



“The pursuit of Knowledge is key to their pursuit of Happiness”

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“SAMIKSHA FOUNDATION – CARING FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER TRUST”

A Creative Learning Initiative for children with cancer and their caregivers, providing educational and spiritual support along with creative play and activities.

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MESSAGE FROM FOUNDER AND TRUSTEES

“Dignity is Priceless”

Ten years ago, when the need of the hour for children undergoing cancer treatment was identified as education, a feeling of well-being and a hope for future, of self-reliance and dignity, Samiksha was conceived. We see today a dynamic impact of the small steps initiated 10 years ago.

It is a goal to strive to provide the children undergoing treatment for cancer a more rewarding and happy experience, help plan their future with greater confidence and dignity, for truly, “Dignity is Priceless”!

MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR

We strive for excellence in everything we do despite limited resources for funds and manpower, most importantly limitations imposed by the health issues of the children.

Our school has a multicultural, socially diverse and geographically dispersed patient-cum-student population. Our curriculum is completely based on the needs of each child depending on their calibre, interest and ability, thereby enabling the children to leave the hospital school brimming with confidence to move on in life with their peers and without loss of an academic year.

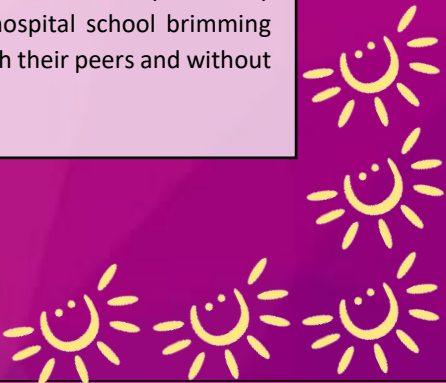
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The Samiksha Scholarships Program

Samiksha Foundation- Caring for Children with Cancer Trust, launched the **“Samiksha Scholarships program”** on **25th March 2018**. To recognise and award young cancer survivors, continuing their education, funds were disbursed to the students qualified under the program on the basis of following criteria:

- The child should have gone through the cancer treatment and been a part of Samiksha Learning program
- The child is actively pursuing higher education at school and college (8th grade and above)
- Recommendations by the doctors are taken into account

There were 3 series of disbursements of the scholarships, of Rs. 10,000 each, to the eligible 55 students by individual and corporate donors.

➤ **Series 1 – 25th March, 2018**

20 students were awarded the scholarship, partly supported by **‘ACCEL PARTNERS’**

➤ **Series 2 – 23rd June, 2018**

14 students were awarded the scholarship, supported by **‘DEVJANI PILLAI SCHOLARSHIP FUND (DPSF)’** through **‘LET’S DO SOME GOOD (LDSG) FOUNDATION’**

Series 3 – 6th January, 2019

45 scholarships were awarded, of which, **28 students** were supported by **‘DEVJANI PILLAI SCHOLARSHIP FUND (DPSF)’** through **‘LET’S DO SOME GOOD (LDSG) FOUNDATION’**, **4 students** by **‘PEEPAL DESIGN’**, **2 students** by **‘SUPER SEVA TRUST’** and **1 each** by Individual donors, **‘MUKUND RAO, NITESH RATHI** and **MALATHI RADHAKRISHNAN’**



Academic Support

➤ **REGULAR ACADEMICS –**

Academic classes of all subjects for Grades 1st to 10th in the morning of every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday

- Elementary knowledge and introduction to writing for lower grades – UKG and LKG

➤ **STUDY MATERIAL –**

- School kits are provided to every child at the learning centre
- An academic based Student File was introduced in June, 2018, to document all the work done by the students during treatment. They carry it home with them at the time of discharge

ASTRONOMY CLASSES BY MR. NAGARAJ ANANTH – Space and astronomy sessions are conducted by Mr. Nagaraj Ananth, from ISRO on 3rd Saturday of the month every Quarter.

- **LIBRARY AT THE WARD** – A collection of about **850 multilingual books**, partly sponsored by **Pratham and Tulika books**, are available to children and care givers, with an aim to encourage independent reading. Children take back their favourite book when discharged.

Creative Support

- **STORY TELLING** – By **Ambika** once a week with hands-on activities like puppet making, origami and creative writing, every Tuesday afternoon. For e.g. Gandhi cap making and story-telling activity on the occasion of **Gandhi Jayanthi**.
- Recall and story-telling sessions by **Christ College interns**.
- **CRAFT ACTIVITY BY ‘THOUSAND CRANES’** - Volunteers from **Thousand Cranes** conduct theme-based craft activities every 2nd Thursday afternoon of the month.
- **ART ACTIVITY** - Art activity sessions educating children in different art forms dabbling in different mediums are organised by **Vijaya and Savita** on the 3rd Thursday afternoon of the month.
- **CREATIVE ACTIVITIES BY TEAM FROM ‘KUMAR AND SWAMI ASSOCIATES’** - A team of Architects from **Kumar and Swami Associates** conduct a wide range of activities, every 1st and last Thursday afternoon of the month like puppet making, creation of stories from stickers and puppets and Creative Writing Lessons for older children.

Spiritual Support

- **YOGA AND CREATIVE VISUALIZATION (CV) PROGRAM** – The program was inaugurated on **21st June, 2018**, on **The World Yoga Day**. It is conducted by trained professionals from **‘Prafull Oorja’** every Thursday morning followed by expression of CV in art or craft form. Initial support in terms of Yoga mats was made by **Supriya** from Chennai.



Events

ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATION

The Ninth Annual day celebration was held on 23rd June at Kidwai Cancer Institute (KCI), where the children and caregivers performed and Director KCI and doctors graced the function.

