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

Greetings and warm wishes to each of you from H.O.P.E.

Time is slow for those who wait. Time is long for those who mourn, too short for those who rejoice, all things have their time and so, it s time we update you with the latest happenings in H.O.P.E.

Yes, can we ever render adequate thanks to God for his never ceasing blessings on H.O.P.E. and all you friends, well wishers, benefactors who are closely connected with us to continue our work with women, children, senior citizens, Day Care Centre and domestic workers. We truly believe that all things are possible when we join hands together. The result is before you in the form of our news letter.

Sincerely yours,

Sr. Casia Pereira.

Inside H.O.P.E.

- 1st of June new directress Sr. Casia Pereira took change of H.O.P.E. from Sr. Flory. We are grateful to Flory for her love and dedicated service to H.O.P.E.
- Volunteer Dominik from Czech Republic came to H.O.P.E. on 20th June for 3 months. Gave his service to teach computers to school students, help in Day Care Center, update H.O.P.E. website and do his research on migrants.

Special events

- 1st death Anniversary celebration of Sr. Noelline on the 23rd May. Close friends, well-wishers, sisters and staff members were part for the occasion, which begun with prayer service followed be refreshment.
- H.O.P.E. extension building known as Aashiyana at Mozet wadi which is providing affordable and safe accommodation to working women and families in need, was blessed and inaugurated on 24th June.

- The Founders Day of H.O.P.E. was celebrated on 12th August. In memory of Sr. Noelline, various fruit trees were planted at Blessed Sacrament Campus. Two representatives from all the projects of H.O.P.E were part of the function.
- Inaugurated the Domestic workers union on 30th of August at H.O.P.E. Center. The Sanghatna known as Maharashtra Ugam Gharkamgar Sanghatna is registered under the Trade Union Act 1926. The chief guest for the occasion were Mrs. Kiran Moghe president of all India Janwadi women's Sanghatna, advocate Anupama Joshi speaker of the day, Nagar Sevak Mrs Sunita Galanda. 140 women were present for the inauguration.
- Thought-works Group (IT Company) who comes from different countries of the world visited H.O.P.E. 3 times. They are a source of joy as children and senior citizens enjoy the activities they organize for them for half a day.
- Two girls from Czech Republic had come in May to render their services in H.O.P.E. as volunteers.

Highlights of H.O.P.E. activities

- **Educate**
 - **Children of the H.O.P.E.:**
H.O.P.E. reaches out to more than 300 children in different ways like free tuition classes and value education for 35 students through the help of S.V.D. and De Nobile college brothers. Support class for 40 children is monitored and supported by the Norbertine Seminary. 75 children receive financial help to pay their school fees and other expenses through generous donors. Suryauday Day Care Center at Brahma Sun City construction site caters to 80 children by way of education, nutrition, health care and recreation. 25 children benefit from computer class, some daily while others at week ends, who are helped by Papal Seminary. The H.O.P.E. Blooming Buds Play group / Nurseries have attracted 50 tiny angels, this academic year.
 - **Special activities held for children:**
 - April – 115 children participated in the summer camp. Different activities like Indian and Western dance, music class, yoga were organized. Children were also taken to Water Park for an outing.
 - 10th June – Bishop's School donated provisions like rice, wheat, poha, rava pulses, milk, bournvita, tea, oil, toilet articles for the Day Care Center on the occasion of their founder's day.
 - 29th July – Denforce Company distributed school bags, water bottle and tiffins to 150 school children which was a big surprise and joy. The donors were happy to spend their precious moments with the children who thanked them for their generosity.
 - 30th July – From St. Miras College, around 60 students along with their professor spent half a day with Day Care children. They had games, dance, and served food to the children. As a token of their love they brought biscuits, pickle, oil, sweets for them. They were touched with their simplicity and poverty.
 - 12th August – Mrs. Sunita Lobo and team from Rotary Club visited Day Care Center and gave new T-shirts, pants and biscuits to children.

