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EKVIRA MULTIPURPOSE FOUNDATION, AKOLA

Annual Report 2015-2016

In the year of 2007 non-profit, non-religious, non-government organization 'Ekvira Multipurpose Foundation' established by Mrs. Suchita Bansod and started the activity in area of early age rehabilitation of hearing impaired. Foundation started center and special school with pioneering concept of oral-aural rehabilitation of hearing impaired kids, general school readiness for 0 to 10 years kids, Our program is designed to strive towards development of speech to facilitate integration in regular school and the extend of effort in this respect would be the index of performance of the project and involving parents through counseling as an integral part of the preparatory intervention and ensure their participation in the programmers to be developed for early intervention .

OUR VISION - Give every hearing impaired child the chance to listen, learn and speak, thus enabling him to be an active part of our essentially hearing and speaking world.

MISSION - Oral-aural rehabilitation of early age hearing impaired, general school readiness along with parents training and their empowerment. Creating opportunities for social, emotional, cognitive and overall development of the deaf young children. Give him information and knowledge to reach his or her full potential as an individual and as an active member of society To give opportunity of general stream education and participation in the world around them.

Foundation is registered under Society Registration Act 1860 & Bombay Public Trust Act 1950, also registered as 'charitable trust' u/s 12 AA & 80G of Income Tax Act 1961. Trust activity in disability area is approved by commissioner of persons with disability, Government of Maharashtra

Under the guidance of professionals, special educators, children are provided opportunities of speech, hearing, and language, emotional, social, physical and cognitive development, also recreational, and cultural programs organized along with the academic support as per their need.

Due to lack early intervention, children with hearing impairment faces lot of hurdles in getting mainstreamed to become part of common society, most affected are the children from lower income groups, who cannot afford quality hearing aids and associated therapy. If we provide speech – hearing language training at early age teach them to listen and speak to become integrated part of general society.

Our consistent attention to Parents Training and capacity building bore fruit – parents, whose children we have been working with, sustained change will come when parents of deaf children take ownership and commit to advocating for the rights of their children.

Much has happened this year, and our work has surged exponentially. We are mindful that this brings its own set of challenges for a small team. While we march on undaunted, our focus in the coming year is to strengthen. Our internal systems to support the ever-growing body of work. EMFA took more meaningful and purposeful steps towards our dream of becoming one stop center with the consistent support and enthusiastic encouragement of our generous donors and well-wishers, we are confident we will get there! EMFA right from its inception and as it goes into its 8th year. We look back with humility and gratitude that we have got as far as we have, extended our services to over 90 children and families, directly. This has only been possible because the team who make EMFA what it is today; work tirelessly with dedication, commitment and a great sense of purpose. We are conscious that we are dealing with human beings, and that we always have to be sensitive and empathetic to meet the unique needs of our clients. We remain motivated by the positive feedback we get from appreciative parents and the community at large that surround our beneficiaries. As we look forward to the future, *we know that although there is a long way to go, and that there are no short cuts in achieving our mission, we are continuously striving to ensure that our work reaches out to impact every deaf child.*

BALVIKAS CENTER AND SPECIAL SCHOOL is small but is well on their way to becoming demonstration centers, and we are quite confident that, centers will scale up to accommodate more deaf children and their families.

Foundation runs all the activities without any government grants Thanks to all our donors, supporters and well wishers , parents for believing in us and ensuring BALVIKAS SPECIAL SCHOOL AND KEDRA OF EMFA continues to do what it has set out to do....give deaf children and their families a voice..

This year, we went further to demonstrate our commitment to "provide access to communication for deaf child": we supported about 50 families of deaf children During the year 2015-16, EMFA continued its activity in disability area of hearing impaired in which survey of hearing impaired children, parent counseling, social awareness program, parent training, speech- hearing- language training, pre-schooling, competitive exam, various competition, health check-up camp, primary schooling, workshops, seminars, parents get-together, educational tour, family picnic, festival celebrations, visits of social worker etc. activities have been carried out Since, we could put 41 hearing impaired student in to general school and 13 more about to move in this year. This year early age center has 25 and school has 25 hearing impaired kids and 45 mothers attend regular along with their child.

