The Vatsalya Foundation
Highlights of January –March 2014.

Dear Friends,

January to March were a time of lot of activities - events, interactions with guests and along with the preparation of the exams:-

Children Celebrate Birthday Party

The common birthday party of all the children of Vatsalya was celebrated on February 14, 2014 at the Shelter Home, Mahalaxmi. About 350 children from the centers, outreach and Shelter Home along with more than 100 guests were Present on the occasion. The children's performances- dance, drama, fashion show - enthralled the guests and children. The event began with the dance performance Titled 'Soch Do pal ki'- based on Equality. In addition to being a fun and entertainment time for the children and guests, it served as a platform for children to build their confidence as they perform on stage. The dances and items were choreographed by The young Boys and Girls of The Vatsalya Foundation.

Corporate Partnership: APTAR Group, visits Vatsalya

"The enthusiasm, joy and talent of the boys' is amazing. I know they will be successful" expressed by Mary Krager, a member of 29-member group of Aptar Company, after their visit to Shelter Home on Jan.22nd. They interacted with the children of the Shelter Home and visited projects like computer education, gardening etc. The children performed Capoeira and danced for them. The children from prepared and gave greeting cards to the group. The children also clicked Photographs all around and were very excited handling the camera. Aptar group of CEO to visited North Mahim Centre on Jan 22nd. They interacted with a few children and their families they have sponsored at their homes.

We Run for the Cause of Children's Rights!

The Vatsalya Foundation team participated in the Standard Charted Mumbai Marathon 2014 on January 19th with full zeal and enthusiasm.

The energy around was very motivating and positive. Swathi Mukherjee, Executive Director participated as The Dream Maker – raised funds and also to create awareness.

Cultural and Social Celebration:

The significance of celebrating festival is to inculcate values of togetherness, power of the truth and victory of good over evil. Our children celebrated Republic Day, Holi and Easter wit h full enthusiasm.

Entertainment programme

Superstar Salman Khan visited children and interacted on 24th January 2014, at Star City during the screening of Jai Ho. Salman conveyed the simple message of the movie to the audience. He shared a simple philosophy to enjoy the Joy of Giving. Instead of The word 'Thanks' if someone has helped you, you go out and help three more people and makle a chain of Hlping each other and make it a better place to live and support each other.

Art and Craft Session

On 13th and 14th Jan AIESSC organized the Bal kalakar event. Total 100 children participated in this event from The Vatsalya foundation's contact centers and shelter home. The volunteers taught The children learnt skill of Dance, Drama Candle making and pot painting

Education: *The focus of the children Appeared for 10th and 12th std. exams which started in March. For other children, the exams will start in early April. However the children are looking forward to their summer vacations which brings them variety of Interactive and Educative events art & craft workshops, outings and lots of play-time.*

Name *– Shruti Atmaram Ghadigaonkar.*
Age - *19* ***STD*** *– S.Y.B.Com.*
College name *–Kirti M. Doongursee College.*
Shruti residing at M.N. Koli slum Contact point with her father, who is presently unemployed and her mother is working as sweeper. She also has her younger brother Shruti is very clever girl she always got top rank in school and college also. She wants to become C.A in future but it is not possible without coaching classes
So T.V.F gave her financial support for further education. Now she is very happy and studying very hard for achieving desired goals.

Name *– Laxmi Jagdamba Prasad Jaiswal.*
Medium*-Hindi,* ***Age****- 9,* ***STD****- 3rd*
Laxmi is residing at nayanagar contact point, Mahim. She has 2 elder brothers and 1 elder sister. Her father is working as a driver and both brothers are working as a delivery boy in bharat gas agency. Her sister is studying in 8th std.

Laxmi has been come in contact since 2013. She had poor language skills however was very motivated and picked up very soon. She is very proud of her achievements and is also learning Capoeira sessions from the Volunteers. The session has developed her concentration and discipline.

Warm regards,

The Vatsalya Foundation Team

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