Managing Director’s Note...

Dear Readers, Partners, Sponsors, well wishers and friends of HOPE!

This quarter our focus was on professional development, with special emphasis on individual learning. We are on the journey of answering the question, “How will we respond when a student/child experiences difficulty.” Our professional learning time was as focused as it’s ever been. We’ve made so much progress! Looking at the survey conducted during the last few months of the projects which we’ve been administering periodically it shows how well our teams are functioning.

All activities and events carried out through these past months have been wonderfully planned, coordinated and implemented by the staff of Hope. The staff at Hope work as a team and it is because of their dedication and hard work the events are successfully managed.

It was wonderful to see volunteers from places around the world join hands with our HOPE staff and work on different projects. At HOPE, staff and volunteers - young and old, men and women, people from the Civil, Corporate world, the NGO community, the banking sector, educational institutions, government institutions work hand in hand and shoulder to shoulder building and bonding... an unforgettable experience for everybody.

On behalf of the Management team of HOPE, I would like to express deep gratitude and would like to thank our faithful staff, the Volunteers, Supporters and tithe partners. I do hope that you would enjoy reading this newsletter. We would welcome your suggestions and comments to improve and serve better.

Manju Lawrence
Master Santosh, S/o Mr. Raju, studying in Class V was appreciated by the staff and management of AKS HOPE Academy for raising his voice and standing firmly against demolition of human and social values in his community. He succeeded in creating an awareness about right and wrong in decision making. This is an achievement for the upcoming generation proving themselves to be sensible and sincere. This is the future generation which will change their community and society.

AKS HOPE Academy continues to impart knowledge and skills to the children who attend the school. The children are growing physically, mentally, socially and intellectually. They are being taught social norms and values and are given equal opportunity to take part in various activities which helps in their overall development and progress.

The dedicated staff at AKS Hope Academy works with dedication and love to make a difference in the lives of these children. They are able to take this initiative of building up the character of the children as they have the support and guidance of the management.

Sports, cultural activities, celebrations, rewards and appreciation of excellence is all a part of the educational process at AKS Hope Academy.

Parents are kept informed about the progress of their child through regular parent-teacher meetings.

**FOCUS AREAS...**
- EDUCATION
- HEALTH CARE
- LIVELIHOOD
- ENVIRONMENT
- ADVOCACY
- EMPOWERMENT
SIGNIFICANT STORY OF CHANGE

My name is Suraj. I belong to village Charba in block Shashpur, district Dehradun. One day I saw HOPE TB Target Awareness team had organized a TB Camp in our area. I attended the camp and I heard about the symptoms of TB. Thereafter, I went to the hospital for my checkup and I came to know that I was a TB patient. I became very disturbed when I found out that I had TB. I contacted the HOPE TARGET TB staff and started taking DOTS medicines. Slowly, my health started improving and I am now fully cured. I am working and earning a livelihood to support my wife and two children.

HOPE TARGET TB Staff gave me full information about DOTS Medicines treatment. I am now involved in creating awareness amongst people in my locality about TB and I am helping them to get medicines. Till now I have told 14 people about the DOTS and out of the 14 people 8 are cured. Now I think that if I had not gone to the TB Awareness Camp, I would have died. I thank all the HOPE Target TB Staff for helping me.

HIV/AIDS & TB AWARENESS PROGRAM

Four awareness meetings have been held to create awareness amongst the people about HIV/AIDS & TB. Those diagnosed with either HIV/AIDS or TB are sent to the government hospital, i.e. Doon Hospital DOTS Center for proper health care and also sent to ICTC Center for proper counseling.

Awareness was also created on non-communicable diseases such as heart problems, stroke, diabetes, Blood Pressure, etc. Information was given on how to maintain a proper diet plan, take proper medicines and get routine checkups done.

Regular counseling is done of all the patients who are tested positive for TB or HIV/AIDS.

My name is Dhanveer Singh. I am 47 years old and I am from District Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand.

I used to constantly suffer from cough and in spite of taking many different kinds of medicines form the village doctor, I had no respite. I was very disturbed. I decided to come to Dehradun and get a check-up done even though I was afraid that if I was diagnosed with TB what will happen. I came in contact with AKS HOPE CCC staff, with whom I shared my problems. They counseled and supported me and advised me to get a check-up done. With much hesitation and fear I went to the hospital and got a check-up done and what I feared came true. When the reports came, I was diagnosed with TB.

The HOPE TB Staff supported me and told me about the medicines. I got full information about the medicines of DOTS through the TB Staff & started taking medicines & my cough slowly disappeared and now I am totally cured. I am extremely thankful to HOPE TB Staff that they helped and supported me. If the TB Staff had not supported me I would not have been cured from this disease. Once again I want to thank HOPE TB Target team on behalf of my family for helping me to recover from Tuberculosis.
The Urban Homeless (UH) population are among the most vulnerable populations in the country, forced to lead brutalized lives without dignity. Homeless people are invisible in the public policy, even though they are visible every single day to policy makers as they drive on city streets. They live in our cities virtually as non-citizens. They are forced to live and sleep each night under the open sky braving the bitter winter cold, the merciless summer heat and the deluge of the monsoons. The largest majority of the homeless people sleep on pavements and sidewalks, under ledges of shops and homes, in market corridors, at bus-stands and railways stations, and outside places of worship, often in daily danger to their lives from rash and drunken drivers. In some cities, it was noticed that there seems to be clear preference among single women to live in shrines, families on pavements and children in bus stands and railway stations.

