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Secretary Report on Vasudha 2019 Activities

Summary

Vasudha team is extremely pleased about their first year in operation. After several years of thinking about doing something to the society, those thoughts materializing into several actions in this first year of our operations helping some of the needy has been extremely pleasing and making all of us very energetic and enthusiastic about doing more such activities in future. Following is a list of activities we have performed this year.

- Clothes Distribution in Ulavapadu
- Education Support in Ulavapadu
- Eye Camp in Ulavapadu
- Eye Camp in Singarayakonda
- Village Welfare Camps at Ulavapadu
- University Student Scholarships
- Plantation Drive in Ulavapadu
- Education Support in Singarayakonda
- Disaster Relief for Fire Accident Victims
- Financial Assistance for Brain Surgery
- Eye Camp at Ginnedhari
- Tailoring Training Camp at Ginnedhari

When we started thinking about setting up Vasudha as an organization, we had no idea how to go about doing things, what could be an appropriate activity to take up, where to start the activities from, and how do we raise the money for the activities. While going through the IRS 501©3 certification as a non-profit, the questions they ask in 1023 application made us think through the entire operation in detail and get an idea of how to go about doing things. Entire 2018 has been spent in getting the 1023 application ready and get the certification done. After we received the IRS certification in Feb 2019, we started our activities. In the following sections, each of the activities performed in 2019 are described in details.

Clothes Distribution in Ulavapadu

This is the very first activity we planned and executed in 2019. Soon after getting the 501©3 certification for Vasudha in February 2019, we have started preparing for this



activity. With the able coordination of our volunteer Muralidhar Kanduri, we have collected 570 clothes from the residents of SMR Vinay Acropolis that includes men's, women's and children's clothes. These clothes have been segregated, packed and shipped to Singarayakonda by our volunteers Praveen Nukasani and Srinivas Koppiseti. Our volunteer Seshagiri Rao Raya received the cloth boxes from Navatha transport in Singarayakonda and got them dry

cleaned and pressed to keep them ready for distribution. Our Ulavapadu volunteers Raviteja Yeddu and his friends joined Seshagiri Rao to coordinate and distribute the clothes in Kotireddy Palli Colony, Venka Reddy Colony, GVR Colony, Thirupathi Reddy Colony, and Shankar Nagar Colony. All the villagers in these colonies appreciated the efforts and picked up the clothes of their choice.

Education Support in Ulavapadu



This is an ongoing activity we started in Kotireddy Palli Colony, Venka Reddy Colony, GVR Colony, and Thirupathi Reddy Colony of Ulavapadu with an intention to make a difference to the lives of about 50 families. We noticed is that children in these colonies are left to their fate, wandering on the roads with nobody caring for them during the day while their uneducated parents go for their daily wage jobs in the

farms. They are also starving from the lack of nutritious food and are unkempt because of lack of proper clothes and unaware of healthy living habits. It is our endeavor to make an impact on the lives of these people. Our goal is to put them on a path to education and make them grow in their life.

Our volunteer Seshagiri Rao Raya identified these colonies by travelling around in the nearby villages from his place of residence in Singarayakonda. Ulavapadu government hospital children doctor Dr. Sateesh who has been trying to help the children in these colonies as part of his humanitarian efforts has been very helpful in getting our activities started in these colonies. Once we identified the place and the people we wanted to help, we started thinking about the steps we can take to help these people towards putting them on a path to education. These children are in different age groups, at different capabilities with their basic reading and writing, some have attempted to study in a local government school but dropped out due to the inability to follow what the teachers are teaching and falling behind. With the children in those conditions, we thought our way forward is to setup a daily class in these colonies to bring the children in that colony to a level capable of going to school on a daily basis. With that intention, we engaged a local educated volunteer Raviteja Yeddu as a volunteer teacher with an honorarium to support his full time efforts on this activity to teach these children. Initially children were sitting on the bare road and later we procured them a sheet to sit on. At some point we even explored the option of building a simple hut in these colonies to help with these classes but looking at the modalities involved, we gave up on that direction.

