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### Dear friends of Barbara wylich and Witten group

We are happy to write these few lines to you and send you our warm greetings of Love and wishes from all the children and sisters.

Thank you so much for your contribution of Rs. 9,54,922/- on 31/10/2014 and Rs.8,71,849 on 12/02/2015 for the children.

This year we had 19 new admissions. Each case is unique: children of whose parents died of Hiv/ Aids; and orphaned due to many other reasons. These children suffer much, mentally and emotionally at their tender age. We try to repair the damage done to them and replace the lost affection by being their parents, by taking them into our confidence with our sincere efforts. Through shelter, food and quality education children are helped and encouraged to build their future with hope and courage. Besides educational help, they are given opportunities to develop their skills according to their aptitude and interest.

We are most happy to inform you that the results of the class 10<sup>th</sup> children were very good: all the 19 girls who appeared for the exam passed with good marks; one of them, Aarti Patil, secure 70% marks, and 6 of them got above 65% marks. The results of the class 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> students were also good. And 13 girls who passed out the Higher Secondary Certificate joined their professional training like Nursing, General Nursing, Paramedical, and One year Nursing, Bachelor of Science (BSC), Bachelor of Commerce, etc.

We also conducted various activities for the children. I will list some of them.

**Yoga and counseling:** - We were privileged to have the instructors from the well known Yoga institute of Kasara, on every Thursday, which helped the students from class 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Beside this class, children had an opportunity to attend the course "Art of living". This class was for 4 days. Almost 60 of them benefited. The age group was 7 to 14. It was organized by Mrs. Komal Shah and her team. "Art of living" made a great impact on them especially on how to concentrate oneself.

**Classes on Worli (Tribal) Art and exhibition:** - The children who benefited were those of class 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. They have learnt Warly (Indian Tribe) Art on cards and bed sheets, and how to make different kinds of bags.

**Capacity Building:** - 70 children participated in the capacity building and training program held in Thane in the Month of May 2014. This session enabled the children to understand the larger scenario of gender discrimination and also helped them to unlearn myths and misconceptions, which are related to violence in the family and society, through case studies, group work and documents.

**Tree Plantation:** - Kasber Academy organized a tree plantation drive on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2014, with the active support and participation of over 230 children. About 250 saplings were planted at Thane. Some children have been participating to the event for almost 5 years. They were happy to see the trees planted by them growing well in the last 4 years.

**Health Awareness Session:** - On 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2014 a health awareness session was organized. Almost 30 girls took part in it, some of them were school children and others college students. It was given information on topics of health and concepts of sex and Hiv/Aids. The girls were extremely grateful to the group and the resource person for giving them an opportunity to understand issues on which they were not comfortably confronting in the past.

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**Parents' day celebration:** - Child Welfare Center (C.W.C) organized an educational tour and Parents' day celebration on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014 for the class 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> children, at Vasai. The program was for 2 days and in this program (Balmahotsav) there were different competitions like "kho-kho", "kabaddi", 100 meter running race, 400 meters relay, carom, high jump, long jump, throw ball as well as chess, speech, poem reading, easy writing, drawing, group singing and hand writing. Children were very happy and they have received many prizes.

**Networking programme:** - For the children's home of Mumbai and around, through Udaan Welfare foundation, on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2014 Networking program was organized: a workshop cum seminar for the girls of class 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> from our various homes. 250 girls attended and benefitted from this program. Our aim was to make them aware that besides their academic studies in the school, they are exposed and are boosted up in life, so they need confidence building and positive and creative attitude to life, so to achieve their goals in life.

**Self-defense:** - For young girls in a highly vulnerable world. Outdoor activities oriented towards developing an adventure orientation and getting used to dealing with the outdoors.

**Panel discussions:** - On tackling the issues of child abuse, mentally and legally, in corporate environs and public areas.

**Entertainment program:-** Theme Heroes/Heroines from Indian history who stood up to any form of abuse and changed the orientation of the world in some way through dance.

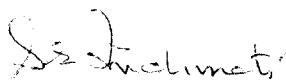
**Picnics:** - In the month of April all the children were taken to Tikujiniwadi for a day out. During Diwali too we had organized a picnic for all the children to Kalyan Ammu Resort and Mumbai Dharshan .Time to time we give incentive to the children according to their academic performance.

**Computer Technology:** - Computer classes were held every day for all the students. Almost 250 students were benefiting from this class. There are 3 well trained teachers who come to give class for the students. By this time they know the basics and they can make power point presentation.

**Recreational Activities:** - Various competitions like singing, dancing, drawing, fancy dress, hairstyle, sports and cultural programs are conducted periodically, especially in certain remarkable days like Rakshabandan day, Independence Day and 14<sup>th</sup> of November Children's day. We celebrate various other festivals like Christmas, Diwali, Id, Ganesh festivals, etc. in order to make the children aware that our country is rich with various culture, languages and religions.

Thank you for your full co-operation and collaboration in fulfilling our mission fruitfully. It is with sincere appreciation I say: Thank you for bringing love and hope to these innocent hearts.

Yours gratefully,

  
Sr. Indumati  
(Sister in Charge)