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Announces the
Launch
of

SAMIKSHA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

for young cancer survivors continuing education

on

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"The Pursuit of Knowledge is Key to Their Pursuit of Happiness"

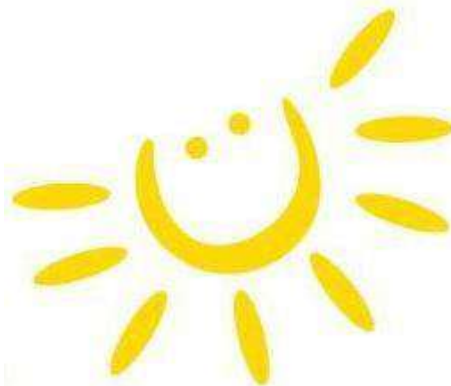


Making A Difference

We strongly believe that one can always do something to improve the situation for children with cancer and their families, outside the formal medical atmosphere.

The ultimate aim is to increase the **happiness quotient** of those affected by cancer and such life threatening diseases, notwithstanding their circumstances.

The possibilities are endless
The results would be heartening
Together, we can make a **real difference**



“A touch of professionalism and caring into every creative work we seek to do can change the way we deliver our services to the world..”

Sandhya Sharad – Founder of Samiksha Foundation

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- Hazel Hegde , Sudha Sundarvardhan, Dr. Padma Sanghani, Chanchala Acharya, Chitra Ramesh, Malathi Ramakrishnan
- Yatindra Patil

A Big Thank you to all our Volunteers!!

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- Naveen Jagannathan for the breakfast (for awardees, parents),
- Rajiv Ratnam for the cookies & beverages (volunteers, Core team)
- Vijaya for baking special cookies for all
- Volunteers- Girish, Aakanksha, Mukundh Balajee, Aishwarya, Gayathri, Sandhya Maradi

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Greetings everyone

I am Vidyavathi B.S; I have been working as a librarian and a teacher at Samiksha Foundation for the past 8 years. Before this, I had been working as the same at Askhara organisation, during which I was inspired by Samiksha foundation, their intent, their ideals and their purpose to educate these children and provide them with financial aid. It made me question, if I could also start helping these children by teaching, and hence through my own willingness, I started teaching here. At first, I was worried about the difference in difficulty while teaching children at a regular school and these children, but once I started, I found it easy and there was no such distinction.

On learning that we have a school, where we provide all the essentials, like books, pencils, and colours etc., children who come to Kidwai are often excited and happy.

Apart from academics, we also try to alleviate the child's pain by involving them in music, art and other entertainment, here at our school.

When we find that some of our children, go on to pursue their further education, it makes us immensely proud and happy. Some of the names include Akshatha, Niranjana, and Naveen.

Akshatha always made it a point to pick up a book and read whenever she came to the school.

Naveen, through his own example, encourages the other children to study well, eat well and be well.

Similarly, we pray and wish to see this organisation continue to grow further and succeed.

Thank you.

Greetings everyone...

I am Parvathi; I was working as a librarian and teacher at a government school before joining Samiksha foundation as a teacher, about 8 years ago.

Working here is a unique experience, reason being, we try to understand each child and mother's mentality, and teach through tools like stories, music and play. When a child picks up a pencil and scribbles, the joy that the mother experiences is unmatched, we find ourselves very happy and fortunate to witness this...



We use examples of these children to pacify the other parents.

Children, who come from villages, are often unaware of birthday celebrations. One such example is that of a girl, Savaak. The concept of birthday parties was completely new to her, when we celebrated her birthday, she said “I have only been with sheep and goats back in my village, but you all celebrated my birthday, and this is something I will remember till my last”. It made her grandparents extremely happy to see this.

Prasad is boy studying in 8th standard, he can speak 5 different languages, and he sings the songs of Lord Krishna fervently. When we appreciated the same and remarked that he would one day become a great singer, he said, teary eyed ‘What is the use, miss? The lord has given me such an ailment’. To this we consoled him, telling him that there were several other children like him, that they overcame the illness and went on to do better.



Ms Aarthi Anand^N had told a story about friends, the moral of the story being, never to forget a friend's help. While she was narrating the story, a boy, Santhosh, stood up and proclaimed that he too was a good friend, and he would never forget Samiksha School and their help in paving a path for all the children who studied there.

Subramanya, a student of 4th grade, complains about mothers dissing the gods for circumstances. This boy, however, believes that it is fate; he consoles us, saying that he is happy to be able to eat well, take his medicines, attend classes at Samiksha and he also believes he will be cured and he will leave happily.

We, here at Samiksha are providing the children who have been discharged, scholarships to help them pursue their further education. I hope that Samiksha foundation continues to lend support to these children and I sincerely wish that these children get well soon and return to their homes.

Thank you



I have been working with the Samiksha Foundation for 8 years now as a Teacher and Storyteller.

