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**Newsletter Jan 2019 to June 2019**

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**Message from the Founder**

"The premise at Samiksha Foundation, where we work towards Education of the child with long term illness, is based on the belief that Knowledge EMPOWERS and HAPPINESS heals, is undoubtedly the Right Way. By helping them to develop effective learning skills even during illness, we help them to overcome their Fears in many subtle ways, opening doors to them and giving them insights in to LIFE, LEARNING AND LIVING!" We couldn't have achieved this 10 year milestone without the support of our dedicated Teachers, Volunteers, Director, Resource persons, Doctors at Kidwai and Corporate CSR volunteers and Funding.

**Milestones-Year 2019 thus far, of The "Samiksha Happiness Project"**

- **10<sup>TH</sup> Year completion at Kidwai Cancer Institute** – Samiksha reaches its 10<sup>th</sup> year milestone – spreading happiness – thanks to its hard working Team, well-wishers, volunteers and patrons and the Pediatric Oncology Doctors at KCI –
- OVER 5000 CHILDREN BENEFICIARIES!
- **Samiksha has launched operations at Narayana Health – Mazumdar Shaw Cancer Centre (NH – MSCC)** from April 2019.

**Children's Results (2018 – 2019)**

**These children will be felicitated on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019.**

We are happy to announce that out of a total of 8 children who appeared for the SSLC/Class X exams this year, under the aegis of the scholarship program this year, 4 children received more than 65% and 2 children got above 55% marks. Of the 3 children who appeared for the 2<sup>nd</sup> PUC, 1 scored 54% and another 94% marks.

Kudos to all the little warriors!



Children who continue to pursue their education diligently will continue to be recipients of the Samiksha Scholarships initiated to encourage and commend their spirit of hardwork and perseverance.

Over 55 scholarships have been awarded since March 2018.

Details of the Program are available on our website: [www.samikshafoundation.org](http://www.samikshafoundation.org)



### New and Old Corporate Partnerships

Kabbage India Sponsors our 10<sup>th</sup> Year event celebrations on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2019, and are exploring other CSR engagement with us.

Informatica Business Solutions Pvt. Ltd.–Our Largest Corporate Financial Supporter this year! Special Thanks to Ronit Sen and Team.

Accel Partners continues to provide Financial support for the 4<sup>th</sup> Year. Thank You Anand Daniel.

Groupon India Pvt. Ltd. – CSR volunteers and

Funds

- Let's Do Some Good - Thank you Shoma Bhakre!

15 other Corporates through the Bounceback Fundraiser continue to support us through Corpus donations for Education Campaign

Smita and Nilesh Foundation and Bagaria Public Welfare Trust are our recent Sponsors

**Thank you all for your generous donation and volunteer help!**



### Events at Samiksha – Jan 2019 to June 2019

**CSR ACTIVITY:** Teams from Groupon and Kabbage India, as part of their CSR activities, spent the day with children at KCI, conducting and engaging in activities involving them and spreading happiness.

**BEDSHEET DISTRIBUTION:** Bedsheets were distributed in the Pediatric wards at KCI in Jan 2019 by UTSAV group of JP Nagar



**DRAWING EVENT: SPONSORED BY CIPLA GROUP:**

Feb 2019 at KCI. Doctors in the Pediatric ward also participated here enthusiastically

**CREATIVE WRITING: BY KUMARASWAMY & ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS:** Mar 2019 at KCI

where children are encouraged to write stories through role play and visualization. Led by

Akanksha Jayasheela, Sanchali and Team. Amazing insights into the

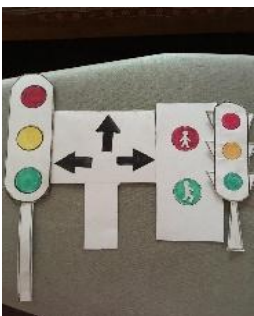


children's ways of thinking have realized in this program.

**FUND RAISER:** The little patrons of Samiksha from Jacaranda block, Brigade Millennium came together to organize for a fundraiser by putting up food stalls.

**ONGOING ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES @ SAMIKSHA : (TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY ) LEARNING THROUGH FUN**

- Continued Academic Sessions – Regular academic classes are being conducted by the teachers at KCI and MSCC for the children on an ongoing basis.
- One to One mentoring & Tutorials are being conducted for all the kids from 5<sup>th</sup>





grade and above.

- Lessons on Wind Energy , Lessons on Traffic rules

### THOUSAND CRANES:

Continues its monthly "Learning through Craft" where several Topics are being explored like Sea Life using cardboard, fish making, puppet making, origami, creating animals like Elephant/Giraffe – using creative methods to teach Science and other subjects.



