



Annual Reporting for the year 2017-18

ANNUAL REPORT	
Name of Implementing Organization with Address	Ashray Akruti
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Name of Donor	Asha for Education
Complete Address of Programme Location(s)	H No 65/B Beside Bachapan School S R Nagar Hyderabad
Name & Details of Projects Supported by Grant	Pre School Education for children with hearing loss
Number of Beneficiaries Covered	20
Cause Supported	
Reporting Period	1 st April'2017 to 31 st March'2018

About Ashray Akruti :

Ashray Akruti is a registered non-profit, non-religious organization; working since 1996, to improve the lives of people with disability and marginalized sections of society. The organization strongly believes in the potential of persons with disability and envisions a society where people with disability lead a life of dignity as equal citizens with equitable access to opportunities and services.

Ashray Akruti is an accredited organization certified by "**Credibility Alliance**", following norms of **accountability, transparency and good governance**. The organization is also empaneled with the **National CSR hub of Tata Institute of Social Sciences**.

The organization at present caters to the educational needs of 500 children with disability through its five centers in Hyderabad. The organization also implements projects in health education and skill development to improve the lives of people with disability and marginalized sections of the society.

About The Project Supported Through The Grant:

Early Intervention and Pre School Education for children with hearing loss

Ashray Akruti focuses on providing education and rehabilitation facilities to Hearing impaired children from poor backgrounds. **Through the grant received from Asha for Education we supported the educational needs of 20 hearing impaired children studying at our Early Intervention /Preschool center at S.R.Nagar location in Hyderabad.** All the children belong to underprivileged backgrounds.

The Preschool centre at Ashray Akruti focuses to develop the children's auditory, receptive language and expressive language skills, aside from working on number concepts, reading and writing. The students learn to listen, speak, and to make out words with the help of their hearing aids.

Throughout the school year, parents continue to be equal partners in the programme. The parents are encouraged to attend the sessions regularly so that they can convert everyday situations at home to language situations.

Activities Conducted Through The Grants:

The grant helped 13 children from the Early Intervention center and 7 children from the preschool section. Our early intervention/preschool program is a multi-disciplinary approach with emphasis on assisting the child to reach their full potential. The services are individualized to each child's need and integrate many disciplines such as Audiologist, Speech Pathologists, Special Educator.

7 children from the Pre School

13 children from Early Intervention center

Auditory Training

Regular intensive therapy was provided to all the 20 children. The sessions were conducted one on one for a duration of 45 minutes Monday to Friday. The children are trained by the speech and language therapist and special educator.

The training activities at the Early Intervention center Focused on

- Accepting Hearing Aid by the child
- Awareness of sounds
- Discrimination of sounds
- Identification of sounds
- Fine and Gross Motor Development

In the Pre School section the students were helped with

Verbal and Non Verbal sounds

Group Sessions were held on Saturdays.

Speech and Language Development

One on One training was provided to help children develop language skills.

Individual sessions were scheduled for a duration of 45 minutes Monday - Friday

Saturdays were dedicated to Group Sessions

Parents meeting were held on two Saturdays in a month.

The children at the preschool center were helped to recognize and communicate in speech the following

- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Birds
- Animals
- Flowers
- Things in the kitchen, bedroom ,bathroom
- Alphabetical words
- Food Items
- Relatives
- Colors
- Parts of the body
- Types of clothing
- Action Verbs
- Conversation on Apple

Reading and Writing Skills

The children at the center were helped to learn

- Alphabets
- Words
- Identification and counting of numbers
- Number concepts upto 50

Guidance and Counselling to Mothers

Counselling and guidance are ongoing activities at the center .It is mandatory for the mothers to attend the sessions so that the same can be reinforced at home . Group sessions are conducted on two Saturdays in a month to address their concerns.

The sessions included

- How to use a Hearing Aid
- Hearing Aid Trouble shooting

- Benefits of Cochlear Implant –Pros and Cons
- How to reinforce the lessons at home
- How to address the behavioral problems in children

Outcome of the Programme Activities

The project is structured in a manner to demonstrate meaningful outcomes in a timeframe of one year. The regular inputs by the Speech Therapist, Audiologist and Special Educators leads to number of students progressing in speech, language and academics.

All the children except one child has achieved the goals set for them during the academic year. One child namely Srinivas has not achieved about 60% of the goals as he was not regular in attending the sessions due to ill health.

The goals are set for every three months ,once they are achieved the child is moved to the next set of goals.

The following is the outcome of the programme activities

- **Listening Skills** improved among 20 Hearing Impaired Children
- **Speech skills improved among 20 children**
- **Improved fine and gross motor skills** among 20 hearing impaired children
- **4 Hearing Impaired children** underwent Cochlear Implant Surgery

Achievements through Project Activities:

- **Quality Pre School Education** for Profound Hearing Impaired children from underprivileged backgrounds
- **Quality Rehabilitation** facilities for Profound Hearing Impaired Children
- **Overall development** for hearing impaired children
- **Parents are able manage** their children better



Story of Balagovind

4 year old Balagovind has been attending the Pre school centre of Ashray Akruiti since July 2017. Today he is a very active child, he is able to understand simple sentences and respond in words. No mean achievement for a child with hearing loss with eight months of training.

Balagovind's family originally belongs to Srikakulam, his father migrated to Hyderabad for better job opportunities. His mother is a homemaker. His father works with a private company on a meagre income. It was a moment great shock when the family realized that their child is unable to listen to any sounds, this was when he was when he was three years old. It took a while for his parents to accept the fact and look for guidance. They consulted a ENT doctor in a government hospital ,The parents were advised that their child wears hearing aids and start training in speech and language training. Balagovind started attending a center run by a private organisation but the parents were not happy with the progress their child was making. It was then one of their acquaintances mentioned about Ashray Akruiti. The parents lost no time and approached the school immediately. He was enrolled in Preschool section at Ashray Akruiti . His world was bereft of any sounds and his world was one of complete silence. He had poor attention span and poor eye contact .

At the center special educators and therapists started training him to acquire speech and language and also worked on behaviour modification.

After 8 months of training

His attention span has improved, his eye contact is better. His is able to sit for longer time and his concentration has also enhanced.

His now able to say names of 5 Fruits, 5 colours,5 Vegetables and 4 shapes.

His parents are extremely happy with the progress their child is making and hope their son will soon be attending regular school along with other hearing children.

From Ashray Akruti Desk:

Your support helps us to make a difference in the lives of children like Balagovind and many students like them. We sincerely thank YOU for helping us bring hope into the lives of children with hearing loss and their families.