

Dear Sponsors of TARA,

Greetings to you for Christmas from SOFOSH and TARA!

It has been a very active year at TARA. We had 34 children in our care. Sadly we lost one of our special children, Shankhini aged 5 years. She comes to our care in 2007 with a condition called microcephaly. She was loved by all and passed away in the loving care of TARA. We are grateful to all of you for making her short life so comfortable.

All the other children at TARA have enjoyed visits to the large parks located near TARA. This year some of the children have been taken shopping which was a new and joyful experience. Each child was given pocket money to spend so that they could understand about the meaning of money.

Aishwarya, Chaitrali, Anuradha and Kartika attended the Kamayani School for challenged children. This is a very highly reputed school for challenged children. We pay total fees of Rs. 25,000/- a year which is possible due to the support from you sponsors.

Aishwarya come first in her class. She wanted a new dress as a gift. So she went on a shopping trip with TARA staff member and chose a beautiful dress for Rs. 500/-

Snehal, who is a teenager, is studying in the Snehalaya Boarding School. She is excellent in her studies and always comes first. In spite of her handicaps she participates actively in all school activities. She comes home to TARA frequently for her holidays. We pay a fees of Rs. 12,000/- per year to the school.

Arati attends the local Municipal School. She loves school but due to her Medical condition she is always in and out of hospital. Still she is excelling in her studies.

Sayali, Avani and Vijaya attend Nursery school. They love to dress up and go to school in TARA's van.

On World Handicap Day the children went to Snehalaya and participated in a rally.

Diwali Festival was full of fun, food, lights and crackers at TARA. The children woke up before dawn, had oil massage and a warm bath according to Indian

tradition. They dressed up in beautiful cloths and enjoyed all the visitors who joined them in the evening of fireworks.

On the 16th of December we will celebrate Christmas with a big party and dance performance by our children and Christmas cards.

On the 14th of May we celebrated TARA's 4th Birthday. This day was possible because of our kind hearted sponsors like you.

Thank you. Happy Christmas and all good wishes for the New Year!

Dipika, Madhuri, Urmila and all the children and staff at TARA and Shreevatsa.