Initially Raviteja had to struggle a lot to make these children to come to class on a daily basis. He had to travel to each home in the morning on his motorcycle to persuade and beg these children to come to the class and how the education that he is trying to impart is expected to help them progress in their lives. After several such efforts, he was finally able to establish trust with these children and their parents to make them regular attendees in his class. In addition, our volunteer Uma Thorlikonda from Hyderabad, who has been a teacher herself in the past has taken the trouble to make frequent trips from Hyderabad to this area to impress upon the parents and their children on the importance of education and how it can help. Uma methodically monitors the progress of these children by keeping track of their daily attendance and even some of these student birthdays to celebrate them. To motivate parents and children adopt good behavior shown by some of the children and parents, she came up with a scheme to recognize good parent behavior by giving a saree to parents teaching right discipline to



the children. To help improve the health of these children, she distributes healthy snacks like fruits and eggs to all the children in each of her trips from Hyderabad. Our another volunteer Acheswara Rao also travelled along with Uma in one of her trips to have discussions with school head masters of the nearby government primary schools where we are persuading our children to get admitted in their respective classes based on

their age. Our intention of conducting classes locally in each colony is to bring them to a

level that allows them to progress with the class they get admitted into. Our volunteers Uma, Acheswara Rao, Seshagiri Rao, Raviteja also met Ulavapadu and Singarayakonda MEO to update him on the activities we are doing in the area and seek his permission to support the schools with our activities.



With the last several months efforts by Raviteja our children have progressed with their

abilities of reading and writing. With this state of the children, we felt comfortable that we could admit them to the respective nearby government primary school and support them by complementing the school efforts. With this thought, Raviteja once again went around to each house in these colonies to persuade children and their parents to register them with the school. Some of the parents were of the opinion that they are ok for their children to attend Raviteja's evening classes but they are not willing to send their children to school as that would cause them to lose the income they are getting

from their children working on the farm during the day. Raviteja had to use all his persuading skills to convince some of these parents. Some are still adamant and we left them alone. We were able to admit as many children as possible to the government schools. Raviteja currently goes to each of the government schools to complement the school efforts and in the evening, teach these children in the colonies to continue to improve them. In the schools Raviteja's focus is to prepare children for Gurukul

entrance exam to help them progress towards better education, in addition to supporting the school in other day to day educational needs.



Our volunteers Raviteja and Seshagiri Rao realized that 50 children we are supporting can progress well with their studies if we can support them with the necessary textbooks and copy notebooks. Our volunteers made special efforts to procure the textbooks from a remote publisher

in Vijayawada and distributed them to all the students along with a school bag and other school supplies.

Eye Camp in Ulavapadu



This is the first of the three eye camps Vasudha team has conducted in the year on July 6th. This camp is conducted in collaboration with Sankara Eye Hospitals, Guntur and District Blindness Control Society, Ongole. Our US volunteer team including Radhakrishna Kadali, Srinivas Motupalli, and Murali Mekanaboina also took part in conducting this eye camp during their holiday break. Our

Hyderabad volunteers including Srinivas Koppiseti, Praveen Nukasani, Uma Thorlikonda and Sateesh worked together with our local volunteers Seshagiri Rao, Raviteja, Rambabu, and Thirupathiah to successfully organize the event. Our volunteers prepared a flyer to distribute in the villages of Ulavapadu. An audio message was prepared to announce the camp in the villages by sending an auto to go around in the villages of Ulavapadu. While doing these rounds, flyers were also distributed to ensure all the people in the neighboring villages of Ulavapadu mandal can avail the camp. Prior to the camp food arrangements were made by Srinivas Motupalli for patients coming to the camp as well as to the doctors and volunteers part of the camp. Also volunteers Seshagiri Rao and Raviteja arranged for the shamianas, tables and chairs for the camp to be delivered by the morning of the camp. Seshagiri Rao also arranged for the accommodations for Sankara Eye Hospital staff and for the non-local volunteers.



