



“Consciously or unconsciously, every one of us does render some service or another. If we cultivate the habit of doing this service deliberately, our desire for service will steadily grow stronger and it will make not only for our own happiness, but that of the world at large.”

- Mahatma Gandhi

KMR Foundation at a glance

The KMR Foundation is a non-profit organization started in memory of Mr. K. Mahipathi Rao by his children in June, 2008. The foundation works with rural communities with an aim to expand its reach with diversified programs to include as many villages surrounding Aziznagar as possible.

Goals:

The key aim of the foundation is to provide healthcare and education to the underprivileged. The first step was the adoption of the village of Aziznagar, near Hyderabad. The focus was on health and education initiatives with the aim of subsequent expansion of the project to all the 38 villages of Moinabad Mandal.

The specific goals of KMRF:

Healthcare Initiatives

- 100 % Immunization in the villages
- Care of expectant mothers and newborns

Education

- 100% literacy for children
- Healthcare education initiatives for women

Enabling Capabilities for Women, Children and Youth

- Micro financing initiatives
- Vocational training and employment for young men and women
- Women's employment and training programs



A Message from the Family

I am very pleased to share this annual magazine of the KMR Foundation with all of you. When our family lost a very important family member in December 2007 – Mr. K. Mahipathi Rao, we wanted to cherish and keep his memory alive in a meaningful way. The idea of a foundation came to us fairly quickly given the unending need for help and service in today's world of inequalities. Mr. Mahipathi Rao was a fierce voice for what he thought was just and right – these were the values he had passed on to us that we thought needed to be shared.

The foundation officially started in June, 2008 – at the beginning we decided to start with one village and do a thorough job with various activities tailored to that particular village community. In the last two and a half years, we have expanded scope, learnt a lot from the village community on what is needed and what works well. We have been inspired by the enthusiasm and excitement of the village school children who actively participate in various programs held by the foundation. We have watched the organization grow and have been humbled by the offers from help that have come from various quarters. I am happy to announce that we are actively expanding our work to more villages in Moinabad Mandal with a goal of eventually having a presence in all 38 villages.

We are also very pleased with being able to organize the K. Mahipathi Rao memorial lectures with such eminent and inspiring individuals as Prof. Ramachandra Guha



and Dr. Amitav Ghosh as speakers. The fresh and new ideas they bring will hopefully educate and inspire all and especially the young among us.

Finally, the work of the foundation has been ably managed by Mrs. Vasantha Srinivasan and her excellent team who do the work with such pleasure and joy – I would like to thank them on behalf of our family and from all the people who benefit from the foundation work.

Our hope for the foundation is that it will continue to work towards the goals set and to stay focused on the key idea it was started on – to share our resources so we can in some small way reduce the large inequalities that exist in this world. To another exciting year then!

Wishing all of you a very happy 2011!

Sincerely,
Humaira Mahi

A message from the Administrator, Mrs. Vasantha Srinivasan



I am happy to share with you the Annual Magazine of KMRF for the year 2009-2010.

We are pleased to show that with the passage of time our involvement and commitment with the rural community has intensified and become more professional.

The efforts of the foundation include providing continuous support in terms of health care and immunization, addressing the educational needs of children and the empowerment of women. This generated interest and had an impact on the village community, thus, we decided to add two more villages surrounding Aziznagar.

The years 2009-2010 were characterized by steady growth and expansion for the organization. These were indeed remarkable years in terms of embarking upon new initiatives and implementation of certain activities under some key areas.

- KMRF's website- www.kmrfoundation.org was launched

- Health Awareness Campaign on HIV / AIDS
- Health Checkup for children in all our adopted village schools
- Eye camp / Health Camp in the villages
- Sports events and programs for the village school children on Sreenidhi School campus
- Summer Camps for the village school children
- New library in the village school
- Community centre in the village for education and training activities
- Connecting with Sreenidhi International School (SNIS) children to help the community through their CAS /SUPW program
- Programs empowering women in skill development and education

In the avenue of capacity building and vocational training of the village female youth we have stepped up our commitment by employing a trained professional to teach women vocational skills in the village community centre.

With respect to training given to male unemployed youth, we have provided them access to technical training programs in the past but are now in the process of reviewing our program so as to improve motivation levels and increase long term commitment from the students.

Our mandate has been to work primarily with communities around Aziznagar. With the vision of expansion and in order to enlarge scope by covering newer areas, we have developed a strategy to complete data collection (an essential prerequisite for our project) for the entire Moinabad Mandal. This will be completed by the end of year 2010 and will comprise of 21 Gram Panchayats and 15 villages. The initial focus will be on health care programs.

