

ASHA Children Sponsorship Program

Annual Activity Report

June 2024 – May 2025

Dear Benefactors and Friends,

ASHA Charitable Trust takes this opportunity to extend our deepest appreciation to all the benefactors, donor agency and friends who are instrumental in continuation of our sponsorship program and all the need based projects undertaken by ASHA Charitable Trust. This annual report is the reflection of the work of ASHA Charitable Trust in the academic year 2024-2025. During the past one year we have supported totally 1285 children for their education. There were around 700 children by Caritas Hradec Kralove, 5 by the agency Caritas Prague and 580 by the Archdiocese of Bangalore. Approximately 1500 persons were reached through sponsorship program for education, various projects such as Job oriented skill training, Need based trainings, and tuition centres which include students at all levels, young men and women.

Need Based Skill training Programme: Career Guidance Programme, Study Skill Program, and Personality Development Programme were given importance while conducting training programs. The experts professors were invited from Mount Carmel College and the Christ University. Soft skills were emphasised by the resource persons including communication, leadership, problem solving, decision making, negotiation, flexibility, relationship building, etc. More than 400 beneficiaries attended in various training programs according to their interest and to learn skills necessary for their studies.

Job Oriented Skill Training Programme: Skill development encompasses several vital attributes which includes identifying one's skill gaps and enabling one to develop those skills to achieve their goal. The 75 beneficiaries of fashion designing and 25 beneficiaries of driving skill training have acquired hard skills that is specific knowledge required in fashion designing and driving, certification, training, technical skills etc. As the demand for skilled professionals in fashion designing / garment making is growing, this skill training programs emphasize hands-on training, certifications, and constant learning become invaluable assets.

Tuition Centres: All the 600 tuition centre beneficiaries availed the Awareness training Program on health, hygiene and on special subjects like Maths and English. We introduced new games in English and mathematics. It helped children to improve their English skills, especially in spellings. We have bought mathematical games they played and learnt the fundamentals. The 10th students who wanted to go for after school tuition for their extra learning, could not go because their safety issues and the poor economic status. Hence our tuition centres met their need.

CP Agency Director and Staff Visit: We were happy to receive Mr. Jaroslav Nemec, the director of Caritas Prague and Mr. Petrus. Though it was a short visit, ten of our successful students were privileged to meet them. Few of them came with their family members. They thanked them for their visit which was a wonderful moment to spend with them. The visits make everyone happy. The old students who had completed the sponsorship program were also met to know and evaluate about the success of the project.

Mid-term Camp: In the month of October and November, the staff of ASHA Charitable Trust was very busy as the children were in their Dasara vacation. All the ASHA Sponsored children had cluster wise gathering to write Christmas letters to their respective donors. These gatherings consist of 40 to 45 students in every cluster. The active participation and the enthusiasm to communicate their life to their donors were exciting for the staff.

Distribution of Note books to School: Considering the poor financial condition of the students' families, the organisation readily came forward to help the students and distributed free books to each and every one in need. This scheme has been carried out for more than 3 schools in the Archdiocese of Bangalore. There were 4000 students could neither afford the education nor the stationery benefitted from this program.

Adoption Upside down Program: This is a new initiative from Caritas Hradec Kralove for asking the children to choose their donors. We appreciate the donor's openness and generosity to be chosen by any child. While a child was taken for choosing her donor the other children were engaged with action songs, riddles and other joyful learning methods. The parents were overwhelmed with joy to see the spontaneous participation of their children. The children were taken up by this new opportunity and enthusiastically participated in this whole process.

Visit of HK Agency and the Donors: The HK agency Director Mrs. Anna Maclova, the donors and the staff visited India in the month of November 2025. There was gathering of the children in Germain's school. After which around 15 Alumni students who are engaged in different jobs were privileged to meet the HK visitors. They had a fruitful and joyful interaction not only with the students gathered there but also with various group of beneficiaries at various places of our project areas.

Christmas gathering: Deanery level Christmas programmes were organized within a specific geographical area. These programs involved children belonging to various parishes contributed to a central event, which included a tableau, carolling and dancing. The gathering was to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with the different groups of sponsored students and foster a sense of unity and joy of sharing Christmas gift. The sponsored students were excited to receive a stainless dinner set as Christmas gift from ASHA Charitable Trust.

Graduation/Certifications for Job oriented program candidates: The inaugural program with proper orientation to the candidates, surprise visits to the job oriented program centres, and graduation ceremony were the remarkable moments where all the beneficiaries from all the existing centres come together, extend their bond to exchange their ideas and knowledge for the better functioning of the centres. The 100 beneficiaries of job oriented programs such as 75 fashion designers and 25 driving candidates were awarded with certificates and tool kits related to their respective field.

Student's Summer Camp and parents Programme: Summer Camp 2025 offered a vibrant mix of activities tailored to each age group blending fun, learning, and creativity in every session. From Academic & Enrichment Programs to Creative Arts & Skill-building, Performing Arts, Sports & Adventure, engaging Virtual Programs, and dedicated Parent Engagement Sessions in February and May were exciting for everyone.

Other Activities: Family Visits, enrolling new children into ASHA sponsorship program, our participation in the life of the children such as during the loss of their loved ones, parents, siblings and making a short visit during their hospitalization due to major illness.

Conclusion: Our heartfelt thanks to our valuable donors and supporters for their unconditional and longstanding support to facilitate children with education, especially to those at the margins of the society. May the passion and spirit of the staff of the agency Caritas Hradec Kralove and the generous contributors guide us in reaching out to the unreached with quality education.

Yours in Risen Christ

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