Volunteer Radhakrishna Kadali coordinated with Shakra Eye Hospital, Guntur about the arrangements for the doctors on the day of the camp. Volunteers Radhakrishna, Srinivas Koppisetty and Sateesh travelled to Ongole to procure the medicines needed for the camp in the early hours on the day of the camp. Ulavapadu government hospital doctor Dr. Sateesh presided over camp inauguration function and spoke fondly of Vasudha selecting their area for conducting education

activities and these medical activities. On the day of the camp, patients started coming to the camp right from the morning hours. A total of 176 patients were registered in the camp. These patients went through a series of tests conducted at the camp and finally went through the eye examination conducted by Sankara Eye Hospital doctors. Though 77 patients were identified as needing cataract surgery, only 61 patients were eligible to go through the cataract surgery due to their current health condition. These patients were asked to come back to the same camp place on the following Friday to be picked up by Sankara Eye Hospital transport vehicle to take them to the hospital in Guntur for the surgery. Other patients requiring spectacles were told to pick up spectacles provided at a designated eye center. Medicines and eye drops were provided to the

patients that could benefit from them. Food was provided to the patients at the lunch time as all these patients have come from far off villages to the camp place. As instructed by Sankara Eye Hospital doctors, patients requiring cataract surgery were

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picked up at the campsite on following Friday and surgeries performed. Patients were given post-surgery care instructions and asked to come to the camp place on August 9th for post-surgery review. On the stated day, post surgery review was performed for the patients. Several local newspapers published our activity in the area.

Eye Camp in Singarayakonda



This camp is planned and executed alongside the camp in Ulavapadu. This camp is conducted on the very next day on July 7th in collaboration with Sankara Eye Hospitals, Guntur and District Blindness Control Society, Ongole. Most of the necessary arrangements are made by the same volunteers working on the other camp using the vendors from Singarayakonda for this camp. Auto circulated the camp announcement and flyers in all

the villages of Singarayakonda mandal prior to the camp to mobilize the patients to utilize the camp. On the day of the camp, patients started arriving at the camp from the morning hours. A total of 131 patients were registered in this camp of which 64 patients were identified by Sankara Eye Hospital doctors as requiring cataract surgeries. These

patients were instructed to come to the campsite on the following Friday similar to Ulavapadu camp. The patients have been picked up on the stated day by Sankara Eye Hospital transport vehicle and surgeries performed. Post surgery review was performed on August 9th for these patients as well.

Village Welfare Camps at Ulavapadu

Ulavapadu government hospital children doctor Dr. Sateesh reached out to us informing about his observations in Kotireddy Palli Colony, Venka Reddy Colony, GVR Colony, and Thirupathi Reddy Colony of Ulavapadu with respect to the health of the students as



well as about the menstrual hygiene in women. He mentioned that women in this area are still using old clothes and they wash and reuse the same cloth for each cycle. He expressed grave concern that what they are doing is extremely dangerous for their health and helping them move towards sanitary pads can greatly help their health. He suggested that they can easily afford these pads

given the health benefits and we just need to educate them about the risks with what they are doing. He also mentioned that women in the area are suffering from iron deficiency, and children in the area are suffering from malnutrition and lacking in calcium and zinc. He requested that if Vasudha could arrange certain number of sanitary pads, iron, zinc and calcium syrups, we could distribute them to the women and children in these four colonies. Vasudha was happy to provide these medicines to conduct the welfare camps in these four colonies. Dr. Sateesh spoke to the women about the importance of menstrual hygiene. Volunteer Radhakrishna Kadali procured the necessary medicines for the camp from Keerthi Medicals, Ongole.

University Student Scholarships

With an intention of helping bright students that cannot financially afford university education to pursue higher studies, Vasudha instituted a scholarship program and provided instructions on how to avail the scholarship on our website. Based on this

published information, two students approached us explaining their current situation and financial requirements for their college education. Vasudha team interviewed these students, their parents, and college administrators to confirm the information provided in the application and attached documents and approved a scholarship covering their one year of the degree they are pursuing. Geetanjali from CMR university, Bangalore is pursuing a 3 year degree in finance and accounting. We have been following up with her to ensure she is progressing well with her studies. Divya is studying Bachelor of Engineering in Lakireddy Balireddy College of Engineering in Mylavaram, Krishna dt. She is also progressing very well with her studies maintaining top 5% grades. For both these students we intend to support them through 2020-21 academic year as well assuming they continue to progress well with their studies.

