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Barn på Jordens projekt; handikapphemmet TARA
och barnhemmet SHREEVATSA i Pune.

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15 000 kr till TARA.
Till Shreevatsa ca 5 000 kr.

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Vi önskar er alla en SKÖN SOMMAR!
Eva Minton Carin Fremling



Report on TARA

Date: 1 January to May 2014

For the very first time in TARA, India's Republic Day was celebrated on the 26th of January. A new pole has been fixed at the front entrance and India's flag was bought. The flag hoisting was done at the hands of children. All the staff was present for the hoisting. Children were given balloons of the three colours in the flag and they happily flew them. A volunteer had brought a tri-colour cake and the children cut it. The children had great fun on this day.

On 4th of February, a dental check up of all the children was conducted by Dr. Anand Swami and Dr. Aarti Swami through the Dhyas Foundation. Seven children needed further treatment and the follow up will be done as required. We are always in search of other homes for challenged children where we can transfer our older children from TARA. However, the opportunity came too suddenly. The Child Welfare Committee referred an NGO from Solapur to transfer the children. The officials of this NGO visited TARA and selected the children they wished to transfer to their organization. These were 6 girls in the age group of 6- 14 yrs. This NGO has residential facility as well as a school attached to it. The very next day was fixed for transferring these girls. This did not give us enough time to prepare the girls for this transit and huge change in their life.

The travel to the NGO which is about 5 hours by road from TARA was quite disturbing for the children. The staff who accompanied them was disturbed too, but sometimes such practical decisions have to be taken, in view of the large number of challenged children who are in need of care at TARA.

TARA is now a very quiet place, as all the active and boisterous ones have left. The staff members feel this void everyday and miss the children as much as probably the children are missing them and their home TARA. The staff continues to keep in touch with the children and call up practically every day to see how the children are. We all understand they will take time to adjust and hope that someday they will be completely settled there.

Two more boys have been transferred in February to another NGO in Dhule district. This NGO also has school facilities attached to the home.

On the occasion of the 175th birth anniversary of Jamshedji Tata, founder of the Tata Industries, two groups of TATA Motors, Maval Foundry, visited TARA on 6th March and 14th March. The first group painted all the beds and planted several flower and show plants. They brought with them all the material required for the painting and brought uncommon and exclusive plants. The second group painted all the play things in the campus and donated two swings and clothes for the children. Both groups were very enthusiastic and enjoyed participating in all the activities.

A group of students, about 8 of them, from the Indira Global Business School, Pune visited TARA on 3 consecutive Thursdays i.e. 6th, 13th and 20th of March. On the first Thursday they helped the TATA Motors volunteers with painting the beds. On the next Thursday they helped with gardening and on the last Thursday they spent a lot of time with the children, baked a cake for them and later took them for a small outing to the nearby Dinosaur Park. Our child Snehal who is now 16 years old, came first in her school names 'Snehalaya', which is a special school for physically handicapped children. We pay fees of Rs. 1000/- per month from the Earth Child Sponsorship.

Aarti, a 12 year old child, who goes to the corporation school (government), also has passed and has been promoted to class 5. We spend a lot on her diapers and chronic treatment for her medical problem, which amounts to about Rs. 3000/- per month. This, also, is possible due to the sponsorship from Earth Child.

Social Worker Urmila is overseeing the TARA centre and focusing on raising community support for TARA.

On 14th May, we celebrated TARA's sixth birthday. The staff danced and the children enjoyed the celebration and cut a cake. We have 32 children at present.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SPONSORS AND EARTH CHILD FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE.