- **Enable and facilitate**

- Domestic worker's solidarity and SHG.
 - 800 domestic workers reached
 - 150 registered under Kamgar Kalyan Mandal (K.K.M.)
- "SEREV'D" an app for Domestic workers was introduced on 30th June by Serve Company. Mr Babu Devkar gave sessions on the importance of the app which can be specially used for banking system. 40 women participated in it.
- 20 new women are registered under the social Security Scheme of the Government.
- **Various Skills Training Programmes:**
 - 8 women have enrolled for 3 months tailoring course from July 2016.
 - 15 students are learning computer daily, under the able guidance of Mr. Kadam and volunteer from Czech Republic Mr. Dominik.
 - 5 ladies are attending spoken English classes daily through the help of Sr. Fatima.
- **Sessions for SHG Women and Domestic workers:**
 - In collaboration with NGO Alochna 3 sessions in the month of July were conducted on Anemia making the women aware of the importance of healthy diet for a healthy life, cause of anemia, its symptoms and remedies. 90 women benefited from it.
 - In the month of August 2 sessions were conducted by Alochna on Gynic issues. 75 women participated.

- **Facilitate**

- **Home assistance to Senior Citizens:** This year we are reaching out to 250 Senior citizens covering whole of Vadgaonsheri – 12 local wards. Our animator regularly visits them, has meetings, come together to celebrate birthdays, relax, share and enjoy each others company, which makes them feel wanted, cared and loved. As and how the need arises hope reaches out-to them by assisting them to hospitals, give medicine to the very needy and poor, visit them when they are sick, help them with problems which they are not able to solve. In the month of June 60 senior citizens attended the sessions on "Diabetes and Respiratory disorder" at Naturopathy center Agnel Ashram. 70 senior citizens participated in the "World Yoga Day." 2 new senior citizens groups are formed in the month of July.

- **Intervene**

- Social Action – on going
- Crisis Intervention – 5 cases settled
- Counseling and Legal Aid – 5 cases intervened

Case Study 1:

Leena a domestic worker sister of Mr. Promad Thokar an alcoholic approached HOPE to admit her brother in a DE addiction center. Having motivated, counseled, HOPE admitted him at Nirvana Foundation at Lohegaon. We also supported him financially where medicine was concerned. We are happy to tell you that Mr. Promad Thokar is fully cured and he got a job at the same center.

Case Study 2:

Meena Salonke a domestic worker was accused of robbing money at her work place in Sun City in May. As a result she lost all the three jobs. Social worker of H.O.P.E met the owner of the house and job placement office who were not willing to listen to what Meena or the social worker had to say. It was very difficult to convince them of

her sincerity and honesty. H.O.P.E. took the challenge to help her to get back all the three jobs.

Case Study 3:

SHG women Veronica Shingare and her drug addicted son could not accept each others weaknesses due to which, there were constant fights in the house daily which brought in tension and anxiety. Veronica pleaded H.O.P.E to intervene. Both were given counseling for 4 months by our staff. Since of late she told us that her son has reduced taking drugs and has begun to work. The situation is better in the house.

Our sincere thanks to all the co-workers for their cooperation for the above achievements and continue the mission of H.O.P.E.

H.O.P.E.'s Upcoming Events

- Stress management session for H.O.P.E. staff by father Wilson DeSouza – 1st September
- Domestic workers Union rally – 2nd September.
- Coastal clean up – 25th September
- International Day on Elders – 1st October
- Joy of Giving Week – 2nd to 8th October
- Teachers training by volunteers from Czech Republic – 4th October
- Diwali celebration – 30th October
- Children's day – 14th November
- Christmas celebration – 22nd December

Sponsors are most welcomed to support the above events.

H.O.P.E. and you

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 - Ariane Wahrmann for sponsoring the washroom of girl's hostel.
 - Ida D'Mello for her continuous support, care and concern for H.O.P.E. and its activities.
- Our Requirement in :
 - 1) Steel Cupboard for Day Care Centre.
 - 2) Tricycles and Toys for Nursery.
 - 3) New Computer for office.
 - 4) Financial help to do water proofing of H.O.P.E's building.
 - 5) To support the staff salaries.

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