

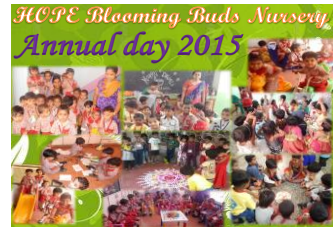


## Human Organization for Pioneering in Education

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### Springs of HOPE

Activities Report June 2015– December 2015.



**Dear Friends and Well Wishers of H.O.P.E,**

**Greetings of Joy, Love and Peace!**

**We are happy to share with you the good tidings of HOPE through our newsletter. We strive to walk in the footsteps of HOPE Foundress late Sr. Noelline whose presence is alive and active in our midst. She guides and blesses us from her heavenly abode.**

**HOPE is blessed! This is the experience felt by its staff members and stakeholders. We take this opportunity to acknowledge your generous help rendered to us in different ways to make it possible for us to serve the needy humanity. Together let us continue to make a difference in this beautiful world.**

**Wish you a Joyous Christmas and a Peace-filled New Year 2016.**

**Sincerely yours,**

**Sr. Flory Menezes**

### **Inside H.O.P.E.**

- Its is with great joy HOPE management welcomed Sr. Caroline Fernandes, Provincial Superior of the Sisters of the Cross, Pune Province as a Chairperson of HOPE Trust, Mr Francis de Souza and Sr. Nora Soares as Trustees. We thank them for their availability to continue the mission of HOPE Trust.
- HOPE welcomes Sr. Fatima D'Souza, to be with the children of Suryoday Day care Center, Miss Maya and Anita coordinating Women's projects and Mrs. Rosy as a Nursery Class Teacher. We are grateful to Mrs. Veronica, Miss Falcly and Mrs. Shweta for their services rendered in various projects of HOPE. We say a big thank you to them.

- First Founder's Day, being the birthday of late Sr. Noelline Pinto was celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> of August 2015 with inter-religious prayer on the theme 'Lived to Love'. The newsletter was dedicated depicting the highlights on her life and was released on the same day. "HOPE Founder's Awards" were given to different organization/Schools in appreciation for the service rendered to the society.
- Another miles stone in the history of HOPE was made on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015 wherein blessing was done to build rooms on the first floor of HOPE extension building at Moses Wadi. It will provide affordable and safe accommodation to working women and families in need.
- HOPE is active and blooming under the blessing and inspiration of our beloved Founder late Sr. Noelline Pinto. We share with you its fruits in our involvement in the below mentioned activities.

## Highlights of HOPE Activities:

### ■ Educate

- **Children of HOPE:** Around 250 children are under HOPE's care. 80 children are helped financially to pay their fees and other expenses by generous donors. 40 of the sponsored children come to our center for value education class on every Saturday. Brothers from SVD Seminary and De Nobile College supervise this class and organize various activities for the children. 85 children of migrant construction workers are taken care in our Suryauday Day Care Center at Brahma Sun City construction site. Total child care is given by way of education, health, nutrition, recreation. 30 children's support classes are supervised daily. These classes are monitored and supported by Norbertine brothers. 56 tiny tots attend our HOPE Blooming Buds Play group/Nurseries.
- **Special Activities Held with the Children:**
  - ✚ On 27<sup>th</sup> June 2015 the visit of UPS Logistics Private Limited brought joy on the faces of our 100 sponsored children by distributing the writing pads and the volunteers of the UPS spent the day full of fun with games and activities with them. H.O.P.E is very grateful to the donors for their act of generosity.
  - ✚ 11<sup>th</sup> July 2015, Tata Consultancy Services visited children of the H.O.P.E with their volunteers. They distributed educational kit consisting of school bag, books and pencil box for 100 children. They also donated provisions like poha, rice, oil, groundnuts and indoor games for the children of day care center. Many thanks to you.
  - ✚ Suryauday Day Care Centre celebrated its annual day on the 31<sup>st</sup> of September 2015. Since the children are very small they were not able to put up a grand programme but the teachers conducted some games, prepared festive food and distributed gifts for them.
  - ✚ **Children's Day Celebration:** Volunteers from Infosys celebrated children's day for the tiny tots at Suryauday Day Care Center. They spent time with the children, distributed good snacks and each child was given gift hamper. God bless their generosity.
  - ✚ 10 students along with their Parents of Delhi Public School organized children's day party for our sponsorship kids. They generously distributed snacks and each child was given a useful gift. We are very thankful to them.

## ■ Enable & Felicitate:

### **Domestic Workers' Solidarity and Self Help Groups:**

750 domestic workers are registered in our Domestic Workers Solidarity Project from ten different areas. Regular monthly meetings are held in these areas and local issues are discussed and sorted out during these meetings. Information and guidance is given on the Government Welfare Schemes and the women are encouraged to take the benefits of the same. We got 40 new women registered under Social Security Scheme of the Government. The issues affecting their health are also discussed with the women and guidance was given to them. Hope is under process of the Union formation and so far 89 women have been enrolled.

There are 25 Self help groups formed in and around Vadgaon Sheri. Women are encouraged and motivated during their monthly meetings to take the benefit of the loan.

- **Various Skills Training Programmes.**

- 15 women completed 3 months Tailoring in the month of September 2015 and 10 women are enrolled in the ongoing October batch.
- 7 women are attending Beauty parlor course from September 2015.
- 30 students are leaning computers during week ends and some daily. Brothers from Papal Seminary and Mr. Ricardo, a volunteer from Brazil give their dedicated services to impart computer literacy.
- 7 ladies are attending spoken English classes
- 37 women have successfully completed the cooking trainings in various areas.

