart in each Snehalaya home. This has helped us in ensuring children maintain good discipline.

Our Chairman, administrators and social worker are visiting Snehalayas regularly and spending quality time with children. They also inspect the records and register books of Snehalaya for better administration. Guest volunteers and sponsors have visited Snehalaya homes and spent time with the children. Ms. Nalini, professor at MLA College sponsored the educational expenses of Sathyanarayana of Malleshwaram snehalaya.

We have seven caretakers to take care of the children in the three Snehalaya homes. All these support systems help us nurture the children with right qualities and talents. Administrators and social worker participate in the Parent-Teachers meeting in school and also interact with teachers and principal periodically for overall development of the children. Teachers from the school visit Snehalaya on special occasions and spend time with the children.

### **Changes during the year**

#### **Snehalaya 3**

It was a crucial year for the social worker to identify appropriate number of children, without diluting MILT norms for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Snehalaya. The social worker expended all efforts and resources and admitted 10 children in a span of 2 months.

On 15 August 2017, third Snehalaya started in Vijayanagar with 7 children and two care takers. Milton. Ashwin Kamath is the administrator of 3rd Snehalaya. All the 7 children have been admitted to Cauvery High school which is 150m walking distance from the Snehalaya home.

With many active Miltonians in Vijayanagar vicinity, the day-to-day administration of Snehalaya is divided into committees with a Miltonian responsible for each of them. Academic committee is taken care of by Miltonian Deepa D S. She has to ensure children progress well in school. She has also arranged for tuitions for the children. Miltonian Joyita handles behaviour and counselling. She has to visit Snehalaya at regular intervals and interact with the children and house mothers. Miltonian Mala takes care of health and hygiene. She has to visit Snehalaya regularly, inspects the home and has to attend to children if they fall sick. Repair and Maintenance is managed by Miltonian Rajesh Babu. From a clogged toilet to a broken switch, he has to get things fixed in a jiffy. Miltonians Ashok, Chaitanya and Anita have committed to visiting Snehalaya regularly.

### **Finance Committee**

With three Snehalayas to run, our financial requirement increased substantially this year. Added to this, the trustees have decided to set aside Rs 50000/- per month as a recurring deposit for any contingency. With this increased financial requirement, there was a need to structure funds collection process.

A finance committee was formed under the leadership of Miltonians Sridhar Alampalli and Kamlesh Desai. The members of the finance committee are Miltonians Grahadurai, Gireesh Shah, Kusum Gopinath, Mahendra Chowhan, Venkatanathan, Ashwin Kamath, Dinakar Shetty and two MRS pass-out Miltonians Raghu and Venkatesh.

Every Miltonian who had financially contributed to Snehalaya in the preceding financial years was contacted by one member of the finance committee to know their donation plan for the year. Based on the commitment given by donor Miltonians, a funds inflow plan for the entire financial year was made. Miltonians opened their hearts and purses and the finance committee received commitments to meet 100% of the budgeted annual requirement.

Finance committee members are following up with donor Miltonians and ensuring actual collection meets the committed plan.

## **Other important aspects**

### **Health Check up**

Throughout the year, volunteer Dr. Navya visits Snehalaya and conducts health check once in two months.

Miltonian Dr Ananya has agreed to conduct a health check up for all children in Snehalaya 3, once in two months.

### **Achievements**

Snehalaya 2 (Malleswaram) children are very talented in all extra-curricular activities and almost all children have won prizes on the school sports day. Master Naveen Participated in the Round 3 of ABACUS Exam (Arithmetic Genius contest). Children from Snehalaya 1 have been selected for inter school level Karate and Yoga competitions.

## **Events**

**May/June 2017:** 14 of our Simultala students visited Bangalore for summer holidays and their stay was arranged at Vijayanagar Snehalaya under the supervision of Snehalaya caretaker Ms. Basanthi. A gathering was arranged for Miltonians to spend time with MRS boys. Mentor Aporesh Acharya also joined this gathering and spent time with MRS boys and Miltonians.

**August 1, 2017:** Birthday celebration of our Mentor Aporesh and Snehalaya children was celebrated at IAT convention Hall on Queens Road, Bangalore. Children from all Snehalayas cut birthday cakes in the presence of our mentor Aporesh Acharya and also performed various cultural activities. Miltonians, trustees, school teachers/parents of snehalaya children, volunteers and our Ex MRS boys gathered for the celebration.

**October 22, 2017:** Snehalaya 1 and Snehalaya 2 children, administrators and trustees gathered in Snehalaya 3 (vijayanagar) and celebrated Diwali. Lunch was arranged for all. All the children enjoyed the gathering. It was a wonderful time for everyone present.

**October 30, 2017:** Mr. Rudresh from DCPO (District child Protection Unit) inspected all three snehalayas.

**November 4, 2017:** Chairman, trustees and social worker visited Shishu Mandir School and children's home for girls in Kithiganur. It

was a great opportunity for all of us to understand the functioning and facilities provided for the children. It helps us learn and implement many improvement aspects in Snehalaya.

## Pictures



Diwali celebrations



Movie outing – Snehalaya 1



Master Naveen participating in ABACUS – Arithmetic Genius Contest



Miltonians during Model NGO visit to Shishu Mandir



Newly inaugurated Snehalaya 3



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Mime show by Snehalaya children during birthday celebrations