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Dear Barbara Wylich,

Greetings of love and appreciation to you

*I really appreciate your generosity and the commitment towards the underprivileged people of our country. Your support has repeatedly played a key role in our success in empowering children who are of the third world nation through education at Ma-Niketan. My sincere thanks to you Barbara for sending us the sum of which is realized **Rs. 9, 30,956.21/- Indian Currency** on 29th Nov, 2017.*

*There is no way to fully express our gratitude for your loyalty. This amount will be utilized for the Trust activities of **Ma-Niketan** to empower primarily the children and girls, for their academic studies, value education, skills training and professional trainings and thus building a bright future of the children who are orphans, semi-orphans and from poor families.*

Besides the formal education, the children are given chances to excel their talents through various programs. On the feast of nativity the children of the Care Home take the entire responsibility of organizing a cultural program wherein they express their gratitude to sisters. They also exhibit their talents of arts in drawing, singing and dancing etc., depending on occasions. After the regular classes in the school when they return to the institution, they are given coaching classes to enable them cope with the academic studies. Teachers come from outside for who we pay monthly salary and there are also sisters who take tuitions for children.

As you know there had been natural calamities caused by the monsoon showers lashing upon certain parts of India, children of M-Niketan were not affected by it. We were all safe; nobody was affected by the deluge.

We are indeed glad to give you a glimpse of the activities of the Children's Care Home, at Ma-Niketan.



Coaching classes: The teacher assists children clarify doubts and deepen their knowledge during the tuition classes in the premises.

the hall which lasted from 4 to 7 p.m. Obviously, it was a day of great satisfaction for children.



A computer laboratory is set in the premises of Ma-Niketan to enable children practice computer. Children in groups learn basics in computer.

Cleanliness Drive, India: Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi currently focuses on "Cleanliness Drive, India", hence a movie that creates awareness on the same issue was shown to



children of Ma-Niketan in the month of August, 2017 by some of the Indian friends who visited us.

Independence Day of India was celebrated here in Ma-Niketan with a deep sense patriotism and enthusiasm. All the sisters, children including the helpers and staff participated in the event which started with a March pass by all, welcoming Sr. Amrita who hoisted the Tri-colour flag of India in the morning of this day.



On the same day the children were taken to a Hotel where they displayed an entertainment program, had a good lunch after which they had a Digital music & Dance program and then returned home. It was indeed an enjoyable day for children.

Sessions on “Robotics” were organized on 12th September 2017 by a USA Student. Around 40 students participated in this. He showed us the videos and short slides about Robots, narrating

about Robotics in USA in their daily life.

The NGO called **“Only Human Group”** that **celebrates Birthday** of the children; every 3 months organized a program on 1st October, 2017 in collaboration with Ma-Niketan. On this day they planned out a program including games and dance and snacks were served for them. The children had lots of amusements and excitements. There was cake cutting for the children celebrating Birthdays in that month.

The earth's carrying capacity is limited and there are resources of the earth that are coming to an end. **River Ganges** is a Holy River to the Hindus in India which is now getting extinct, on which awareness was made through posters and flash cards by Mr. Alop, the Pradhan and his team. Awareness was created which were presented through various quotes.

Lions Club had organized a session for our children, on **egg day** on 12th October 2017, teaching children about the Nutritious values and advantages of egg such as 1) Egg boosts brain power, 2) Maintains body weight, 3) Muscles building, 4) Improves one's mood, 5) Clears acne and 6) Enhances hair growth. Children were given eggs on this day.

Diwali is an Indian festival of lights was celebrated on 15th October organized by Indian friends. They organized orchestra; the program began by 3:30 PM. There were, 100 children who participated in the program and delicious meals and snacks were served for children and they were given gifts. Towards evening there was some fireworks including weeping willow, Comet Parachute, Skyrocket, Palm tree, Peony and Chrysanthemum etc.



Sessions were conducted on **“Adolescence”**, on 20th October 2017 by Dr. Anaiah Patel, briefing to children on changes that occur in girls during adolescence period both physical and psychological

and the tendencies and change in behavior pattern and attitude. This ended with a vote of thanks by Sr. Amrita, the Superior.

Ma Niketan along with Udaan Organization held a 2days camp on 28th & 29th Oct, 2017 for girls of the Helpers of Mary who came from different places of Maharashtra and Gujarat. The event had the theme '**10th Udaan - Ek aur Khushiyon ki (10th Flight-another joyous one)**'. We had 315 children coming from Dadra, Dappada, Vehloli, Asangaon and Kanjurmarg, participating in the camp. They reached Ma Niketan on 27th evening and food and accommodation were provided by sisters of Ma Niketan.



On 28th Morning, the awaited edufest began with the ceremony by Lighting of the lamp. The Dignitaries on the dais were Dr. Anil K Luniya, President of Udaan Foundation, Sr. Amrita Jose Eluvathingal, the Superior of Ma-Niketan, Sandeep Ramakrishnan and Murali Ayer.



The faculties who conducted sessions were proficient and well selected topics were really worth & informative for the growing students. There were various faculties who conducted a range of sessions and activities for children.

The participants along with faculties had an exposure to Yeloor, a mountainous area to experience the exuberance of Nature. The Theme "Happiness" in their presentation had many versions including Happiness through collaboration & team work, happiness a life's



journey, happiness through media, laughter, spreading happiness through dance, art & craft and healthy minds –happy mind and the sort.



There were a series of different sessions which ultimately emphasized on the importance of maintaining and seeking happiness and spreading happiness round the world. In the evening children of Ma Niketan staged a dance based on the theme “Happiness through Celebrations of the Festivals of India.” The ‘Udaan Edufest’ camp thus came to an end with the message of, how one can to be Happy even

in the Most Difficult Situations of Life. Children who came from different places were given gifts by Ma Niketan.

On the occasion of Children’s Day, 14th November, there were selected 18 children along with sisters who went to ‘Business Process Organization’ (BPO) Ashari Park, at Waggle Estate. Games were conducted and also there was a Magic shows during which the magician explained to the participants the importance of children in the society and the reason behind the celebration of children’s day. The program lasted for 1 hour. They gave gifts and snacks for our children.

Please convey our greetings to your family members, your group members, all those who spare themselves for this good cause. We wish you all the best in all your endeavors and God’s choicest blessings on you and your family members.

*With much love and prayers
Yours gratefully*

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