



hope foundation

Update

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Coronavirus Impact on Operations: The whole world, including India, is going through a very challenging period right now due to Covid-19. Quarantine protocols and lockdowns have been stressful for our staff and children as they are not able to attend school nor meet their friends. A few staff members left the homes and we have been able to engage substitute staff at both homes. Despite these challenges, our activities in India continue at different locations. Currently, schools and colleges are open for classes on a part-time basis, and our focus remains on the safety of our children and staff. Because of the lockdown orders, all children at both homes are staying at home and learning through online classes. We have a few children who attend in-person classes, occasionally. An online learning facility with computers and internet access is provided to all our children. 10 computers and 5 phones were bought for this purpose.

Some of our children are currently looking for new admissions for undergraduate studies, but the process is going very slowly. We expect the situation to improve in the coming months.

Our tailoring centers were forced to close for a few months due to COVID-19. Now they are partially open and working at a lower capacity with separate batches in the morning and afternoon. We helped open a new tailoring business center in January which has been successful. Three women work at this business center and make a living for themselves.

Many people face hunger and starvation in India, and daily wage workers are among the most affected due to the fact that people are hesitant to hire them. Seeing their need, we have distributed food packages to several villages in Karnataka. Each package is sufficient to feed about 4 people for 10 days or more. About 300 packages were distributed. In addition to this, we made thousands of face masks and distributed them to needy people in different neighborhoods, such as orphanages, old age homes and in slum areas. It is, indeed, a difficult time for all.

Wedding Assistance: One of our children, Ms. Anita, who is an orphan girl living in our home for many years, is doing her final year bachelor's degree in Theology. She was interested in being married and starting a family life, and her wedding arrangements have been made. We are looking forward to helping her celebrate her wedding, and Hope Foundation will be meeting all the expenses associated with her wedding. The wedding is planned for December 2020.



Food Distribution



Mask distribution



Getting married on Dec 7, 2020



Tailoring Training Classes for widows and poor women



We are happy to share that Ms. Leo Murmuru, who was working at the Kolar home for the last 7 years had her wedding in August 2020 at Mangalore, and we were also able to help her with the expenses for it.

We met the full expenses for the marriage of an orphan girl who was looking for financial support. The family also had a debt of 150,000 Rupees on a high interest rate which they incurred for medical expenses for their mother who died due to cancer. This debt was also fully paid off.

Educational assistance to poor children: We have extended educational assistance to a few children whose parents were going through financial difficulties to help pay their fees.

Kolar Children Home: 27 children currently live at this location. Children from first grade to college level live here. Children who have lost their parents, those who have been abandoned, and a few others who have had no one to support them, live together as sisters in a family. They comfort each other and at the same time they have many challenges and anxieties to deal with. Since one staff member who was working at KCH got married and moved out, we are looking for a suitable staff to replace her.

3 children just completed twelfth grade and are preparing to join undergraduate studies. One girl joined for Bachelor's in Commerce (B. Com). Two others want to join for Bachelor's in Nursing. We are seeking their admission in through multiple avenues. We hope to get admission through the government quota. If we are unable to do that, we plan to admit them under management quota, which is more expensive than government quota seats.

Bangalore Children home, Bagalur, Bangalore: 20 boys live at this location. Recently one boy, Halesh, who was living in our home for the last 10 years, completed his B. Com with 72.6% marks. We are very proud to share that he got a job offer in State Bank of India and has moved out to start living independently and start his career. All our children are staying home and attending classes online. Once a week the children have limited classes in school. It is a difficult time to manage the children in the home during this pandemic period, however the staff are doing an excellent job, teaching, supervising, and taking care of their needs.

FCRA Impact: The Government of India has made amendments to the FCRA rules. New requirements mandate an account at the State Bank of India New Delhi Branch. As per the new guidelines, the administrative cost should not exceed 20 percent of project expenses. These new requirements will not become an issue for us as our administrative cost is currently meeting these criteria. We hope to complete all the formalities so that we could continue our operations without any hindrance.

Our vision is to change the life of a child in need or an individual permanently. It needs time and effort and is not an easy task. We face challenges but are not deterred from our vision and are encouraged to see glimpses of success due to the support and prayers of many. We thank you for your contributions and look forward to your continued support in our efforts.

Hope Foundation team



Girls studying in High School



College going girls, doing BS Nursing, BS computer and BA arts



Girls passed 12th grade and is joining for Degree courses, B.Com and BS Nursing