Activities of the Last Year

- A useful Marathi book published for social awareness named 'SAAD- PRATISAAD" in which a need of Deafness detection of young hearing impaired, early intervention, oral –aural rehabilitation and over all development, role of families and society members, experiences of parents are covered.

- For the awareness about congenital deafness and its management and cochlear implant surgery an open public session of Padmashree Dr.Milind Kirtane ENT surgeon, Mumbai organized and more than 200 hundred families attended the program.
- Indian Medical Association, Akola has step forward to give equal opportunity to our hearing impaired speaking students and given responsibility of singing of "National Anthem" on occasion of flag hosting on republic day held at IMA hall.
- Our activity visited and appreciated by government officials Mr.G.Shreekanth Sir, IAS, District Collector of Akola, Prof.Sanjay Khadse, SDM, Akola, Dist.Social Welfare Officer Mr.Hanumant Mamde, Social Activist Director of PRAYAS Dr.Avinash Shoji, Amravati, Padmashree Dr.Milind Kirtane, ENT surgeon, Mumbai, Prof. Satish Phadke sir, Prof. Dr.Nitin Oak sir, Cartoonist Ad. Anant Khedkar many
- This year we promoted 16 students to appear in MAHARASHATRA TALENT SEARCH (MTS) exam for second, third and fourth standard along with general schooled, Mast. Parth Upadhey student of second standard of our special school stood" 6th MERITE" among normal students of other general school. Remained H I students scored more than 60 % marks.
- It is very important to give an opportunity to deaf child as good as normal child and we try to make them available every opportunity of mainstreaming and socialization i.e. our students participated in mega event of world yoga day with 5000 citizen.
- Free ENT, Dental, Eye cheek-up, Health cheek-up, Physiotherapy, cochlear implant care and maintenance, Hearing Aid care and maintenance camp organized for HI kids of Balvikas Kendra and Balvikas Vishesh shala.

IMPACT

- Letter of appreciation Awarded by Govt.Of Maharashtra to foundation in the hand of Guardian Minister Shri. Dr. Ranjit Patil on 15th Aug 2015
- Last year 4 HI kids integreted to general school and this year about 13 H I kids of various level from Balvikas Kendra and Balvikas Vishesh shala are ready to move to General Schools of their choice.
- About 25 HI kids are waiting to get admission in to Balvikas of appropriate level.

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DR.MRS. SNEHAL KALORE
SECRETARY (EMFA)



Padmashree Dr.Milind Kirtane sir, ENT surgeon with kids of Ekvira Foundation, Annual day function 2015

Today, I understand the real meaning of the term “work is worship “Ekvira is the shining example of selfless service, congratulation and keep doing well.

Padmashree Dr.Milind Kirtane, ENT (20 Dec 2015))



National Anthem Performed on Republic Day At IMA Akola
By hearing impaired students of Balvikas



Indian Medical Association
Maharashtra State

On special invitation of IMA Akola, our Hearing impaired Kids performed ‘national anthem and patriotic song’ on republic day and also given the message that, if chance given, we can go extra mile.



Visit of Hon.District Collector shri.G. Shrikant sir



Prof. sanjay Khadse sir, SDO,

I am very delighted and thrilled after visiting, excellent work and taking very good care of H I children, The teaching and non-teaching staff are excellent and children are also very talented –
Shri. G.Sreekanth IAS, District collector, Akola

I appreciate the work being carried out , An oral-aural rehabilitation of hearing impaired at his young age and opportunity being given to parents as equal partner is very important. –

Prof. Sanjay Khadse,

Sub Divisional Magistrate, Akola