“Jo Haath Seva Karte Hain – Wo Hi Sadhna Bhi Kar Sakte Hain Jis Dil Main Karuna Basati Hai –Wo hi Prarthana Kar Sakte Hain.”

Pujya Anandamurti Guru Ma

Bangalore - Many thanks to Adobe, B’lore – KWS had a stall at the NGO meet and were able to sell some of their merchandise.

Pune – KWS had a stall at DAV school on 30th May during their PTM day. Young Girls Nidhi Nawal, Sania Nafade, & Mrs. Sudha Rajshekharan, happily volunteered to help at the stall with their very special skills in marketing.

Gurgaon – KWS team had a stall on 4th and 5th June at Ernst & Young premises during the Environment week at Gurgaon
Events

Sri Sri Ravi Shankarji’s Birthday was celebrated by Art of Living at Khushboo. They distributed gifts to all the children after rendering some melodious and soulful ‘Bhajans’.

Kushboo Staff attended a Computer training “Train the Trainer” Class with GENPACT. The training was mainly on Computer Basics, MS Word, Excel and Powerpoint Basics. Many thanks to Ruchi and the entire GENPACT team.
The AGM of Khushboo Welfare Society was held on the 26th of April. Endowments: The Vice-President presented a proposal on launching Endowments as one of the options for corpus donations for the sustenance of Khushboo. The proposal was highly appreciated and approved. For more details, get in touch with Mr. Ashok Gupta, vice president. Email: ashokcgupta@gmail.com.

Parents Meeting was organized on 25th April to facilitate learning opportunities for parents. PARIVAAR - NFPA was formed in the year 1995. It is a Federation of over 150 Parents Associations and NGOs in 27 States of India working for people with Mental Retardation, Autism, Cerebral Palsy and Multiple Disabilities. Parivaar is a grassroots-level organization with 70 urban, 42 semi-urban and 38 rural parents associations. Mr. Anil Joshi shared his perspective as a parent and their positive role in the training of children. Report cards were also handed over to their parents.

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Yoga training was conducted by Art of living group on 15th – 22nd May. Many Thanks to the Art of Living Foundation and their volunteers.
A collaborative effort of National Trust, VSO and Khushboo Welfare Society for maximizing the involvement of the civil society through volunteer support for providing relief and care for persons with disabilities. This effort is also targeted to promote corporate volunteering too.

As our next project AHEAD- Accessing Health for Abilities and Development we are now turning towards the villages which are in dire need of accessible services for the disabled persons. KWS proposes to make a multi pronged intervention in the field of Preventive Health through Partnership with the available health Facilities and services. It is proposed that KWS, together with expert agencies and through Dist Public Health services will build the capacity of the communities at the grassroots.

Congratulations to all the children!!! In the month of March we had sent some Paintings made by our children at VSA [Very Special Arts] India Delhi. They had organized Annual National Art Competition 2009. 18 children from KWS participated & three children were selected for consolation prize. They received cash prize of Rs. 250/- along with merit certificates.
In the previous newsletter, we had published the link to KWS videos in YouTube made possible through the generous effort of Conzerv systems B’lore.

Part 1 of the movie is at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KIwk3dstca0
Part-2 is at - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Ngbihu88WE

Some of our readers shared their thoughts on the video and the excerpts are –

“I loved the films- watched both at a go. Hats off to all of you who have endless patience and dedication.”

“Khushboo has come a long way with the dedicated efforts of the people like you. My eyes were filled with tears. I wish all the good luck to Khushboo & all the members who are continuously contributing to this great mission.“

Beautiful inspiring organization. Seeing the courage of the children puts an instant smile on my face”

“You have done an incredible job of telling the story of Khushboo, clearly articulating the purpose, vision and your dreams for the school. The activities and the children of Khushboo have been beautifully interwoven and embedded within the story. Congratulations on a great film!”
Khushboo Welfare Society is now enlisted with 'Charities Aid Foundation India' (CAF India), and 'Give India Foundation', as approved Charity for facilitating donations from donors worldwide.

These organizations provide philanthropic services and solutions to companies, individuals and employees to donate to charitable causes of their choice in an efficient and tax-effective manner. Building resources and the capacity of the not-for-profit sector in India is also core to their work.

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**Workshops**

The KWS Team had two workshops for their staff –

- Making of Paper bags – Anup Bhateja (Consultant)
- Flower Pasting on Paper Products – Sonali Savkoor (Chair Person – Kushboo)

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**Visitors**

Team of Genpact visited KWS. They offered to train the KWS staff in computers.

Team of Concern India Foundation visited KWS for the official inspection.

Liam O’Leary - Organizational Development Advisor with Patang & volunteer with VSO India visited KWS on 1st May’09 to assess our capacity needs on volunteering management wrote “I greatly enjoyed our conversation on volunteering”.

Representatives from Joining Hands visited on 13th May’09 with Sumedha Nair, ED
WE THANK OUR SPONSORS!!

We are extremely grateful to the team of American Express for donating the inverters in time—it’s a big relief for the children from the severe heat of these summer months.

The KWS team sends their heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Anshul Gupta for the donation of wheel chairs & the rotators. This has increased the mobility of the children in need & they feel secure & safe now. Children send their love to Anshul Bhaiya & team of Amex
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

HOW CAN YOU HELP!!

You can support KWS through participation in Airtel Delhi Half Marathon – 09 on Nov 1st 2009 in New Delhi.

KWS is a participating NGO so, in addition to helping a cause you will also gain publicity for your organization through extended media coverage. You can also have banners, posters, t-shirts, caps etc. with your company name and logo printed along with ours to show your sensitivity. Participation in ADHM is a great way to be associated with a cause as well as showing that you care as a Neighbor. As a socially responsible corporate, we invite you to get associated with us and be a part of ADHM09. In case of any queries please contact Geeta Chaturvedi 9810580908.

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