We have been fortunate to have access to the facilities and resources of Sreenidhi International School (SNIS) in providing an environment that gives the village children exposure to various educational activities not available to them in normal circumstances.

We contribute notebooks annually and have contributed uniforms and furniture to the school and have facilitated excursions and educational trips to improve the learning atmosphere in the schools. With the view to promote best practices in education and realizing the need and importance of learning English, a teacher has been appointed at the request of the school headmaster and the training has been given from SNIS.

We have recently introduced the OLPC (One Laptop per Child) program which is a globally acclaimed technology in the field of education in the Aziznagar village school. A team of dedicated members have been working for the initiation and implementation of this project in

the school which will give the village children an opportunity to explore and learn the modern tools of education.

On this occasion, I would like to express my special thanks to the Board of Directors, Mr. K.T.Mahhe and Dr. Humaira Mahi for their continuous guidance and support which brought new orientations to our program besides building our confidence to take up new challenges.

I am thankful to Mrs. Ssarithha Katikaneni, Executive Director & Principal, PYP, SNIS and Mr. V. Srinivasan, Principal, SNIS for their extensive support in all quarters with the ultimate aim of educating the village children.

All these achievements during the years 2009-2010 would not have been possible without the support and co-operation of our partners and the committed work of our team members of KMRF. I thank all of them for their valuable contributions.

I also express our gratitude to the well-wishers and donors of the OLPC project and promise to discharge our responsibility with commitment and dedication and fulfill the objectives for which they have funded this program.

I hope the learning and experience shared through this annual magazine will be appreciated and ensure your continued collaboration and support in achieving the vision of KMRF.

"Health care"



Commitment to Health Care

Our basic goal as with all development projects is to improve the quality of life of the people that we are serving. With our healthcare initiative we are focusing on immunization programs, healthcare awareness and literacy programs including periodic health camps currently.



IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

We have focused on a target of 100% immunizations of women and children in the villages as an important goal because communicable disease control has been a major challenge in development work. Immunization plays an important role in health care interventions and is an effective way to control the spreading of infection. Our comprehensive immunization plan is based on data that our social workers have

gathered from every individual household in our adopted villages. While the data collection and the continuous motivation of villagers by the social workers takes up a large amount of time, it has been worthwhile in maintaining our goal of 100% immunization in most of the villages that we are in.

It was a moment of pride when KMRf achieved 100% immunization of 177 children (targeted for immunization) in

Aziznagar village of a population of 5020. Owing to several problems like parents not following the schedule, lack of motivation and having minor illness at the time of immunization, children could not be vaccinated on time.

With sincere efforts and the untiring motivation of the parents, coordinating with the health centre, ANM, regular follow ups of default cases, the KMRf team achieved the set goal not only in the Aziznagar village but also two other surrounding villages - Nagireddyguda & Bakaram with a population of 2108 and 3208 respectively (Please see Immunization Status table on the following pages for statistical information on immunization rates).

Data collection has been done in 22 villages – the goal is to cover all 38 villages in the Mandal very soon.

We also have been using technology and specific software that enables this immunization work. For instance, we use “alert reports” that list the details of children that are due for immunization on any given day. These reports have been

retrieved and communicated to the Moinabad Mandal office for distribution to the individual village government health workers. Although the data record of children for immunization has been maintained by the government primary health centers (PHC), our data that shows month-wise cases for immunization that are due helps the government staff instantly to cover every child of the village without omission. We collaborate with the government staff in this manner, where possible, to increase the effectiveness of our programs.

CARE OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS AND NEWBORNS

The KMRf team is also involved with the supervision of work done by Anganwadi workers with expectant mothers from the fifth month of pregnancy till the first month after delivery. We educate the village women and encourage them to get institutional deliveries so as to reduce infant mortality. We also conduct quality health care tracking of newborn babies all through the infancy by our health workers.

From the beneficiaries

From the community

(Health Care--Immunization--motivation of parents)

“We have never seen such kind of work from any other people in the village. We appreciate the patience and care they take in motivating the parents and follow up action for immunization on time. We are also seeing them working for other areas with involvement.”

