

News from Divya Chaya Trust

**January to
March 2008**

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Divya Chaya Trust began its journey to help the needy two decade back. Since its inspection the trust is working for restoring hope and opportunity fro the underprivileged. There are a number of children who are being benefited by the Trust and we are committed to help more children.

Sponsors Visit –

Dr Simon Campbell a sponsor from United Kingdom who sponsors fourteen children through Save-A-Child, UK. He spent a day with his sponsor children. An annual ritual which his sponsor children look forward to and Dr Campbell follows it religiously. This year he spent time with the children, took them to science city where the children enjoyed the science room, the mirror maze and then took them for a boat ride. The children loved the day out; in between he finished a one to one session with all his children, he personally asked them about their studies and noted their development. The day came to an end with an evening at a posh restaurant over pastries and patty which brought smile to each child. In fact Simon Uncle for each of his sponsor child means a lot.

Margaret Woods and Susan Wheldon from England visited in the month of February; Margaret sponsors eighteen children through Save A Child U.K .Both Margaret and Sue met their sponsor children. They interacted with them, heard about their likings and disliking, saw where they live and gave away their present. The children were very happy to see their aunty and asked them to visit them soon.



Child of this quarter - Sonali Khatoon she came to the Child Care Home when she was seven years. She was lost and was brought to the home by the police. She is now fourteen years old and love to dance and sing. She draws beautiful picture and brings home good grade. Being a very well behaved obedient child she is loved by all. Recently she had performed in a group dance conducted under Alakananda A dance exponent in Kolkata. We are sponsoring Sonali for last eight years.

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Computer Literacy: In this fast evolving digitized world a big gap between the haves and the have-nots is the ability to use computers. In the near future usage of computers would become synonymous with ways notepads are used today. In the past due to lack of education we have seen that the needy have been alienated from opportunities because of limitations of their skills. To avoid this from happening in the future this course intends to impart basic working knowledge of computers to these individuals. Trust has more than five hundred children in different orphanages. Our objective is to impart basic knowledge of computers to these deprived children who have limited access to PCs and have thus not been able to hone the skills of operating a computer. It is our pleasure to announce that volunteers from Tata Consultancy Services came forward to take forward this initiative of the Trust. In the first batch there are around thirty girls who are getting this opportunity. We are thankful to our respected TCS volunteers.

Spoken English - Ability to speak English has become imperative for job prospects. It is with this belief that we start English speaking coaching classes for our sponsored children at Kolkata. Students undergo their formal education in Bengali and hence find difficult to speak and comprehend English with jeopardize their chances of getting good jobs. Coming from an economically & socially poor background they are unable to afford expensive spoken English coaching and hence deprived of good jobs even when they are academically strong.

Contribution from your side: We request you to contribute to this initiative in any which way as possible. We would appreciate if you could help to train our teachers on conducting the course or teach students yourself. Monetary assistance would be deeply appreciated. If there is any other idea that you can think of do let us know. We would be more than happy to come across new ideas and help build this program into a great success.

Event of this quarter

This year the venue for the **Annual Get Together** was at the millennium park beside the river Ganges. It was happened in the 1st week of January. The children had a wonderful time. They little ones enjoyed the slides and the swing while the older ones were busy appreciating and enjoying the scenic beauty of the place. The older students took part in a game of Antakshari which ended with all students dancing to the tune of Bollywood music. Everyone - the students the trustees and the staffs enjoyed the day over good food. The program ended with a boat ride on the river Ganges. Each students were given a small present as a token to remember of this gathering. This is a break from their monotonous orphanage life.

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Saraswati Puja celebrated at Rajarhat center. The Goddess of Knowledge Devi Saraswati was worshipped by the students of Rajarhat. The students took part in the puja, then they ate their lunch and at the end of the day there was a remembrance prayer for Barbara Llyod who left the mortal world on the 1st of January. Barbara Llyod was a trustee of save the children and a great friend of Divya Chaya Trust

A great loss – Barbara Lloyd



Barbara an eminent photographer from U.K and a trustee of Save A Child died on 2008 1st January. She will be remembered as a great friend of Divya Chaya Trust. She sponsored eighteen children and personally took great interest in the work of the Trust. In her last visit to India was in November 2007 she interacted with her children and shared her ideas about different projects of the Trust. Her loss is immeasurable and hard to describe in words. We pray to God let her soul rest in peace and we would carry out her dream to help the needy.

Donors of this quarter

Individual donors

Smt. Mukta Nandini Jain
Smt. Aditi Mody
Smt. Esha Roy
Mr J P Khaitan
Mr Lalit Mohanka
Kalpana Poddar
Smt Jyoti Thapar
Neeru Poddar
Suman Bhagat

Corporate & Organizational donors

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Cosmos Consulting
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GIVE India
Anand Sevakosh
Toolsidas Jewraj Charity Trust
Inder Mohon Thapar Foundation

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Donation options – Time or funds

Association with Divya Chaya Trust -

You can also be a part of the Trust either by donating your time or by providing support as follows

Sponsor a child (from 6 years to 18 years)

- I want to sponsor an orphan girl child - Y/N
- I want to sponsor an orphan boy child - Y/N

Amount for sponsorship per child per year

Rs 7500 for the Indian citizen

Rs 9720 for the Non-Indian Citizen

To sponsor the students for higher education (Above 18 years)

Amount required per student per year –
Rs 20,000 for Indian citizen and Rs 18,000 for Non Indian citizen

Project Support

- Sponsor a project on spoken English for one year – Rs 75,000
- Sponsor a project on computer literacy for one year – Rs 1,36,000
- Sponsor a project benefiting teen children – Teen out reach children – Rs 1,30,000 per year
- Sponsor a project holistic development Program – Rs 15,000 per session per year,
- Sponsor a project on health and hygiene. – Rs 15,000 per camp, 10 camps per year 1,50,000.
- Sponsor a project on women empowerment –Rs 80,000 per year

Sponsorship amount covers for a child –

Education, Basic health, Food and shelter & Nominal administrative charge

If you want you can you meet and spend time with your sponsored child we only need prior information. An individual can sponsor one child or more than one child. Corporate houses can sponsor one or more children.

Associate members, volunteers and donors will get quarterly newsletter, appreciation letter (if required), feedback report for particular project, annual progress report of the child sponsored by the members and 80(G) tax exemption for the donation.



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Upcoming program for next quarter:

- Holistic Development Program & residential counseling program for the adolescent
- Celebrating Rabindra Jayanti at Karam Bhoomi
- Internship Project with Management students
- Sports for the pre-school children of Siksha Kendra
- Corporate Initiative

Suggestion of the quarter – Please send us your suggestion through email – divyachaya@hotmail.com or by post to Divya Chaya Trust, 8B Middleton Street, Kolkata 700071, Tel: 91 33 40035119