Plantation Drive in Ulavapadu

Vasudha believes that taking care of environment helps humanity as a whole to lead a better life. The way the environment is getting harmed with advancements in



industrialization, if each of us do not do our bit to give back to the environment, entire human life could be in danger. With this thought process of helping humanity as a whole, Vasudha has taken up the initiative to perform plantation wherever possible. We have done our first plantation drive in Ulavapadu where we planted 20 plants in collaboration with Patraharitha Welfare

Organization. This organization specializes in developing 3 to 6 year old plants in 90 days by cutting branches from big trees and providing them an environment to make these branches develop roots and become a stand alone plant. We have followed through our plantation drive by watering these plants regularly to ensure they survive the summer heat. We intend to continue our plantation drive in the coming years, increasing the number of plants. Our goal is to plant a million plants by 2030.

Education Support in Singarayakonda



We expanded the education related activities to support schools in Singarayakonda mandal. The Headmaster of Old Singarayakonda Primary School approached us explaining the activities they are undertaking in their school in bringing remote children to the school by arranging a transportation using the support provided by some other organization. He asked our help to bring in more students. Vasudha was happy to provide the

necessary support to bring in 15 more remote students by arranging an auto transport for the academic year of 2019-20. We plan to continue this support for the 2020-21 academic year as well. Similarly in Sanampadu primary school, we are supporting 15 remote students to come to that school by providing auto transportation for academic year of 2019-20. In Potluru primary school, we have distributed necessary notebooks and other school supplies to the children.

Disaster Relief for Fire Accident Victims



When one of our volunteers visited his home village S.Moolapolam in Amalapuram, East Godavari Dt, A.P, came across 5 families affected by a fire accident where their houses and all their belongings have been completely burned and they are left with nothing. Government hasn't provided any assurance for them with respect to how they can build their houses back. Vasudha as a humanitarian gesture provided

some financial help to help them come onto their feet to move forward with their lives.

Financial Assistance for Brain Surgery



We came across an 8th class student in Singarayakonda studying in Lotus High School, who became unconscious while he was at school. He was first admitted to Ongole RIMS hospital, but they recommended him to be shifted to Hyderabad due to

lack of necessary facilities locally. He was then shifted to Yashoda Hospital in Hyderabad where he was diagnosed as having a blood clot in the brain which needs immediate surgery. He went through a couple of surgeries at Yashoda Hospital. Hospital expenses of 15 lacs for this surgery are beyond this family's financial capability. The children's doctor Dr. Sateesh of Ulavapadu Government Hospital took upon himself to raise funds for this family's hospital expenses. As part of his efforts Vasudha also assisted financially for a small part of the expenses. Unfortunately boy couldn't recover from the surgery related complications and passed away.

Eye Camp at Ginnedhari



Vasudha team expanded the activities to Asifabad district in Telangana. Our 3rd eye camp in the year is conducted in Ginnedhari covering several villages of Tiryani mandal. This camp is conducted in coordination with Lions Club Hospital, Bellampalli. Tiryani police played a significant role in successfully conducting this camp. Ahead of this camp, Vasudha volunteer team from Hyderabad visited this remote

area to discuss the modalities of the camp with the Lions Club team and identified various activities to be done for successful coordination of the camp. As part of the preparation for this camp, we have reached out to all elderly people in the villages of Tiryani mandal through the village Sarpanch with the help of Tiryani Police Sub Inspector Ramarao.



On the day of the camp, made arrangements at the camp facility for the patients by setting up tables, chairs and shelters. Lunch was also arranged for the patients sponsored by Tiryani Police department. As the patients started arriving, registered the incoming patients and coordinated the checkups of the patients with the Lions Club Hospital staff. A total of 104 patients attended the camp. After checking these patients,

Lions Club Doctors identified that 33 patients need cataract surgeries. They also identified that 30 patients need spectacles to improve their vision. Vasudha team procured the spectacles and provided them to these patients. All the patients visiting the camp received medicines provided by Vasudha appropriately dispensed by Lions Club doctors.