Santhapuram Saritha

Immunization status for December-2010

Village	Population	Immunization Protected status				Immunization Percentage	Infant Death Jan 2010-till date	Still Birth Jan 2010-till date
		No. of eligible children	Full Done	Partially	Fully not			
Bakaram	2088	71	71	0	0	100.00%	3	1
Bangaliguda	45	2	2	0	0	100.00%	0	0
Chakaliguda	408	17	17	0	0	100.00%	1	0
Jeevanguda	339	14	14	0	0	100.00%	1	0
Kanchemonguda	95	1	1	0	0	100.00%	0	0
Kasimbowli	579	8	8	0	0	100.00%	1	0
Murthujguda	844	21	21	0	0	100.00%	0	0
Nazeenagar	225	6	6	0	0	100.00%	0	0
Sajjanpally	438	13	13	0	0	100.00%	0	0
Sriramnagar	1760	53	53	0	0	100.00%	1	0
Yenkapally	1786	66	65	1	0	97.22%	1	0
Yethbarpally	663	12	11	0	1	83.33%	0	0
Kanakamamidi	2458	71	69	2	0	95.56%	0	0
Amdapur	2028	62	61	1	0	97.22%	1	0
Nagireddyguda	1733	66	63	3	0	92.31%	1	0
Kethireddypally	1568	55	55	0	0	100.00%	2	0
Surangal	1662	48	47	1	0	96.88%	0	0
Aziznagar	4986	176	175	1	0	98.92%	2	3
Venkatapur	1360	36	34	2	0	88.24%	2	0
Appareddyguda	708	23	23	0	0	100.00%	0	0
Tolkatta	1405	45	40	5	0	83.33%	0	0
Nakallapally	1170	36	36	0	0	100.00%	0	1

Child immunization Report Based on Age (in months) of : Aziznagar 29-Dec-10

Age (M)	Total eligible	BCG	Polio-0	DPT/1Polio 1	DPT2/Polio 2	DPT3/Polio3	Measles				
<1	4	3	3	NA	NA	NA	NA				
2	9	8	8	2	NA	NA	NA				
3	3	3	3	2	1	NA	NA				
4	4	4	4	4	2	0	NA				
5	9	9	9	9	8	5	NA				
6	10	10	10	9	9	7	NA				
7	5	5	5	5	5	4	NA				
8	4	4	4	4	4	4	NA				
9	10	10	10	10	10	9	0				
10	9	9	9	9	9	9	3				
11	10	10	10	10	10	10	9	Protected status			
12	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	M	Fully	Partially	F.Not
Total %	85	83 (97.65%)	83 (97.65%)	70 (86.42%)	66 (91.67%)	56 (81.16%)	20 (54.05%)	12	8	0	0
13	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	13	9	0	0
14	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	14	6	0	0
15	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	15	14	0	0
16	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	16	6	0	0
17	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	17	4	0	0
18	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	18	8	0	0
19	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	19	3	0	0
20	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	20	9	0	0
21	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	21	6	0	0
22	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	22	5	0	0
23	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	23	12	0	0
24	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	90	90	0	0
Total (%)	91	91 (100.00%)	91 (100.00%)	91 (100.00%)	91 (100.00%)	91 (100.00%)	91 (100.00%)		100.0	0.00%	0.00%

Health literacy & awareness programs

- Nobel laureate and economist, Amartya Sen argues for the creation of more opportunities or capabilities as he calls it for women in particular that would empower them and provide social justice.
 - Sen's argument is that only when barriers are removed by providing capabilities can people be truly said to act out of personal choice.
 - This is especially true for women in subsistence communities in India where women are the main caregivers and maintainers of family health but yet have limited access to opportunities.
- Generate awareness about the importance of personal hygiene.
 - Educate the rural community about the need and urgency for clean surroundings
 - Bring in awareness that prevention of disease and preservation of health depends to a large extent upon the environment
 - Motivate them to keep the village clean by allocating responsibility to village families
 - Understand the importance of immunization for children
 - Generate awareness for institutional deliveries among pregnant women
 - Inform the village youth on the harmful effects of HIV / AIDS

The foundation is actively involved in conducting health check-ups and health camps in the village school and for the community in the village. It also conducts health education campaigns to:

Some of the programs are described below:

Annual Health Check-up in Central Primary School, Aziznagar.

In collaboration with a team of Doctors and other support medical staff from Dr.V.R.K. Medical Hospital & College for women, Aziznagar an annual school health check-up program was held on 9th April 2010, in the central Primary School, for children from grade 1 to 5. Around 110 children attended the program. The children diagnosed with problems were referred to the hospital for further treatment.





HIV/AIDS Awareness Program

Rakshana Deepam – a home for HIV affected children and youth helped the foundation in conducting an awareness campaign in Aziznagar village for the youth. Two counselors explained the harmful effects of the disease to the assembled with visual aids and showed how:

- Affected cases were being treated
- To take care of the infected people
- To motivate the affected persons to go for treatment
- A disciplined life helps prevent getting the disease.

