

ALAM MISTRY LANE MANAV VIKAS SAMITY

11, Alam Mistry Lane, Howrah - 711 101

(A SOCIETY FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT)

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Dear Friends,

In a humble way, we started our little works of charity from 1996, and now it is in its 21st year of its journey, working among the slum people of central Howrah, Kolkata. At one time, in 1960's it was known as the biggest slum in the south-east Asia. We started functioning with the opening of a Sewing School for the benefit of young and unmarried girls living in slums around us. At the same time, in 1997, we started educating the slum children who are of school going age but not attending any schools. We started a non-formal education in the evenings after the Sewing classes got over in the day. By acquiring more space (class rooms) we converted evening classes into a formal Education Centre. More staffs were added. Now, it is a full pledged middle-school - K.G. to class 7. Our present strength of students (including Sewing Class) is 210. Through your generosity, and continued support, we are very happy to expand our activities and also acquired some more space in the nearby building for shifting the Sewing School.

With the active support of friends like you, we are now marching into 21st year in service to the slum people of Howrah. There are 170 children of the slum people, who are currently making use of our literacy programme. After passing out from our school - class 10, they are readily admitted to other schools, from there they can continue studying upto class-10 or class 12. We still continue to help them by way of paying their Admission and text books. Also, some other 51 poor children, who are going to different schools are getting monthly scholarships for continuing their studies.

At the Sewing school, girls after one years training will become proficient in cutting and stitching of all women and children garments. Along with these girls are also taught in needle works and allied subjects. So far, altogether 635 girls have been benefitted out of our scheme. This year 40 girls are getting training in Sewing & needle-works.

Sick, poor and invalids are also helped to some extend to overcome their difficulties. Especially, we help them to go to the right Doctor and we reimburse them with the physician's fees and medicines. This year we could conduct 35 eye-operations. Further, we helped children having TB to get their medicines. We are also sponsoring 165 families (about 600 very poor people) with food (dry-rations) every week. The dry-ration

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consists of 3 kg. Rice, 1/2 kg Dhal and 4 eggs in a week and once a month Vegetables, oil and a soap also provided, throughout the year. Without education, food and medical aid they can never be able to come out of the vicious circle of poverty.

Apart from the above activities, we also undertake repairs of old dilapidated dwelling rooms of poor people, by way of raising the floor area, rebuilding walls or roofs (of tiles and bamboo structures). This year we raised the floors of 3 houses and also got a one room new flat for a woman called Babili Raut with 2 kids (an active TB-patient). Also got a new one room Flat to another woman called Monica Topo- living in shambles.

Also, at present we are helping 3 Cancer patients (2 Gall-bladder cases, 1 Facial deformity). For all the humanitarian activities that we are carrying out here is possible only by your generous donations and encouragements. We thank you from the depth of our hearts for the continued support that you have shown to the various activities that we carry out here.

At this juncture, I would like to mention the sad and sudden demise of Mrs. Veronica Jose - after a short illness, on 9th April, 2017. She was one of the three Founder Members of this Organization. With her prior experience in social works in the locality she was a great asset and guide to us in all our present activities here. We can now only pray to Almighty God to give her peace in her new life. As of the Management is concerned, it is having its proper Managing committee with the President and Secretary, etc. Day to day activities are carried out by Mr. Joseph Jose, who is called the Administrator of the Society. The school is supervised by Mrs. Priti Joseph, who is the Principal of the school wing.

Marcus Pohl is coordinating with us in all aspects of this project from the very beginning. We are always in touch with him to improve our services to the poorest of the poor. He is also helping us a lot through all donations from your end and coordinating with you and us. There are so many families and their children who would not have lived a little better life if you could not have come forward. We also thank you for sending Marcus Pohl, since last twenty one years and he visited us in India 26 times during this period.

With best regards,



(C.O.Jose)
President.

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