### **Training Programmes:**

- On 25th August 2015 we organized Domestic workers union leaders' training at HOPE center. There were 70 women who participated in the half day training programme. Mr. Ashish from National Domestic Workers Movement, Mumbai was the recourse person for the Day. He guided and shared his knowledge about the importance and relevance of the Union and their rights on Trade Union act 1926.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015, 33 domestic workers participated along with 3 staff of HOPE in the protest rally at Wakdewadi. Many Worker's Trade Unions of Pune had gathered together to demand for the decent salary, bonus and holidays. Kiran Moghe and many other Leaders inspired the workers regarding the working of the present Government how it neglects the common people.
- On 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015, 2 staff along with 2 Domestic workers, attended the seminar at Mumbai which was organized by National Domestic Workers Movement. Topics discussed were bonus, ration card issues and laws which are made for the domestic workers.
- 29th October, 2015 we organized Capacity Building Training programme for the Self Help Group Women on the topic "Rules and Regulations of Self Help Groups". 32 women leaders joined the training programme. The resource person for the training program was Miss Anita Kedari staff of HOPE.
- 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015, HOPE participated in the protest march regarding the Kamghar Kalyan Mandal (KKM) registration which has stopped and office is not functioning for

past few months. NGOs who are working with domestic workers participated and demanded that they restart the registration process.

- 8<sup>th</sup> December, HOPE organised HIV-AIDS awareness program for the Bramha Constructions workers at Vadgoansheri. The street play was performed by the Serva Seva Sangh staff. 60 construction workers men and women were present for the programme.
- On 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015 an exposure visit to Janwadi Mahila Sanghna at Kasewadi Nanapeth, Pune was organized for the Domestic Workers. 29 of the leaders of the domestic workers solidarity groups attended the same. The inspiring sharing of Mrs. Saraswati and Adv. Sneha motivated the women leaders and they pledged to work for their cause with greater enthusiasm.

### **Home Assistance to Senior Citizens:**

We have about 250 senior citizens registered under this project; HOPE animator visit them regularly, conduct monthly senior citizens club gathering in the target areas, celebrate their birthdays, arrange health talks, providing home assistance and accompanying need senior citizens to the Hospital .

- 1st October is the World Elderly Day. HOPE celebrated it on 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2015 from 10 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. in Maria Hall, VadgaonSheri. H.O.P.E. staff, volunteers from the local community gave their love, time, service and gifts in kind to organize a fancy fair for about 150 senior citizens. They were offered a platform to display their latent talents. The lucky ones won prizes in the various games stalls organized by Thought Works Volunteers. After the entertain programmes, lunch was served for all.

### **■ Intervene**

#### **Case Study 1**

On 10<sup>th</sup> July 2015, Radha (name changed) who is a domestic worker from Sainikwadi approached the social worker of HOPE. She was asked to discontinue from her work without prior notice. This is only her source of income and her family too depended on this. She did not know what to do and almost went into depression.

HOPE, with its social worker tried to find an amicable solution to solve this issue on humanitarian ground. Then we had to take local Police help to settle the issue and finally, we were successful in getting justice to Radha. She has gained confidence and encourages other women like her to stand for justice.

#### **Case Study 2**

Princy V Khandagale is a 4 year child staying in a rented house. Her father is a rickshaw driver and had no job at that time. Mother is a house wife and done a course in basic nursing. Since she had 2 small children at home could not take up a job anywhere. Mrs. Sonali, Princy's mother came to HOPE asking for Princy's educational help to pay for her fees on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015, because she was asked to discontinue from Senior KG for the nonpayment of fees.

HOPE provided them with provision and some money initially. In the course of time we noticed that Princy was limping. We, then discovered that she had fallen down in the month of May and

needed surgery. They went to Government hospital to get treated but they were asked to do MRI privately which she could not afford to do. This is how we came to know the sickness of Princy.

We were well aware of the Helping Hand, an initiative of Mr. Francis de Souza who reaches out to such poor people in need of medial aid. When we contacted Mr. de Souza, he assured of his financial assistance to get Princy operated by Dr. Arjun Veigas in Inlakhs Hospital. Operation was successful and she recovered fast and become normal as before.

The father and mother of Princy look relieved and they are happy. The father started working and the child is enrolled in the school again.

## **Special Events:**

- Thought Works' Group (IT Company) who come from different countries of the world visited H.O.P.E on several occasions. These dedicated young graduates spent the day with our children, women and senior citizens in conducting activities and games. They also distributed snacks for them.
- H.O.P.E celebrated 'Joy of Giving Week' by encouraging the Children from different schools across the city in sharing gift articles, stationery items and snacks with the poor children. Children wholeheartedly responded and shared generously.

**Our THANKS to all our co-workers who made these achievements possible for HOPE.**

## **HOPE's Upcoming Events**

- Makar Sankranti – haldi kum-kum
- HOPE Day
- Outing / Picnics
- Exposure Program for the staff
- International Women's day.
- Summer Camp for Children.

HOPE is warmly soliciting sponsors for these events.

## **H.O.P.E and You**

- Our warmest words of gratitude go to:
  - Fr. Mathias Altrichter for his never ending support to H.O.P.E.'s Projects.
  - Misereor help for the Domestic Workers Solidarity Project.
  - Brahma Builders for their continuous sponsoring of H.O.P.E.'s Suryauday Day Care Center.
  - All the Well-wishers and Friends for their constant help, in-kind, cash and in person.

### **Our Requirements in kind:**

- 1) Refrigerator for the Girl's hostel.
- 2) Ceiling Fans, Library cupboard, Tricycles for Nursery
- 3) Gas Stoves, Backdrop curtain for the HOPE Hall and Carpets.