Eye Camp in the Village

The KMR Foundation in collaboration with Lions Club of Secunderabad, Dundoo Eye Institute, West Maredpally, Secunderabad conducted an Eye-Camp in Aziznagar for the villagers of Aziznagar and Nagireddyguda on 23rd July, 2009.

Around 100 villagers of age 40 and above from both the villages attended the camp and had their eyes checked for cataract and other visual problems.

Those who had been diagnosed and advised to go for a cataract operation underwent a surgery at the eye institute in Secunderabad. The foundation helped the people that were

asked to get surgery by providing them with transportation and in getting admitted to the eye institute and in arranging their follow-up appointments.

The patients underwent cataract surgery successfully.



Eye Camp in the village

“My son's income is sufficient for household expenditure, but he admitted me in a private hospital for a cataract operation by borrowing Rs 10,000 from my relative. A year later, I attended an eye camp conducted by the KMR Foundation in our village (Aziznagar). After screening my eyes, the doctors said that my other eye (right) needs a cataract surgery. I was hesitant to tell my son about this thinking that I need to pay again for the surgery as it is a

From the beneficiaries

burden on him too. KMR Foundation staff immediately said that at LVPEI (L. V. Prasad Eye Institute), they treat you without any charge. It did not cost me a penny as complete care was taken to provide transport to the eye institute and bringing us back from the hospital after the surgery by KMRF. Now I can go cycling to “bavikadikli” (agriculture field) daily.”

Mr Bangali Khan, Surgery

"Education"



Supporting Education

Education is the key to progress. It empowers the individual. It enables a nation. The health, education and creative abilities of our children and young people will determine the well-being and strength of our nation.

At KMR foundation we are committed to ensuring that all children, irrespective of gender and social category, have access to education. An education that enables them to acquire the skills, knowledge, values and attitudes necessary to become responsible and active citizens of India.

Our educational support program focuses on ensuring access to quality education for all.

ACTIVITIES

Some of the activities that the foundation has engaged with and supported the local village schools are:

- Provision of service and resources from Sreenidhi International School Campus, Aziznagar.
- Provision of facilities for extra- curricular activities.
- Opportunities offered to village school students to discover and pursue their talents such as with arts and crafts and sports.
- Organizing of fun-fairs for school children to display their talents and have fun.
- Motivation of the school drop-outs and children who have never attended school to attend school.
- Provision of essential facilities that the schools are lacking in.
- Building up of basic infrastructure such as class rooms, minor repairs in the school building, supply of furniture, stationery, sports goods and provision of teaching aids.
- Sponsorship of English teachers so as to help develop English skills in children
- Organization of training programs for teachers in the SNIS Campus.
- Supply of teaching / learning materials for the schools.
- Setting up a library in the school and conducting regular reading activities.
- Encouraging and developing reading skills as well as updating of the library collection with new, meaningful and creative support materials.
- Organizing health check-ups for school children to build awareness among students about health & hygiene

Education programs – Making an impact, bringing change

We believe that we can make a difference by giving back to society what we have gained.

We believe that learning takes place everywhere, it is not restricted to classrooms and some of the most important life's lessons are learned outside the classroom.

We believe in encouraging students to get involved in community service, learn new skills and foster civic pride.

We believe that change can be brought by the precept 'Lead by Example'.

Some of our activities round the year, supporting education in the village schools are listed below:

COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE VILLAGE SCHOOL AND SREENIDHI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

KMR Foundation has provided a platform by engaging SNIS students in certain programs that give them an insight into rural community life. The involvement of SNIS children with the rural school children is ongoing and very useful. It was wonderful to see the children come up with ideas to help the community in many possible ways.

One of the first ideas that were implemented was a donation drive that the SNIS students engaged in to collect stationery items for recycling to help the village children.



The village school children visit the SNIS Campus for games, art or computer activities regularly and this is a very exciting and happy time for them when they get to visit SNIS.

These visits have been a continuous learning and exploring experience for the village children to discover their talents.

MUSIC LESSONS - Singing in chorus

Music lessons were conducted at the village school to encourage them and instill an interest in group singing.

Now the village children enjoy singing prayer and patriotic songs. Every function at village school now starts with a prayer song.

From the beneficiaries

Mr. Chennaiah, Headmaster,
Primary School, Aziznagar.

A lot has changed in our school after KMR foundation collaborated with us.

Notebook distribution and donation of furniture to the school has helped the children a lot.

Periodical supply of uniforms to the children, games and art classes conducted on a regular basis keeps the children active. Library books donated to the school have been used extensively by the students.

At the Inter-School Sports Meet, three of our students won medals in different games.

The most important requirement of English teachers for our school was fulfilled by KMRF.

So far the fruits produced from this merger have been good and we sincerely hope for it to continue.

