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From the desk of the MD.....

Dear Friends,

Greetings.

We are indeed thankful to our well-wishers, partners, donors, supporters, volunteers and God for continuous guidance throughout 2017 and seeing us attain success in many of our endeavours.

With greater zeal and enthusiasm, we have stepped into the New Year in order to achieve greater heights. I am thankful to the entire team of AKS Hope Project for their dedication and service.

Thank you each one, for your valuable time and support for our work.

May God bless you.

Manju Lawrence



HOPE HOME

(Residential Care Centre for Underprivileged & Children at Risk)



"It was Simran's childhood dream to become a Nurse when she grows up. By getting admission to Lehman Nursing Hospital on September 25, 2017, she has moved one step closer to realizing her dream."



All the children of Hope Home who are studying in various schools, like Rajeev School, Colonel Academy and Boxa Jan Jati Krishak Intermediate College have been doing well in their studies and have achieved good marks in the half yearly and final examinations. Priyanka, studying in class 4 at Rajeev School received 2nd position in her class. She is working hard to get a better grade in the final examinations. Five children will be giving the Board Examinations in March 2018 and are busy preparing for the same.

It was indeed a very proud moment for the management, staff and students of Hope Home to see Simran get admission at the Lehman Nursing Hospital. Simran worked very hard for this and the management and staff of Hope AKS encouraged and supported her all along. Also, it was encouraging to see Akash complete B.Sc. first year with very good marks. He is now studying in the 2nd year. Soham Singh achieved 23rd position in Uttarakhand State Board in Class 12 exams and he is also doing well in his higher education. He also received a trophy, a certificate and books for his studies.

Sanjana Swami, Radha Swami, Lakshmi Swami and Deepak Swami participated in sports events organized by other schools such as Guru Nanak Mission School, Vikasnagar, BDM Senior Secondary School Herbertpur and Shivalik Academy, Selaqui. All of them received medals and certificates.

The Manager of Hope Home, Mr. Puran Singh, attended the training on Child Safe Guarding in Bangalore in the month of November 2017. It was a good learning experience in which the difference between Child Protection Policy and Child Safeguarding Policy was highlighted.

On November 14, 2017, Sister Agnes Kunze Memorial Day was celebrated at the Home. A special Sports Day was also organized for the children of Hope Home and Agnes Kunze Academy. The children participated enthusiastically in the various sports events and enjoyed the day. All the staff of Hope Home and Academy were present to cheer and encourage the children.

Mr. Leone, Ms. Emily and Ms. Magdalena visited the Home and enjoyed interacting with the children. Emily and Magdalena returned in the first week of December but Leone will be returning in February 2018 after visiting other parts of India, to spend some more time with the children.



Priyanka got 2nd position in her class



ACTIVITIES AT HOPE HOME



Agnes Kunze Academy

(Hope Community School for underprivileged & children at risk)

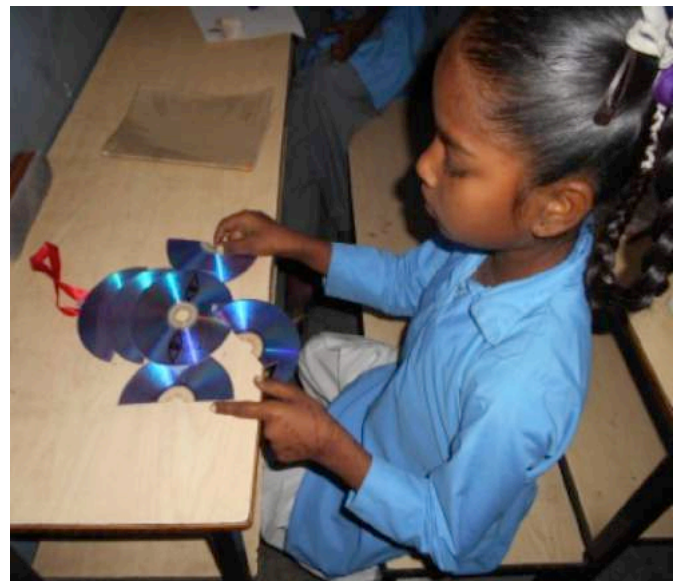
The children at Agnes Kunze Academy continue to enjoy learning and an all-round development can be seen through participation in various curricular and co-curricular activities. Besides the routine examinations, class tests and regular schoolwork, the children also learnt a lot through an educational trip that was organized for them. They visited an exhibition that was organized by the Oil & Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) on 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan'. The children really enjoyed the trip as it was a very good learning experience for them.



The children also participated in an Anti-Corruption rally organized by the Uttarakhand Police to create awareness on corruption in our country.



Volunteers from Germany, Ms. Emile, Ms. Magdalena and Bishop Charles, visited the school and took workshops for the children on self-defense. They also taught them to make various things through art and craft. They enjoyed their interaction with the children. The children were also very happy to learn new things from them.



Students made a lot of craft decoration for the Christmas program as well from what they had learnt from the visitors from Germany.



