

Barn på Jorden

Earth Child Association



Ett stort TACK till alla ER som stödjer Barn på Jordens projekt handikapp- hemmet TARA och barnhemmet SHREEVATSA i Pune.

I juni månad överfördes biståndsmedel från FFIA till Barn på Jorden. Vi har därför under 2013 kunnat skicka ca 80 000 kr till TARA.

Till Shreevatsa har vi skickat ca 12 000 kr.

Vi hoppas att ni alla vill fortsätta att stödja verksamheterna i Pune. Er hjälp behövs. Bankgiro 173-7022 märk talongen TARA eller Shreevatsa.

På sida 2 finns Dipikas julbrev. Läs mer på www.barnpajorden.org

Bilderna är tagna av Eva vid besök i Pune oktober 2013.

GOD JUL och GOTT NYTT ÅR!
Eva Minton Carin Fremling





Dear Friends at EARTHCHILD,

We are on the last page of the calendar as another year comes to an end.

Through FFIA and Earthchild's support we have given care to 40 children who are severely challenged this year.

In the beginning of the year the school for special education, the Kamayani School, had its Annual function. Our children Aishwarya (15 years), Chaitrali (12 years), Kartika (8 years) and Anuradha (8 years) took active part in the celebrations. They dressed up and danced to the tune of popular Bollywood songs.

Later that month they went on a long school trip to Mumbai and had great fun at Essel World for childrens activities. It was a great experience for them to travel outside Pune.

In October our children took part in a mini-Marathon organized by the Lions Club. Our little Chaitrali came 4th in the race and won a trophy and some gifts. She was a delighted!

Aishwarya excelled in a drawing and painting competition organized by the Rotary Club and also got a certificate for her achievement.

Then came the festival of Divali, with fireworks, crackers, oil lamps and sweets. There was great excitement and an atmosphere of Joy with all the children taking part, most of them in wheel chairs.

Kartika and Chaitrali have just got their school results and both have come 2nd in class !

Some of the children like Roshni, Ajay, Rahul, Renuka, Gauri and Sulabha, are totally challenged, unable to make any movements. Yet our loving staff reaches out to them and they respond with a beautiful smile. Even their lives are touched by the celebrations and happy events around them.

Two physiotherapists come daily to give therapy to the children, so that all the children's muscles are exercised. Aditya (2 ½ years) and Mangesh (4 years) have started walking, a great achievement!!

But on the other side of the celebrations there are also sorrows and loss. We lost 4 of our beloved children this year - - - -

Siddhi (7 years) who had an accidental death, which shocked and grieved us all.

Gargi (2 ½ years) who had several congenital defects, passed away in May.

Vanmala (13 years), physically and mentally challenged with cerebral palsy and epilepsy, expired in September.

Sana (7 years), suffered from deep vein thrombosis and passed away suddenly in November.

Each one of these children left a gap in our group of children, **and in our life**. They always had a ready smile for us, even though life had given them so little.

Now we prepare to celebrate Christmas and renew the spirit of love and hope as we move into another year.

We all convey our love and thanks to our caring friends who have joined hands with us through EARTHCHILD and made it possible for us to care for the most vulnerable children in our society. Thank you, dear friends, for reaching out and making our service to challenged children possible.

Wish you and your family all good wishes for Christmas. **May the new year brings love, peace and joy.**

Sincerely Yours,

Mrs. Dipika Maharajsingh,

Mrs. Madhuri Abhyankar, Director, Staff and Children of SOFOSH