Tailoring Training Camp at Ginnedhari

With an intention to make our villages become self-sufficient, Vasudha team is organizing 100 day Tailoring Classes Camps in Tiryani mandal in Komaram Bheem Asifabad district of Telangana. Our first 100 day camp is underway at Ginnedhari where 30 women in three 2-hour shifts in a day, 6 days a week are learning Tailoring classes provided by a trainer. Vasudha team procured 2 sewing machines, and necessary training material including 10 scissors, 10 packs of different kinds of needles, 10 measuring tapes, 44 tailoring notebooks, 30 sets of pencils, measuring markers, 1500 buttons, 1000 hooks, newspapers, Two boxes of thread bundles with each box containing 100 bundles, about 500 meters of different types of cloth (Polyester, Cotton, Semi Cotton) to assist with the training.



Vasudha team from Hyderabad initially visited Ginnedhari on 8th December to interview the trainer and ensure trainer is qualified for conducting this camp. After satisfactory discussions with the trainer, trainer is selected with an honorarium of Rs 5000 per month. Vasudha team discussed with Tiryani Police, Village Sarpanches and Women's Welfare Association President to ensure this camp will serve its intended purpose. Tiryani

Police, Village Sarpanches and Women's Welfare Association President promised to spread the word about the camp and raise awareness among the people interested in learning tailoring.



Vasudha team on their next visit to the area on 22nd December organized a camp explaining to all the interested women about the benefits of learning this skill and how it can help them stand on their feet. About 60 women attended the camp and interested in taking the classes. We collected all their names and phone numbers and told them that first camp will accommodate 30

women distributed into 3 sessions in a day, 6 days a week for 100 days and remaining women will be registered into subsequent camp. Women are informed that if someone remains absent for 3 consecutive days without permission, their slot will be given to some other aspirant from the village. Vasudha team selected 30 students for the first

camp and assigned them into different sessions based on their location to allow time for their travel.

Our first tailoring class started on January 2nd 2020 and the classes will continue till the end of April. At the end of the course, students are expected to stitch a formal wear which will be donated to deserving students from the village. Students that are able to successfully complete the course will be given a certificate recognizing their talent. Local news papers published the activity.

Financial Update

Vasudha had a wonderful year of activities made possible by individual donations from many kind hearted people, corporate volunteer time matching and corporate donation matching.

Following is a summary of the donations received during 2019.

Source	Amount (In \$)
Individual Contributions	6,271.00
Corporate Donation Match	10,300.00
Corporate Volunteer Time Match	10,531.25
Total	27,102.25

Following is a summary of expenses for the activities performed during 2019. About 4% of total expenses are for administration related activities and the rest of the expenses are for programs helping the needy.

Project	Amount (In \$)
Web hosting (Admin)	60.00
Administration (Admin)	6.57
IRS Non-Profit Certification (Admin)	27.16
Banking Fee (Admin)	167.50
E-Benevity Processing Fee (Admin)	4.80
Paypal Processing Fee (Admin)	28.59
Loss on Foreign Exchange (Admin)	5.21
Clothing Support – Ulavapadu	216.17
Disaster Relief – Fire Accident, S. Moolapolam E.G. Dist	718.58
Education Support – Potlur Primary School	81.23
Education Support – 4 Ulavapadu Colonies	2,473.58
Education Support – Old Singarayakonda Primary School	114.21
Education Support – Sanampudi Primary School	100.14

Education Support – Tiryani Mandal Schools Sports Supplies	44.42
Education Support – Ginnedhari Tailoring Classes Camp	375.78
Medical Support – Health Camp in Ulavapadu Colonies	236.90
Medical Support – Help people with major medical needs	218.12
Medical Support – Ulavapadu and Singarayakonda Eye Camps	741.51
Medical Support – Ginnedhari Eye Camp	353.41
Plantation – Ulavapadu	54.58
Scholarships	1,645.13
Total	7,673.59

Plans for 2020

Vasudha intends to focus on following activities during 2020.

- Continue the activities started in 2019, aligning them with Vasudha Personality Development Program mentioned below where possible.
- Implement Vasudha Personality Development Program in as many schools as possible. At a high level Vasudha Personality Development Program intends to setup library in the school, conduct yoga and meditation classes in the schools, and conduct values development programs to help children grow as socially conscious human beings.
- Setup Vasudha India as a non-profit society in India to ease the handling of activity expenses.

On behalf of Vasudha volunteer team executing the above mentioned activities, I am pleased to provide this report and confirm the accuracy of everything mentioned in this report.

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Secretary, Vasudha