On November 14, 2017, a tribute was paid to Sr. Agnes Kunze, an inspiration of Agnes Kunze Society. Children visited her grave. They lit candles and placed wreaths and flowers. On the same day, Children's Day was also celebrated. The management organized a picnic and sports events for the children, which was followed by lunch and a cultural program.



Christmas was celebrated on December 20th and 21st. The children prepared and staged a beautiful play on the birth of Jesus Christ. The program was followed by lunch and distribution of quilts.



HOPE SAMVEDNA

(A Community based
rehabilitation for
Persons/children with
disabilities)



ANKIT'S LIFE IS CHANGED....

Ankit is 22 years old and lives in a village at Badripur Vikas Nagar block, Dehradun. He is the younger of two brothers. Ankit has intellectual problem. He is registered under Hope Samvedna CBR project. Ankit used to always roam around on the roadsides without any reason, which was the major problem for his parents. He did not want to stay at home and do any work. Through the livelihood program the staff tried to engage him in some meaningful work so that he would take interest and work at home instead of roaming around on the streets. The main purpose of the livelihood project is to engage people in for meaningful work which will also give them employment and economic benefit. He seemed interested in the rearing goats, so he was provided with two goats. Now his time schedule has changed and he remains busy throughout the day in his work, like rearing of goats etc. and seems very happy with this work. Whenever anyone visits his home, he always talks about his work. We hope that in coming few months he will earn some money from these activities and be able to contribute towards the family earnings. His parents have been very supportive towards him and his work and are very happy and thankful for this help. Ankit is very happy to be a part of the DILIP Project. His parents now have a ray of hope for his better future...



The Hope Samvedna staff organized an exposure visit for the Disabled Peoples Group (DPG) members. Persons with disabilities do not have any options to explore the world around them, but through the Rapid Assessment of Disability program, they were given an opportunity to explore and prove themselves to others as well. A trip to the Dehradun Zoo was organized for them where they enjoyed nature walk, fish aquarium, 3D movie and a wonderful lunch. They were very happy to see the outside world and it was a wonderful opportunity for them.



Hope Samvedna project continues to give extra focus to children with disabilities, doing follow-up visits, helping them to cope with normal life and seeking cooperation from schoolteachers for inclusion and mainstreaming of these children into regular schools.

December 3rd is celebrated every year as International Day for Persons with Disabilities. An awareness walk was organized within the community and school area to increase awareness on the political, social, cultural and economic aspects of Persons With Disabilities. A talent hunt program was also organized at the Girls Inter College, Badripur in which Mr. Munna Chauhanji, MLA, was the Chief Guest. Many persons with disabilities were able to show their God-given talents and abilities despite their disabilities. This program was fully organized by the members of the Disabled Peoples Group.



**WORLD
DISABILITY
DAY
DECEMBER 3**

HOPE Comprehensive Care & Support Services (CCSS)



Life story of Archana

Archana (name changed for privacy) discovered that she is affected by HIV. Her world shattered. She was depressed. She did not know what to do next. Her husband was no more and she was left with 2 daughters to take care of. She felt like everything was in vain and lost. Soon she started facing problems in food, health and treatment. She started losing weight and became weak day by day as she was unable to retain any food and was constantly vomiting. Her CD4 became very high, and due to this reason she couldn't come to the ART centre.

She started praying that God would take away her life. She started thinking that her life here on earth is in vain. She lost hope. For one last time, she took medicine and went to the ART centre. She was sitting on the bench outside. To her surprise, she met a person who works with Hope Ashiyana Project. He sat and talked to her and asked her to share her problems. Without any hesitation she started sharing and told him everything. The staff member counseled and encouraged her not to lose hope. The Hope Ashiyana Project staff started visiting her home on a regular basis providing food, nutrition and continued counseling her so that she could overcome her depression and problems. She soon realized that she was not alone in this fight against her disease, the Hope Ashiyana Project staff was with her. She is so thankful to the staff members and it is very encouraging to see her health improve slowly.

Hope Ashiyana Project is making a difference in the lives of many HIV patients who are being supported by this project.

On December 1, 2017, World Disability Day was celebrated in the Sahaspur Block and the CCSS staff participated in this event. Many other NGOs as well as the CCSS staff participated in a Dissemination meeting held on December 4th at Hotel Aketa in Dehradun. A medical camp was organized on December 9 & 10 at Pauri Garhwal in which doctors and nurses provided a large number of people from various hill stations with medicines and treatment. The CCSS staff also counseled a number of people.



Mrs. Beera Devi, a Hope staff, who has been working with the Female Sex Workers in the FSW project, has been regularly visiting street corners, slums, road side areas, creating awareness, talking to women about the ill-effects of involving themselves in this kind of work and distributing condoms. These awareness meetings have made quite an impact and the percentage of FSW has dropped over the last year in various parts of Dehradun district.