Two events that helped promote skills And talent of the Village School Children

SUMMER CAMP

The Summer Camp in the month of May, 2009 was thrown open to all village students besides the KMRF adopted schools.

Around 120 children participated in the Summer Camp that was held for 15 days.

Apart from games, each child had one more activity to choose from Arts & crafts, English skills & Computers. Children could spend some quality time and learn through activities in Computer and English classes.

The artwork done during the session was displayed as the grand finale for the evening — a marvelous exhibition of young talents in the field of drawing, painting & origami! Snacks and drinks were distributed followed by group photographs. The children were all very happy to take home a certificate of participation from the foundation.



From the beneficiaries

Participant of the Summer Camp, 2010-11

“First day I sat in ‘Siri’ teacher’s class. Second day, I sat with ‘Miruthula’ teacher’s class. Then, I was promoted to ‘Swapna’ teacher’s class. I am happy to thank all my teachers and the KMR foundation for giving me this opportunity to attend this summer camp.”

Two events that helped promote skills And talent of the Village School Children

KMRF SPORTS MEET

The KMRF Sports Meet was a week-long program. 230 children from 3 village schools took part in track and field events. The heeds were conducted in batches. A few track events were conducted for final selection of winners on the Sports Day of SNIS campus. Around 60 winners were awarded certificates and medals.

One of the endeavors of Mr. K.T.Mahhe, Founder Chairman, KMRF, is to provide opportunities through the resources and infrastructure available in the vast campus of Sreenidhi International School. This was fulfilled in the recent SNIS Sports Day celebrations when the children of the village school took part in the athletic events and had a wonderful time.

It was very heartening to see SNIS students cheering the participants, accepting the village children as one of them.

Also, KMR Foundation sponsored the Sports Day of Aziznagar Village School, held on Republic Day 26th January, 2009 and distributed the prizes to the winners.



From the beneficiaries

Participant & winner from the Primary School, Azinagar.

Faizal says, "I won a gold medal in running at the Inter-School Sports competition conducted by the KMR Foundation, my friends asked me, "You are irregular to school but how did you manage to win?" I said, "That's the past, now I have full attendance".

*Faizal
Age: 13 years*

Other Fun Activities

ECO-FRIENDLY ACTIVITY

The KMR Foundation team participated in 'paper – bag making activity' in the village community for an audience of the village women.

This gave an opportunity to create awareness on the harmful effects of using plastic bags as well as the importance of using materials that help the environment.



GO-GREEN DRIVE

The foundation joined hands with the initiative taken up by the Young FICCI Ladies Organization's Go Green Drive and brought it to the Aziznagar Government Primary school. The children planted saplings and promised to take care of the plants.

JOY OF GIVING

Village children cheerfully participated in colouring Diyas for 'Diwali Celebrations' on the campus of Sreenidhi International School. Diyas were exhibited for sale at Sreenidhi International School and the proceeds went to the foundation.

SNIS children also distributed clothes to the village school children.



Other Fun Activities

WORLD LITERACY MEET

“What is done to children,
They will do to society.”
- Karl. A. Menninger.

KMR Foundation celebrated the “World Literacy Day” in Sreenidhi International School at “Kalabhavan” on 7th September, 2009.

On this day, the Grade III children from the village school and SNIS had an exchange programme of teaching and learning about vertebrates and non-vertebrates (animals with back bone & without).

SNIS children explained to the village children the classification of the animal kingdom with colourful charts of all animals, insects etc. The village children were able to identify each and every animal

and named them in Telugu. SNIS children also gave story books (animal stories) to the village children.

It was wonderful to see the children sitting and helping them to draw and write the name of various animals in English.



Liaison with American Schools

“We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today.”

~Stacia Tauscher

Our liaison with Sreenidhi International School and two American schools - Episcopal School of Dallas (ESD) & St. Marks School, Dallas has been very fruitful for the village children.

Our role was to ensure liaison with SNIS and the visiting schools for exchange of information and ideas on how to help the village community. Ms. Elaine Murphy, Academic Coordinator, ESD, Dallas, U.S.A. expressed her wish to chart out a programme for community service in Aziznagar village in selective areas for the visiting students of their schools for the exchange programme with SNIS. The foundation team took them on a short tour of Aziznagar village where it has been engaged in activities and programmes on health care, vocational training and skill

development programme for village youth and educational support to local adopted schools.

Ms. Elaine Murphy and Ms. Laila Kharat visited the village schools. All the students were very happy and entertained them with their songs. They were the Guests of Honour of the day and distributed notebooks to children donated by the foundation.

