



HOPE CONNECT

OCTOBER 2018 UPDATE OF THE HOPE HOME CALCUTTA

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Beloved friends:



THE JOY OF GIVING WEEK (DAAN UTSAV) -The Joy of Giving Week (JGW)- **October 2-8**, is a "festival of philanthropy" that aims to become a part of the Indian and international ethos, with the Week being celebrated every year covering the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi (regarded as the 'Father of the Indian Nation') by engaging people through "*acts of giving*" - money, time, resources and skills - spanning the corporates, organizations, government sectors, students in schools and colleges, Churches, neighborhoods, families and individuals. Over the past few years, this movement has grown and growing number of individuals, school, colleges, Churches and institutions are engaging themselves in endeavors to change lives and work towards sustainable development initiatives that would in turn transform communities across the world. Some of the most popular efforts during this week are:

- ♥ **Design For Change:** inspires children between 8-15 to design solutions to problems facing individuals and communities across India and implement them during the Week. The focus could be on education of poor children and help them through school – children who would otherwise never had access to any form of education whatsoever. Dime-challenge initiatives to raise

funds for text books, stationary etc. are most common forms of involvement of children from Grades 4-10.

- ♥ **Clothes collection drive:** is an initiative to provides clothes and other amenities to the poverty-stricken families, especially children. Clothes should be new/used but cleaned, washed and wearable
- ♥ **7 Days 7 Gifts:** is a simple idea where people are encouraged to do "*radnom acts of kindness*" to people they know or don't know for every day of the week. The 7 Day gifting challenge aims to take the focus away from you on to others. The only real condition here is that each gift should be meaningful and some thought should have gone into it. Such random acts could include feeding poor children of your neighborhood, taking your elderly neighbor's dog for a walk, giving your maid a day off, helping poor students with their studies....
- ♥ **Hi-5 Club:** is an event designed to engage high school and college students in volunteering for a cause for 5 hours during the Joy of Giving Week. Students can volunteer on structured opportunities provide by the Hope Home Calcutta like 5 hrs of teaching, cleaning our facilities, visiting an elderly home arranged by us, making educational aids or doing a collection drive, etc.

There are countless other ways in being creatively and meaningfully engaged in this transformational movement. Do write to us immediately if you would like to participate!

WORLD FOOD DAY-OCTOBER 16

WORLD FOOD DAY is celebrated across the globe on October 16, the foundation day of the F.A.O. The principal reason behind celebrating world food day is to secure and

advance the food security across the world, particularly in days of the crisis and in countries such as ours, here in India.



The annual celebration of world food day also helps in increasing awareness of the crucial need for effective agriculture and food policies to be implemented by governments across the world to ensure there is sufficient food available for everyone worldwide. The **theme** for this year's World Food Day is: **"Yet to Come"**. Individuals and families are invited to pitch in with us in helping to feed the poor through the **'HOPE HOME CALCUTTA FOOD BANK'**. We invite all of you to set aside a portion of your food expenses for **October 16** and help us provide food supplies and groceries to as many poor people as we can. Be a blessing to the poor and hungry on **October 16** through the Hope Home Calcutta!

TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

SEPTEMBER 5th is celebrated as **'Teacher's Day'** throughout India. The students of our school project organized a brief but wonderful program to appreciate and honor their teachers. They presented songs, skits, quizzes and organised games and fun-time



for their teachers. Asit Ghosh, the former Principal of a reputed local school was our Chief Guest for the program! It was fun watching our teachers participate in musical-chair, passing-the-parcel and other games!

CANCER AWARENESS CAMP

NARAYANA HOSPITALS & the Rabindranath Tagore International Institute of Cardiac Sciences, Calcutta conducted a one day free **'Oral & Breast Cancer Awareness Camp and Health Check-up'** at our facilities on September 29. Many of you



are probably aware that our Founder-Secretary Lewis Simon succumbed to cancer last December and the daughter of our present Treasurer is also afflicted with this dreadful disease. We have been engaging with the pediatric ward of the Cancer Hospital just across the street from the Hope Home Calcutta this year and this camp was just an extension of our endeavor. In India, there is very little awareness regarding cancer and millions of Indians are diagnosed with cancer at a very late stage. We are planning to help organize a few more health camps in the near future.

BIRTHDAYS- SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

- September 28 : Ruth
- October 25 : Leah

QUOTE OF THE MONTH



Thank you for your prayers and participation! We are blessed!!

Dev and the Hope Home Calcutta family

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