CELEBRATIONS AT THE LEARNING CENTRE

- Janmashtami celebration by **Ramakrishna Ashram** on 2nd September, 2018
- Karnataka Rajyotsava celebrations on 1st November, 2018 by **Team Aspire** and **NMIMS-Wishtree team**. Goodies and handmade diaries were distributed.
- Samiksha Foundation's new office was formally inaugurated on 10th November, 2018 at **Kormangala**
- Birthday parties for children are held on the last Saturday of the month.
- **PARTICIPATION**
 - PHOSSCON 2018 (30th Nov-1st Dec)
 - **Day 1** – Ganesh Vandana and closing Cultural performance by Samiksha students and volunteers.
 - **Day 2** – Presentation on challenges of Education for cancer kids by our Founder, **Ar.Sandhya Sharad**
 - Team attended All India Conference of Cancer Care India (7th-9th Dec, 2018)
 - Team attended the Cankids survivorship event at Delhi
 - BEETF Annual Symposium in December 2018



Milestones

- **6 awareness and fund raiser** events by the volunteers and cancer survivors
- **529 volunteers and visitor, footfall** to the foundation learning centre at KCI
- **10 story telling sessions** were conducted
- A total of **6 birthday celebrations**
- **19 yoga and CV sessions** proving spiritual support to the students were conducted
- **20 sessions of creative activities** took place

Recognitions

- We are approved and **FOREIGN CONTRIBUTION REGULATORY ACT (FCRA)** compliant.
- Samiksha teachers were felicitated by Doctors of **Paediatric Oncology Department** at Kidwai on Teacher's day.
- Permanent volunteers **Girish Jayaraju** and **Akanksha Jaypal** were felicitated at the 5th Annual Symposium of **BANGALORE EFFECTIVE EDUCATION TASK FORCE (BEETF)**

Fundraiser and Awareness Events

- **FUNDRAISER EVENTS**
 - **Bounce Back** – Sports based Fundraiser by Students of **Mallya Aditi International School** on **11th August 2018**, raised over **12 Lakhs**
 - **Chrysalis High School** – During **Diwali**, funds were raised by students from **CHRYSLIS HIGH SCHOOL**
 - **APR Marathon** – Samiksha Foundation put up a beneficiary stall in the APR Marathon 2018
- **AWARENESS EVENTS**
 - **Thousand Cranes** – A community service group called 'A Thousand Cranes' signed up for **Times Women's Drive** in **May, 2018** to create awareness about Samiksha Foundation.
 - **Dream Chasers** – **Dream Chasers** helped in creating awareness about Samiksha at **Driven-Women's Rally Ver 4.0** on **15th July, 2018**.
 - **APR Marathon** – Representatives from Samiksha Foundation put up a **beneficiary** stall at the **APR Marathon** on **2nd December, 2018**.

CSR Activity

- **Informatica Business Solutions Pvt. Ltd** – Team representatives from **Informatica Business Solutions Pvt. Ltd.** led by Ronit Sen and Sneha conducted an art activity and distributed art materials to all children in the ward. They also provided the learning centre with board games and gifts for children's birthdays in September.
- **Oracle** – A team from **Oracle** visited the Learning Centre at Kidwai on **15th Dec, 2018**. They conducted an Art activity and games
- **Cipla** – Art activity and games were conducted by a team from **Cipla** on **30th August, 2018**
- **Intel** – A band from **Intel** gave a music performance on **24th Nov, 2018** during birthday celebrations of the children.
- **Adobe Team CSR lead -Hema** visited **Samiksha** in **August 2018**



Achievements of our Students

- **SSLC / Xth Class Board Result**
 - Lavanya V.B – 80%
 - Tejas Kumar – 60%
 - R. Pallavi – 85%
 - S.H Niranjan – 72%
 - Rafika Banu – 93.6%
- **IInd PUC**
 - Akshatha – 89%
 - Subramani K.N – 60%



Doctor and Volunteer Voices

- ...in order to lead a quality life education becomes necessary. Samiksha helps these children by providing them with the experience of schooling days during their treatment. This also helps them transition back to school after completing their treatment. Samiksha also provides children with their classes such as art, dancing, yoga, story-telling, and meditation in order to fulfil them spiritually. — **Dr. M. Padma (HOD Paediatric oncology KCI)**
- Volunteering at Kidwai has been a special experience for me as I am able to witness the constant enthusiasm displayed by the kids which is the most wonderful and inspiring aspect of this experience. — **Savitha.**



Making a Difference

We strongly believe that one can always do something to improve the situation for children with cancer and their families, outside the formal medical atmosphere. The ultimate aim is to increase the happiness quotient of those affected by cancer and such life-threatening diseases, notwithstanding their circumstances.

The possibilities are endless
The results would be heartening
Together, we can make a **real difference**

Be a **Volunteer**:

<https://www.samikshafoundation.org/volunteer-page>

Be a **Donor**:

<https://www.samikshafoundation.org/donate-page>

Our Children's Voices

- **NITHYA**
I came here when I was in fifth grade. I stayed here for 7 months and they took good care of me. They gave us books and bags. I played games, heard many stories, and I was very happy here. Thanks to Samiksha!
- **SANJAY**
I joined here when I was 11 years old and they took good care of us. We practised yoga every day. Every week they came up with something new to keep us entertained and interested in studies by telling us stories and playing games with us.



SELECT Corporate and NGO Donors :

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- **LETS DO SOME GOOD (Devjani Pillai Scholarship Fund)**
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- **APR CHARITABLE TRUST**
- **YATINDRA PATIL**
- **NITESH RATHI**
- **NITA TYAGI**
- **KUMUD & AJAY SHARMA SUPER SEVA TRUST**
- **110 OTHER INDIVIDUAL DONORS LISTED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT**