The Honorable Supreme court of India in Write Petition No 196/2001 PUPL (People Union for Civil Liberties ) vs Union of India and others has mandated for provision of Night Shelters to the Urban Homeless living in the cities. The Honorable Supreme court has set the norm that there should be a Night Shelter with the basic provision for every one lakh population.

Currently, AKS Hope has been able to set up temporary Night Shelters with basic provision like Toilets, Drinking Water, Food, Blankets/ Beds, Medical Facilities, facility for keeping their belongings and caretaker with security. The city authorities have tied up with NGOs such as Lead NGO , Partner NGOs / Organizations who have experience in dealing with different categories of shelter less. A 24X7 helpline for Night Shelters and the citizens has also been established. The immediate objective is to provide shelter so that the homeless spend the night without fear of cold and danger. The larger objective is to bring them into the mainstream society by converging the benefits provided by the

The Hope Samvedna Project has been focusing on younger children and assisting them to become independent. The staff at Samvedna have been working on their social skills, self help skills, language, gross motor skills like music and dance.

A self-help group with the parents of the Hope Samvedna children has been started. The older children have learnt how to work with lemon grass. This group has been working on making aprons and woolen caps.

On ‘World Disability Day’ which was celebrated on December 3rd, the children participated in a program that was organized at the Chief Minister’s residence. This was a big event for the children as well as a good exposure for them. The performances of all the children who participated in this program was appreciated by the guests, especially the Chief Minister, Sh. V. Bahuguna.
On 16 February 2013, a **Vaccination camp** was organized through the initiative of Agnes Kunze Society and MAX India Foundation. More than 170 school children belonging to the underprivileged community and studying at the ‘Hope School’ were given the 1st dose of vaccination for Hepatitis ‘B’. The second dose was administered on March 18, 2013. The vaccination was carried out by a team of doctors and nurses from the Herbertpur Christian Hospital and the AKS ‘Hope’ community Health worker. The children were vaccinated in the presence of members of MAX India Foundation, the local parshad Mr. Anoop Kapur and the local leader/Pradhan.

**PENSION CAMP**

A **PENSION CAMP** for the elderly, widows and disabled was held on February 28, 2013. AKS Hope organized this camp with the support of the District Social Welfare Office. The Camp was inaugurated by the Planning, Sports and Youth Welfare Minister, Mr. Dinesh Aggarwal. Altogether 425 people registered in this camp, of which 19 were for disability certificate, 41 for disability pension, 147 for old age pension, 64 for widow pension, and 2 for family grant.
1. Agnes Kunze Academy (Hope Community School)
2. Hope Vocational Training Program (a Training Program for Livelihood cum sustainability)
3. Hope Home Project (Residential Care Centre for underprivileged Children)
4. Hope Adult Literacy (a project for women empowerment)
5. Hope Handloom Project (a Project for Fund Raising & Sustainability)
6. Hope Midday meal Program (school Health & Hygiene, Nutrition Program)
7. Hope Evening School/Tuition /Remedial Classes (After School help for the underprivileged children)
8. Hope Evening Cooked Food Program (school Health & Hygiene, Nutrition Program)
9. Hope Community Health, Development & HIV/ AIDS Awareness program (Target Intervention projects for underprivileged community)
10. Hope Target Tuberculosis (TB/DOTS & ACSM Project)
11. Hope Counseling Centre for Drug Addicts & Alcoholics
12. Hope Awareness Program (Public Legal Rights, Environment, Health & Hygiene, Mother & Child Care, Family Planning Etc.)
13. Hope Relief Program (Responding to any Disasters & Emergencies)
14. Hope Self help Group (Income Generation Program)
15. Hope C-Grade Nursing Training Program (for Women)
16. Hope Free Medical Camp (for underprivileged community)
17. Hope NOS Coaching Centre (a Centre for School – dropouts)
18. Hope Community Care Centre (HIV/AIDS – Care, Support & Treatment Program)
19. Hope Higher Education Sponsorship Program (Education after 5th Standard for underprivileged children)
20. Hope Goat Project (Income Generation program for differently abled communities)
21. Hope Learning Centre & Hope Outreach Program (a CBR activities)
22. Hope ‘Asha Ki Kiran’ Project (responding to the needs of HIV infected & affected children & community)
23. Hope Non-Communicable Chronic Disease Awareness Program (in Partnership with Chronic Care Foundation – INDIA)
24. Hope Samvedna Project (A Day Care Centre Project jointly run by HOPE & KHW-INDIA for Differently Abled Children & Community)
25. Hope Mini Bank (Children Saving Bank)
26. Hope Call Centre Calling Project (A project for Fund Raising in Partnership with HGS)
27. Hope ICTC Project (Integrated Counseling and Testing Centre for HIV Testing in PPP Mode with USACS)
28. Hope Teen & Adolescent Health (School Health Program)
29. Hope Tobacco Awareness & Cessation Program (School & Community based program)
30. Hope Dairy Farming & Milk Co-operative Project (Livelihood cum sustainability)
31. Hope Solar Light Project (Alternative power-supported by Barefoot Solar)
32. Hope Night Shelter for Home-Less (In partnership with Municipal Administration, Dehradun)
33. Hope Trekking & Camping (a project for Fund Raising)