The active engagement of the foundation with the village community for various programmes and activities, especially supporting education inspired the team members of the visiting schools from USA. They willingly came forward to help the village children.



Library for Village Children

The generous contribution and kind gesture of the visiting faculty and children from Dallas Schools, U.S.A, helped with the set up of a library for the village school children.

The students from Dallas Schools, USA, visited book shops in India and personally bought English & Telugu books suited to the education level of the village children. It was an exhibition of their keen interest and genuine concern for the underprivileged children when they read out books and told stories to the assembled village children at the inauguration of the library.

The library is equipped with reading materials, learning activity tools like building blocks, puzzles and other support materials for effective learning.

Their enthusiasm and interaction with the village children was amazing.



One Laptop per Child Programme

“Apart from attracting children to schools, the education system needs to build character, human values and enhance learning capacity through technology and build confidence among children to face the future”

-An excerpt from the speech of Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India, at the meeting of the Governing Council of the National Mission for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.

KMR Foundation is committed to improving the quality of its work and

enlarging its scope by adding new dimensions to its agenda on education. One such step is to introduce the OLPC (One Laptop Per Child) programme in Aziznagar village School, which would be the first project of its kind in Andhra Pradesh and one of the very few in India.

OLPC (One Laptop per child) programme is an education project. It is a low power connected laptop with content and software designed for collaborative learning. The software and hardware are designed to suit children from 6 to 12 years. Computer-supported collaborative learning is one of



the most promising innovations to improve teaching and learning with the help of modern information and communication technology.

Use of computer technology in classrooms is generally reported to enhance learning and thinking skills of the children. It creates a free environment that helps children learn without fear and makes them feel empowered. Moreover, students can learn faster and better through technologically-oriented methods.

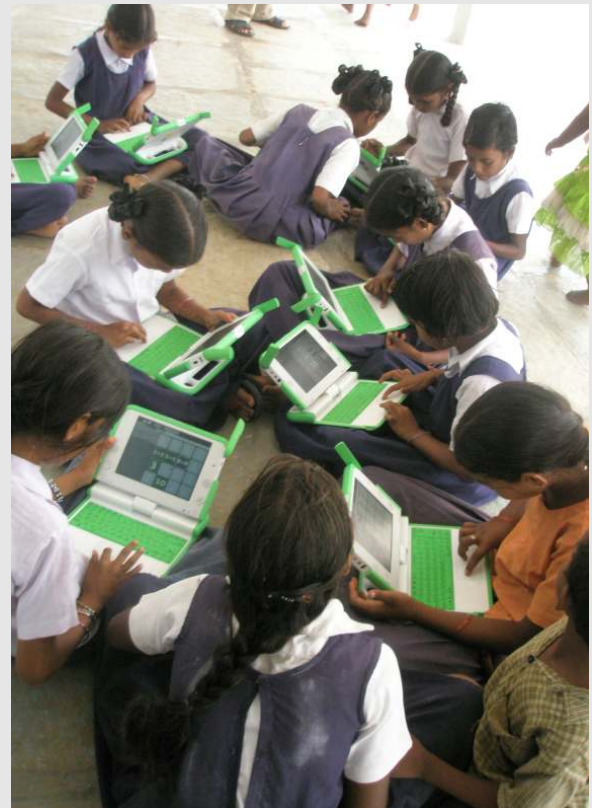
Our initial step and planning is to implement this programme to the Class 4 children of Aziznagar Centre Primary School by distributing 30 laptops (XOs) to the children.

The foundation will take the responsibility and conduct classes regularly in the

afternoon to get the children accustomed to the laptop. The village teachers are already trained as to how to handle the laptops and help the children learn all its functions. A team of volunteers are working on translation of the input language from English to Telugu to help the children easily understand the commands.

The collector and the District Education Officer (Ranga Reddy District) have extended their support and are helping to bring this project to the Primary School in Aziznagar.

Bringing this project to our children and helping them access world knowledge and modern tools of education will provide them with new opportunities to explore, experiment, and express themselves.



“Vocational Training”



Vocational Courses for Skill Enhancement & Generating Employment

*We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.
~Franklin Delano Roosevelt*

In the area of vocational training, the foundation's effort has been to understand the needs of the youth in the village and work with them by tailoring programmes to suit their needs. The youth meetings held in the village and data collected therein helped in the following ways:

- to understand the educational and economical status and needs of the unemployed youth.
- to identify their areas of interest and to choose the appropriate training to be rendered.
- to encourage and motivate them to join courses for skill development.
- to assist financially and help with commuting from and to the place of training.

