



Date – 5th November 09

TO ALL DONORS THROUGH FFIA/EVA MINTON,

It has been a busy year at our new center for challenged children, 'TARA'. We celebrated our first anniversary with a small party. The first year had many "teething" problems but now we are better established. There are between 27 to 30 severely challenged children at TARA. They are living in three colourful Dormitories. They enjoy the space and the comfortable beds. Six of our children go to a center called "Bal Kalyan Sanstha" which is located on the premises of the Governor of Maharashtra's residence. It is a Recreational Centre for challenged children. Our children listen to music, dance, play indoors and outdoor games. Learn simple crafts, swimming and alphabets. They read picture books.

Two of our children *Chaitrali and Aishwarya* attend the Kamayani School where they are taught in a special way. Aishwarya is one of the brightest students.

Snehal and Aarti, two little girls, have been operated at the Sancheti Hospital. Snehal has been dragging her body for many years. But now she can walk a few steps without support. She can climb stairs. Aarti is also walking after her Surgery. She has Spinobifida. Further surgeries are required. A new Physio-therapist Shubhangi Kharate, has been appointed. She comes from 7 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. daily.

A Pediatrician, Dr. Shah visits weekly or as required.

Some volunteers also support our work by participating in child care.

We all at SOFOSH thank you for your support to the children at TARA. Through this home we have changed the lives of challenged children. It has been possible because of your kindness and response to their needs.

Thank you,
Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. Dipika Maharajsingh
Executive Committee Member

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Director of Social Service