I have witnessed the day to day activities of all the kids who come here, and how they go through their treatments.

I wish to see Cancer eradicated completely, and no kid in the future generations should ever suffer from this.

Ambika Chandrashekar



I would like to share a shloka:

Om Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah
Sarve Santu Nir-Aamayaah |
Sarve Bhadraanni Pashyantu
Maa Kashcid-Duhkha-Bhaag-Bhavet |

And I believe that the change should start from the parents; the parents should have a healthy lifestyle which will lead to healthier off springs.


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Samiksha Foundation- Caring for Children with Cancer Trust, launched The "Samiksha Scholarships program" on Sunday 25 March 2018, as scheduled. This was to recognise and award young cancer survivors continuing their education. Today, 21 students are being given their certificates of excellence at this function. These students were from across the state of Karnataka.

The program started with Ms Barnalee welcoming all the guests and awardees as well as their parents followed by an invocation (dance) by students from the Shubham School. Following this the awardees lit small lamps representing the light of victory and success in their lives, living happily their years post cancer. The Documentary on the Foundation's work was followed by the presenting of certificates by Dr. Appaji accompanied by Ms Sandhya Sharad, to a few of the students. Dr. Appaji shared his thoughts on the success of the treatment, the fighting spirit of these young survivors and appreciated the work of the Foundation. Dr. Padma then presented the certificates to a few more of the students and she too spoke highly of the Foundation's dedication and hard work of the team to provide non-medical support to the patients there. Ms Tania Khosla, Ms Hazel and Ms Sudha, all long-time supporters and well-wishers of the Foundation's work, were the others who awarded the certificates to the students. The highlight was some of the students, old volunteers, parents and Teachers sharing their experiences with the audience, leaving many teary-eyed. -BY Nagavalli Narasimha

The Vote of thanks by Sandhya Sharad, Founder, Samiksha Foundation, wrapped up everything :

"As I stand here looking at the children and young adults there, I am convinced that this Launch is like a culmination of sorts of our Success and Beliefs at Samiksha Foundation. They are a true living breathing testimonial of what we stand for and what we have been working so hard for, over the past 8 years. They have proven that Cancer kids have a Future that can be bright and happy, I thank them for that, I thank the parents and caregivers for bringing them back here to meet us, they could have chosen otherwise, but they did come when we reached out, For me, this is an act of kindness on their part. This is such a joyous moment, it's beyond words to express the Happiness here. Look around you!

I Thank God and the Universe to have made this day happen. For them and for us. I believe that every person here is gifted with creativity and love that you have channelized and let flow through Samiksha work and I am very grateful for that. I am grateful for my family, for their continued support and their patience with me through all the time I spend doing Foundation work. Thank you to Vijaya for her leadership here, Thanks to the amazing effort of Ranjani and Valli who coordinated the entire event today. Every time we heard peals of laughter in the room you could be sure it was one of these two, who bring so much fun and laughter to the work, it's a pleasure having them around. Thanks to Barnalee Sarkar and her team for bringing the joy of Music into our work as always for over 6 years now. Thanks to Girish and Naveen and Akanksha for coordinating the needs of the children- their logistics, food etc. Thanks to the volunteers Aishwarya, Gayathri, to Rajiv Ratnam for their timely help. And Savita Venkat for her help in putting the displays together today, Thanks to Atreya Arun of Springboard for offering us this venue that was so convenient. Am sure we can kick start this Scholarship program with its Launch here to great success!

Speaking of which, we already have many pledges for sponsorships for present and future scholarships. This year, our scholarship sponsors who have already donated prior to this Launch are Accel Partners (who are not here today). Sudha Sundaravardhan, Hazel Laveena D'Souza, who has also kindly sponsored our lunch, Members of Valli's Family, Tara Jayaram and The Acharyas, My mother Mrs Bhavani Nanjundeswaran, Chitra Ramesh, Malathi Radhakrishnan, Yatindra Patil, who always believed in our work. We are very grateful for your thoughtfulness in stepping up to the occasion again! Thank you Hazel, Sudha for being here too for being here and sharing our Joy! Among those in the team we are missing are Dr. Manjari, Meera and Padma.

Among all the people here, there are those who must take 100% credit for these children's lives and their success - Dr. Appaji and Dr. Padma, the paediatric oncologists treating them. Let give them a big applause. Thank you all for being here. It means a lot to all of us and especially the children and their families. Last but not the least, all of you Guests- We are very grateful that you chose to come here and bless us on a Sunday morning. Many of you have been with us as a silent part of the team for many years now, So, as I said in the Launch story, we keep our faith in you, You have kept your trust in us, and together, we hope to keep this engine running for a long time.

Let there be Joy! And again, welcome to the "Samiksha Scholarships Program" Thank you for being part of our Happiness Project today, Thank you for believing in us! Namaste!