### CREATIVE VISUALIZATION AND YOGA:

Regular Yoga and Creative visualization sessions continue every Thursday for the children at KCI by the Praful Oorja group. Thanks to the continued support of Swamini Yogaratna of Shankar Prasad Foundation.

**ART ACTIVITY:** Regular art activity sessions continue by Vijaya and Savita on the 3rd Thursday of each month, exploring different media material and themes in the Subject of Art.

**STORYTELLING:** Ambika conducts regular story telling with hands- on activities like puppet making, origami and creative writing for children at KCI, every Tuesday.

#### Our Children's Voices

*We had come in 2014 to get our daughter treated but we had to return. With a lot of pain and sorrow we arrived here but Dr. Appaji made sure our daughter returned home healthy. Now she is in sixth grade, while she was in the hospital, Vidya and Parvati madam helped not only in her academics but also in lifting her spirits. This reinforced our belief in the good of the world and God. That god is right here, and he would protect our child. Dr. Appaji is our God. -*

#### Our Children's Voice

*When I came to this hospital, I was very upset. But after I came to Kapur ward and saw Samiksha School, I felt happy that I could read and write. Vidya, Parvati and Soundarya Madam used to teach me lessons, drawing and yoga. I didn't realize when the treatment ended. I am very happy that Samiksha helped me so much. -*  
**Raghu**

#### Volunteer Testimonials

*I don't think I've had a sense of perspective quite the way I did back there. The personal sacrifice and the struggles folks are going through is overwhelming. The foundation is doing a great job and we could see how involved the volunteers were for years (some of them close to 8 years). Every parent out there feel more comfortable talking to these bunch of volunteers for support than the doctors. We have an opportunity here to do so much more. This should be a long lasting relationship without a doubt. -*  
**Kabbage**

**FRUIT DISTRIBUTION:** Regular fruit distributions is ongoing in the Pediatric ward at KCI on a weekly basis. This is being sponsored by Naveen Jagannathan and his team.

### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:

Birthday parties for children continue to be held on the last Saturday of the month. Entertainment and activities range from singing groups, magic shows, dance performances, pottery workshops, skits and songs by the children

### NEW SLC @ NH - ACTIVITIES AT NH - MSCC:

**Soft Launch at NH:** The Learning center was launched at Narayana Health – Mazumdar Shaw Cancer Centre in Apr, 2019. Dr. Sunil Bhat, Director and Head of Pediatric Oncology at NH, has been very supportive. The Psycho-Oncologist, Rhea Daruvala has been extremely enthusiastic and has been completely involved in the activities involving the children at the Learning Centre.

**Academic Sessions:** The academic classes are being held by the teachers. Children at MSCC participated with a lot of enthusiasm and enjoyed a great deal. Finer details are being worked on.

### Doctor's Speak



*"Due to advanced and intensified cancer treatment and better supportive care, childhood cancer survival rate is gradually increasing, enabling them to lead a normal life. But to lead a quality life, education is important. Samiksha Foundation is a Non-Profit, Non-Governmental independent organization giving free education to these children at Kidwai Cancer Institute, Bangalore since 2009. Further also supporting the needs of these cancer survivors transitioning back to school following the completion of their treatment. Thus it is giving the opportunity to enjoy the experience*



of school days while on their treatment and helping them to face the school life with courage and confidence. In addition, Samiksha Foundation volunteers are conducting creative activities like arts & crafts, singing & dancing classes and also yoga & meditation classes to support them spiritually. Samiksha Scholarship program which has been started in 2018 to the poor meritorious students is inspiring them to achieve more in their academics. I am happy to tell, Samiksha donors are visiting our Kapur ward at KCI often to check the ongoing activities of these children. I wish Samiksha all the very best to continue this noble service. – **Dr. M Padma, HOD, Paediatric Oncology, KCI**

### **Upcoming Events – Please participate!**

- **10th year Annual day at Kidwai Cancer Institute on 18th June 2019  
- 2.00 to 4.00pm – Open House Gallery at Kapur SBM Ward**
- **Cultural program and felicitation of 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> class students along with 10<sup>th</sup> Year celebration is planned on 28th June, 2019 -sponsored event by donors and volunteers for all supporters of the Foundation.**
- **Samiksha Scholarships Program Series 4 – July/August 2019 – 70 scholarships are being planned for.**

### **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 will be heartening.  
Together, we can make a real difference. – Team Samiksha*

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

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

### **WE ARE HIRING!**

The Foundation has now crossed an impact number of over 5000 beneficiaries. Every Year about 800 to 1200 children are benefitted from the program and activities at Kidwai Cancer Institute alone. Our Fund collections have also increased cby 30% each year. Hence the Administrative work requires full time staff.

We are looking for 1 Full time Administrative Assistant at our Offices at Koramangala, 1 Part time Accounts Manager and 1 Full time Education Coordinator onsite for our new SLCs.

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