KHUSHBOO SE NEWSLINE: Jan – April 2011

“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention”

Workshops

On 19th and 31st Jan, Khushboo’s Staff and Executive Committee members met together to discuss various action road-maps on organisational and development aspects.

Community Based Rehabilitation: In Feb, our Physiotherapist - Himanshu Khurana and Special Educator - Shashi Narang teamed together to take our Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) initiative to villages Garauli Kalan and Khurd for Detailed Case Studies and Counseling services at their door-steps. They carried out 8 visits in Feb.-March in this series and covered the following under this program.
- Visit to Civil Hospital : 3
- Orientation meeting with Anganwadi and Asha Worker : 1
- Functional Assessment : 1
- Arranging Disability Certificate : 2
- Case Study : 2
- Medical Examination at KWS : 2
- Assessment for Functional Special education : 2

FROM OUR READERS

“It was lovely to read the newsletter from khushboo. In these times of reading newspaper headlines -where we always read of negativities of rapes, crimes & corruptions, KWS Newsletter was transmitting positive vibes, refreshing and very inspiring “

Stalls

Natural Holi Colors is a unique product for which Khushboo’s vocational trainees are involved as a back-end activity throughout the year. They trim away the delicate colorful petals from used flowers collected from temples, dry them and supply them to ‘Society for Child Development’ in Delhi, for converting them into safe and natural organic color-powders for Holi. This activity received accolades and media coverage, in an event held at Hotel Lemon Tree to celebrate ‘International Women’s day’ on .........
CELEBRATIONS

Holi – the festival of colors was celebrated on 17th March with the children having loads of fun while smearing the organic holi colors on each other. A cultural program was also presented by them in colorful dresses.

Khushboo team celebrated Republic Day on 25th January with children. National Flag was hoisted by the children in the presence of Mr. K S Malik, Additional Commissioner-Excise and Taxation. Kids presented the cultural program and fruits were distributed to the children after the function.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Khushboo team celebrated Basant Panchmi with the children.

18th Feb. Very Special Art India Delhi organized Flower arrangement and Rangoli competition for children with disabilities.

- Shilpa Rana and Manpreet Singh won 1st prize for Flower arrangement.
- Suman Yadav, Priyanka Hasija and Vikas Seokand won 1st prize for Rangoli Making.

Congrats Kids!! Way to Go!!

1ST PRIZE in Flower Arrangement

1ST PRIZE in RANGOLI MAKING

A new Vocational activity “Bubble wrap sheet cutting” was commissioned for the trainees, with the work-station, designed and engineered by Mr. A C Gupta (Vice President-KWS), based on the concept introduced earlier by a parent Mr. K. D. Gupta. This safe and efficient system with high production rate, can yield income of Rs 30 per hour or more.

STAFF TRAINING

A training workshop was organized on 18th March at the Centre for Khushboo’s staff on Development of Projects as effective teaching aids, by Mrs. Madhumati Bose, a well-known resource person from Delhi. In this 4-hr session, she demonstrated “how to teach” children more effectively using interesting materials, articles, pictures, etc. developed by teachers themselves as projects.
4th Feb.- Prof. Vivek Hattangadi visited Khushboo. He is associated with Anusuyatmaja Matimand Nivasi Vidyalaya – an institution for poor tribal children with disabilities at Igatpuri in Maharashtra. His eloquent impressions written as ‘A Temple called Khushboo’ (already circulated separately) left an indelible impression on our hearts.

In Feb. Purnima and Divya of ‘Uninor’ – the Unitech Wireless Pvt Ltd, had a series of discussions with us to develop a unique volunteering program for their employees for Khushboo, which would cover a wide range of innovative support activities for our children and for various other aspects of our operations, and in which all of their 450+ staff would intensively participate by turns, over the whole of year 2010-11.

Inter Globe Enterprises Ltd.- On 18th Feb. a group of 15 Volunteers interactively spent the day with our children at the Center. The children had a merry time with the gifts and materials distributed by them, and with various fun-filled and educative activities in the classrooms, and outdoor activities.

On 18th Feb. Mrs. Anita Tawadey, a well wisher from New Delhi, visited the centre with a friend. She took sponsorship for Khushboo’s child ‘Garima’. Immense thanks for this kind gesture.

On 25th Feb. - Ms. Madhavi (Projects Head) from Concern India Foundation, Mumbai with Ms. Bipasa Patnayak came for Project site visit.

Many Thanks for your Kind Support!!!

EXL Services, Gurgaon – an Associate Company of American Express, donated a 25 KVA silent Genset to Khushboo.

Ms. Ruchika Ohri, Vice-President, and Nagesh & their team and handed it over and inaugurated it formally on 16th March.
3rd Feb - Meeting to plan District Level Special Olympics, Bharat for children with mental disabilities was held at Khushboo, with Mr. Deepak Walia from Special Olympics - Haryana, Mrs. Neera Malik - Dist. Social Welfare Officer and Mrs. Savita Gambhir of Sarva Siksha Abhiyan.

On 3rd Feb, a meeting was held to plan the District Level Special Olympics for children with mental disabilities. The event was organized by Khushboo Welfare Society and was attended by Mr. Deepak Walia from Special Olympics - Haryana, Mrs. Neera Malik - District Social Welfare Officer, and Mrs. Savita Gambhir of Sarva Siksha Abhiyan.

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On 6th and 10th March, District Level Special Olympics, for children with disabilities hosted by Khushboo Welfare Society. Mr. Sudhir Rajpal, I.A.S. (Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Gurgaon) inaugurated the event. About 175 children from Khushboo the Manav Vikas Special School - Haily Mandi, Vishwas School, and the ‘Special Wings’ of the Heritage School, DAV Public School, Sec. 10A participated in the action-filled events over 2 days.

The Special Olympics event was covered widely by Gurgaon Media - Dainik Bhasker, Aaj Samaj, Navbharat Times & Amar Ujala.

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The Games were sponsored by Special Olympics – Bharat; venue sponsored by DAV Sr. Sec. School, Khandsa Road, Gurgaon; Glaxo Smith Kline & Hewitt sponsored nourishing health drinks & biscuits for all the children. Our Heartfelt gratitude & thanks to the sponsors, and the DAV school for providing excellent infrastructural support!!
BE A VOLUNTEER!

GOT TIME ON YOUR HANDS?
GOT THE PASSION?

Join hands with Khushboo
To spread the fragrance of compassion and empathy!

Immediate Volunteer Opportunities:
• Enthusiastic teacher to introduce the children to the world of dance and music.
• Web Designer to update and manage our website.
• Enthusiastic volunteers to sell our products at corporate stalls.

Your feedback is VALUABLE & energizes us to grow more effectively. We welcome your comments, suggestions, views and queries on this presentation and on our activities.

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