Mid-year review

Khushboo Welfare Society (KWS)

May 3, 2009
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Updates from KWS
(October ’08 – March ’09)

- Student activities
- Site visit by Bhavna and Mohit – December ’08
- Workshop – December ’08
- Annual Day – December ’08
- Medical Camp – March ’09
- Holi Celebrations – March ’09
- Stalls and sales of Samarth products
- Video on KWS
- Student and staff on roll updates
- Funds utilization report
- Khushboo se newsletters/updates
Student activities
Student activities

Diya making

Bead-necklace making
Computer training

Craft

Dal packing

Flower cutting
Music

Occupational therapy

Spiral-binding

Spiral-binding
Site visit

December ‘08
Site visit

- Bhavna and Mohit visited KWS during December ’08.
- First time was after school hours; interacted with the team.
- Second time, spent one full day at the school.
Entrance

Sehdev, caretaker; and one of the school buses

The premises

Physiotherapy
Pre-academic class session in progress
Charts in the Pre-academic class
Art work
Academic - I class session in progress
Academic-II class session in progress

Multi-sensory stimulation unit (MSSU)

A session at MSSU in progress

Touch therapy at MSSU
Pre-vocational junior class in progress

Stimulation senior class in progress

Tailoring unit

Spiral-binding unit
A dance performance by one of the students (practice for annual day)
Workshops
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Under the aegis of Dr. Praveen Kumar, ADC, DRDA, Gurgaon Mrs. Usha Gandhi trained the staff with chocolate making.

Himanshu Khurana (Physiotherapist from Khushboo) conducted hands on training on transfer techniques for care givers and special educators

Lalti Devi attended the Developmental Disabilities Workshop for five days held at NIMH New Delhi

Vijay Pal and Geeta Chaturvedi attended Workshop held by the National Trust hosted by AADI [Spastic Society Of Northern India], Delhi to know of the various schemes under National Trust with special focus on Niramaya, A Health insurance scheme for Persons with disabilities.

Sagarika Mohanti attended the Inclusive Education workshop for one day at AADI at New Delhi.

Geeta Chaturvedi, Sagarika Mohanti, Himanshu Khurana and Anuradha Dixit attended the seminar at Muskaan in New Delhi on “Building a Collective Voice: Empowering the Parents/Family“
Workshop on Functional Living Skills and Best Practices

http://picasaweb.google.com/khushboowelfaresociety/DecWorkshop08?feat=email#

Functional Living Skills and Best Practices Workshop were sponsored by CII on the 11th of December 2008. This workshop used interactive methodology using adult learning principles to promote contemporary and conducive learning strategies for individuals with different levels of disabilities and help them become productive and self-supporting members of society. Special Educators, therapists, parents, teacher trainees, schools and NGOs benefited from this workshop from the Gurgaon and Delhi based special schools.
Normal Sexual Behaviors
(From birth to age two)

- explore all body parts and find these parts or vagina as early as 6 months
- have pleasant feelings about exploring the vagina; boys have erections and girls experience fluid (vulvarisation) in the vagina from birth.
- begin to develop either positive or negative attitudes towards their own bodies.
- respond to messages from the family about expected behaviors for boys and girls.
- begin to develop a male or female identity.
Annual day celebrations

December ‘08
Khushboo celebrated their 13th Founders' Day on Sunday 14th December, a bright & sunny day much to the delight of all present. Like always the traditional inaugural lamp was lit by eminent guests and representatives of the community at large, donors, parents and Khushboo members. This annual event was in honor of distinguished representatives from the Donor Community. The children presented a delightful programme for one hour and kept the audience enthralled. They invoked Goddess Saraswati with a melodious note of Saraswati Vandana and continued the programme with recitation of poems and a group dance. Last but not the least they enacted a comedy play called 'Bakri aur Pandit' which left the audience in splits! The grand finale when all the Khushboo children came on stage with the 'Tare Zamoen Par' title track playing in the background got a standing ovation. A brilliant show indeed put together by the combined efforts of all the children, staff, volunteers, parents and helpers!

Three Cheers to everyone for putting up this Rock n Show!!!!
Medical Camp was organized at Khushboo Welfare Society under the guidance of our Pediatrician Dr. Prem Latha to assess children in terms of their functional mobility or in need for surgery.

Dr. Sanjay Sarup a Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeon visited Khushboo as the Consultant for the same on 8th March '09. We are very grateful to Dr. Sarup for the continuous support given to our special children and their parents! Interaction with Dr. Sarup has been extremely valuable in terms of capacity building of our own team as well.

Team Khushboo went for Hospital Visits to sensitize the medical fraternity and to keep them informed of the activities held at Khushboo for cases to be referred to us. These programs also facilitate to seek help from doctors at any point when Khushboo’s special children need help. Hospitals visited include: Hospitals visited in and around Gurgaon for the sensitization and awareness building programs: Life care hospital, Swastik hospital, Manglam hospital, Global Hospital and Yadav Hospital.
Physiotherapy
Holi celebrations

March ‘09
Makar Sankranti and Lohri were celebrated by everyone at the Centre. Children loved eating popcorn, nuts and sweet revdi and lighting the bonfire which is a Lohri ritual.

Holi was celebrated with the staff of RBS. The children participated in Rangoli competitions, Flower Arrangements, Drawing and Sports competitions. RBS employees also performed a skit on the story of Holi and also advocated for safe ways to play Holi.

Republic Day was celebrated with great national zeal at the Centre. The Chief Guest, Mrs. Jitender Kaur Rekhi hoisted the National Flag and distributed biscuits after the cultural function presented by our children.

All the children also participated at Holi Milan at Delhi Hatt on the 6th of March organized by the Society of Child Development at Delhi.
Rangoli

Colors

Rangoli

Colors
Bouquet making
Bouquet making
Games
A skit for the children
All are winners!!!
Physiotherapy

Holi
Stalls
Stalls

Buoyancee, an organization, located at Bangalore which works with children – picked up items made by the special children of Khushboo to be distributed as gifts during the Sankranti festival. Similarly employees from GE (RMZ Next at Whitefield, Bangalore) purchased gift items for the underprivileged children whom they are supporting.

Khushboo gift articles were sold at the following stalls –

- Bechtel
- Ernst and Young, Global Shared Services
- COLT Technology Services India Private Ltd
- Coca Cola, India
- Perfetti Van Melle
- RMZ Next at Whitefield initiated by GE

Khushboo spreads its fragrance & wings to Pune
- Anand Bazaar
- Bal Bhavan
Sale of “Samarth” products

Products made by the children under “Samarth” (vocational training program) of Khushboo Welfare Society.
Student and staff list
## Students

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Current student: teacher ratio 1:8 (juniors)/1:10 (seniors)

Hiring needs 2 special educators, 2 assistants, 1 social worker
Updates

- Quarterly newsletters about Khushboo activities, called “Khusbhoo Se”
- Very prompt in updates and answering questions
- Very co-operative and willingly share confidential information, if necessary
- Very open to suggestions