Community Based Inclusive Development Initiatives (CBID)

The last months of CBID 2017 (Community Based Inclusive Development Initiatives-2017) work was to complete the remaining plans of the year's project. The plans included –

- *Orientation and sensitization in schools (in which we reached out around 90 + teachers) & (600+) Peer;*
- *Individual meetings with Persons with Disability;*
- *PRI members meeting;*
- *PHC & CHC Level sensitization workshops;*
- *Awareness walks taken out in schools & Community;*
- *A Meeting with (550 +) Caregivers and parents;*
- *Village level Meetings;*
- *School Co-curricular activities with around (545 + kids)*
- *meetings with various Boundary partners regarding Disability and Need of Inclusion in these areas..*

These initiatives were all implemented in various parts of Uttarakhand with the help of different implementing partners i.e.-(*Hope Samvedna, Sanjeevani, Garhwal Community Development Welfare Society & Friends of Himalaya*). There were 4 districts of Uttarakhand that were covered under this project (**Almora, Dehradun, Tehri Garhwal & Rudraprayag**), reaching out to almost **593 Persons with Disability** both **Adults & Children** (project beneficiaries) in these areas. Different linkages and referrals were made for the beneficiaries like, livelihood opportunities, education and also healthcare & assistive aids facilities. More than **17** assistive devices were given away, **295** received therapy and rehabilitation assistance and around **6** children who got admission to educational institutions during this year.

The aim of Community Based Inclusive Development program for the year 2017 was to see the inclusion of Children with Disabilities into mainstream education; developing communities for inclusion and providing specific services for Persons with Disabilities, where required. Even though this aim has not yet been fully achieved, the CBID staff continues to work towards achieving the goal in the following years of their service in the communities. We are grateful for a good partnership with CBM India Trust, the funding & assistance agency/ partner as well as the Implementing Partners who came together with AKS to work for the Persons with Disability in the the state of Uttarakhand in 2017.

AKS looks forward towards the CBID-2018 program with more practical outreach on reaching out **ONE on ONE** and help seeing the life of an Individual Person with disability be strengthened and empowered.

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CBID Initiatives at a glance



MOST SIGNIFICANT CHANGE.....

Sharukh Sekh from Gomolo, has been affected with a mental disorder for the last two years. Due to an unstable mind and not being able to do anything constructive, Sharukh roamed around in the streets. His family was helpless and disturbed, not knowing what to do. Through the help of a Grahmin sanchalak, Sharukh was registered with Hope Burans and he started receiving regular counseling & treatment. After regular treatment & counseling for sometime now, there is a lot of change in his condition. In fact, a big turn around in his life now is that he is helping his family by selling fruits on the roadside, where he used to roam around aimlessly. His family is very thankful to Hope Burans for this and is very happy that Sharukh is now an equal earning member of his family and is also treated well by the society.



Sharukh selling fruits on his bicycle

HOPE PROJECT BURANS

(a project of EHA & CHGN-UKC for community & school based mental health Program)

Mental Health/Financial Inclusion Training with Caregivers Group

In this training, the Care-givers were taught about how to improve their skills, the importance of regular medications and counseling. Along with this, they were also given Financial management training, which included making budgets and savings so that there is stronger financial stability. Through various activities and diagrams, they were taught on how starting with small amounts can lead to big financial savings which can then be used for children's education, marriage, training, constructing house, etc. A meeting with the Community and Religious leaders was also held on Financial Inclusion in which it was discussed that during the times of trial and depression, proper investments and savings can help the situation.



Under the DAP Livelihood Program, 25 PPSD families were provided with chicks for livelihood in order to improve their financial condition and improve social inclusion.

Project Burans Sports Day – was celebrated on December 16, 2017 along with the other implementing partners at the playgrounds of Dehradun Public School, Kandoli. Everyone enjoyed this event. Hope Burans team won the relay race and kho-kho match. It was awarded the runners-up position in Kabaddi.





AKS HOPE TI FSW Project was started in November 2016 with an aim to reduce HIV infection by 90% amongst the highest risk group, which is the Female Sex Workers. This project is supported by Uttarakhand State AIDS Control Society (USACS). The target for 2016-17 was set for reaching out to 400 FSWs and for 2017-18 it is 800 FSWs.

All services associated with the program are given to the target group, such as registration, counseling, testing, condom distribution, proper follow-up, provision of basic STI and health services, linkages to other health services e.g. TB and voluntary counseling and testing centers (VCTC), provision of safe spaces. Counseling includes giving complete information about the high risk group and her background, knowledge about HIV/AIDS, information about sexually transmitted diseases, importance of using condoms and ensuring proper hygiene. After counseling, they undergo testing for HIV and Syphilis. A regular follow-up and medical check-up is done every 3 months.

**AKS HOPE TI FSW
PROJECT**
(A Project for female sex
workers supported by
USACS-NACO Govt. of
India)

FSWs are categorized into different areas, i.e. Street-based, Brothel-based, Lodge-based, Dhaba-based, Highway-based, Home-based or “secret” sex workers. The term “secret” refers to specialized category of sex workers who are anonymous, working from homes and are not known to be working as sex workers. In fact, they might have an entirely different public identity, such as, housewife or students.



**TARGET
FOR
2016-17**

Reaching
out to
400
FSWs



**TARGET
FOR
2017-18**

Reaching
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800
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HOPE VOCATIONAL PROGRAM

100% cotton material weaved at KKM Hand Weaving – a society working for upliftment of Leprosy patients.

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