The foundation team members have been actively engaged in motivating the youth for training in certain courses that will help them enhance their skills in computers and other areas according to their interest,

choice, ability and potential. Based on our meetings and the data collected, training was offered and given to the youth in the Govt. Industrial Training Institute for basic electrical, house wiring & desktop programme.

We also collaborated with a local computer institute to help the students. About 50 Class-10 students were encouraged and joined the computer course during the summer holidays prior to joining college. Transportation to the training centre was provided by the foundation.

It has been a routine activity of the foundation team members to motivate and send batches of male students as well as interested women students for computer courses and help them with transportation for commuting.

The foundation partially funded the cost of training for the Light Motor Vehicle License by collaborating with the training institute. The licenses can then be used to find a vocation as drivers.

From the beneficiaries

"I am glad to learn this skill in our village. KMR Foundation has done a great job with us. They also provided transportation. Personally, I feel that any organization can give us training but may not necessarily other facilities. Many thanks to your foundation."

From the mother of Prabhavathi – "We are so happy that my daughter is learning with great interest".

*Panchalingala Prabhavathi
KMR Family code: BK*



Maggam work – Zari Embroidery

Maggam work is a traditional embroidery work done by the folk women of Andhra Pradesh.

It is a combination of Zardosi, Beads, Zari and semi precious stones (Kundan).

KMR Foundation has pioneered this initiative in our adopted village of Aziznagar to empower and develop a sustained livelihood among young women in the community.

In the Aziznagar village community centre, around 20 young girls and women were engaged in 'Maggam work' training.

The foundation had employed an expert to help train the candidates. The training took place for 3 months including practice sessions.

The village girls were motivated to join a 'diamond-cutting' course in the Industrial Training Institute, Mallepally



Learning To Be A Leader

Among the trainees, two girls, Pravilla & Vinoda, who learnt the skill of doing 'Maggam work' on the fabrics, gained the confidence to work independently and they offered their willingness to train a group of women in another village nearby. Around 15 women benefitted from the training.

This inspired the group to participate and learn with interest, co-operation and discipline to motivate each other and attend the classes regularly.

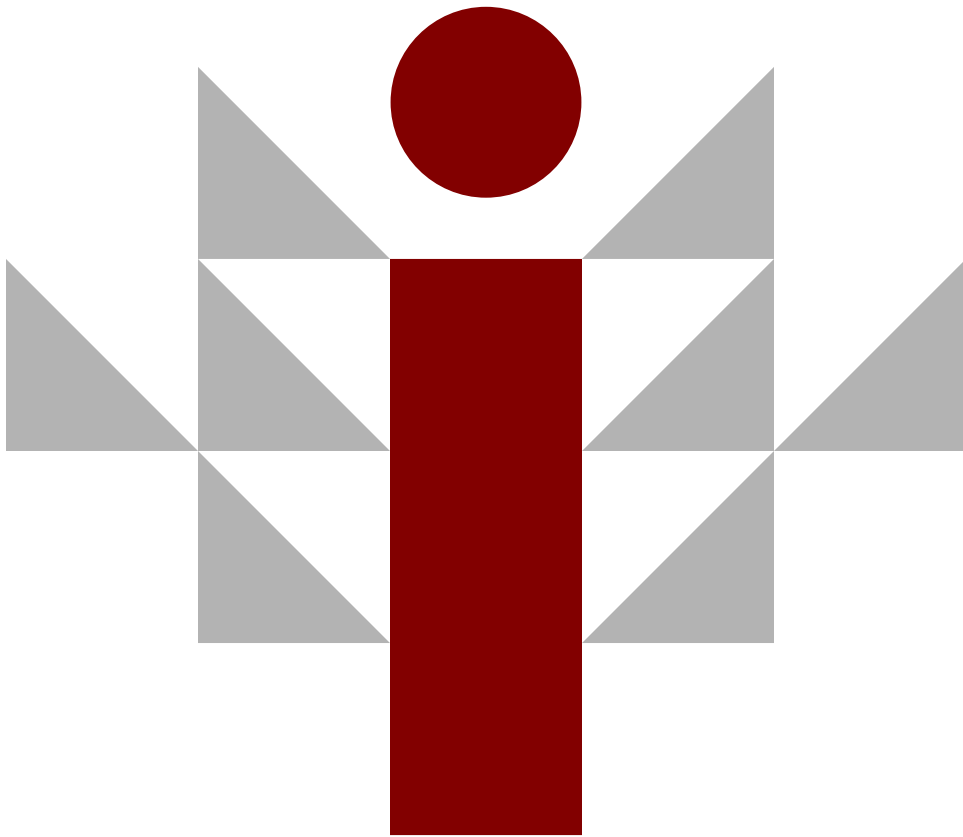
From the beneficiaries

Skill enhancement training in 'Maggam work' (traditional zari-work in fabrics)

"We are so happy that we had the opportunity to learn this skill. KMR Foundation has given us an opportunity to learn as well as to train the other students. We improved our skills. We are so happy for the 'Maggam Training' given to us.

Antharam Vinodha

“Expansion plans”



Expansion Plans

Even though our initial mandate has been to work primarily for the Aziznagar village community, we decided to add two immediate surrounding villages of Aziznagar and give full attention and focus to health care and support education to the children of these villages.

We have added two villages-Bakaram & Nagireddyguda, surrounding Aziznagar with a focus on health care and education. Subsequently, the village school children were encouraged to join in the educational activities such as games, art & craft, music and computers.

Keeping in view the growth and expansion of the organization and to enlarge the scope for the stakeholders and our beneficiaries, we have now started to collect data in more villages and have expanded to 22 villages – the goal is to expand to the entire Moinabad Mandal comprising of 21 Gram Panchayats and 17 villages-a total of 38 villages.

New initiatives in Focus

- Expansion of the health care project to the entire Moinabad Mandal (38 villages in total).
- Introduction of the OLPC--Scheme in Central Primary School, Aziznagar village.
- Setting up 'resource and training centres' in the villages.

K. Mahipathi Rao Memorial Lectures



In addition to the work done by the foundation, the vision of the family is to also keep the memory of Mr. K. Mahipathi Rao alive by bringing eminent intellectuals and personalities to speak and engage with the people of Hyderabad. The vision is to bring new and fresh thoughts and ideas especially to motivate and inspire the young.

The First Memorial Lecture was graced by the presence of the eminent writer and historian, Prof. Ramachandra Guha where he gave a talk titled 'Defending Jawaharlal Nehru: The last lost cause?'.

The founding members of KMR Foundation Mr. K. T. Mahi & Dr. Humaira Mahi shared the memories of their father with the audience, quoting his love and respect for the nation and for Sri Jawaharlal Nehru and how he was inspired to name his first son 'Jawahar'. The audience comprised of a large group of youth from Sreenidhi

International School and from other local educational institutions such as Sreenidhi Institute of Science and Technology and the University of Hyderabad. Some of the young students from Sreenidhi International School had a very engaging discussion with Mr. Guha after the talk on a book he had written on their favorite subject – Cricket! The students spiritedly argued and discussed with Mr. Guha their views on their favorite cricket personalities.

It was also very interesting to see the young generation hearing and learning about Jawaharlal Nehru and his role in shaping modern India. The event was held at Shilpa Kala Vedika and was very well attended.

The second memorial lecture will be held on January 8, 2011 and is being graced with the presence of eminent writer and intellectual, Dr. Amitav Ghosh who will give a talk titled 'The Glass Palace and the Long March out of Burma, 1941-42'.

Notable Events

Workshops on OLPC Training

Two learning workshops were conducted for the OLPC programme in collaboration with the Digital Bridge Foundation (a division of the Dhirubai Ambani Memorial Trust) and The Homi Bhabha Center for Science Education, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai. The first one was held at TIFR in Mumbai and the second one was held at the Sreenidhi International School Campus for 3 days involving the “Swetcha” group-a voluntary organization for free software. The staff from Sreenidhi Institute of Science, Hyderabad, the I.T. Dept. from Sreenidhi International School and the Primary School teachers from Aziznagar village participated.



Notable Events

KMRF- Sreenidhians Humanitarian Gesture

The KMR Foundation team along with Mrs. Ssarithha Katikaneni, Executive Director and 'Primary Years Programme' (PYP) Principal, Sreenidhi International School, distributed essential amenities to the victims of Tummapally, Kurnool - the site of the cyclone. The faculty of Sreenidhi International School came together to pool in resources thereby enabling this noble act.

Hon. Smt. Damayanthi, I.A.S., Collector and District Magistrate, Mahaboobnagar District, was gracious in extending valuable help towards this cause by facilitating the distribution of these amenities. Mr. Anjaneya Sharma, District Backward Class Welfare Officer, helped by identifying the hamlet and Mr. Jayant Kumar, organized the flood relief operations.



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Mr. Hassan (Masthana Constructions Pvt Ltd)

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- Donation of Sports Items to Village School.

Our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Manjula Reddy for her kind gesture and contribution of certain sports items to the village school.

- Supply of Furniture to the village school.

Our sincere thanks to Mr. Alok Aggarwal for his contribution of furniture for the village school.

- Support for the Village School

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- Support from Volunteers for OLPC- programme

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