

Greetings from all of us at Sri Ramacharan Charitable Trust.

The academic year 2009-2010 went off very well. Our work as always has been hugely recognized and well acclaimed. Sri Ramacharan Trust has succeeded in creating a highly credible image for itself.

It is not any exaggeration to say that we could not have accomplished that without your support and encouragement. It is one thing, to donate to an organization that is already established and earned credibility. But you have supported us during our infancy, given the initial push and support that has enabled us to brighten the lives of so many children over the past few years.

There have been a couple of instances where despite our efforts, we could not succeed in certain environments like Kottur due to the non co-operation of the local school management. We had to give up our training in that school. However, you did not question our decision to come out and continued to have faith in us and in our system that made it possible for us to make progress in other new environments.

For all this, the trustees and the teachers are ever obliged to CVI.

The eight Kindergarten sections being sponsored by you have attracted a lot of attention and have been voted to be the best among all Montessori environments by students of the Centre for Montessori Training (CMTC) here at Chennai.

At a recent exhibition held by the Chennai Corporation our video on “you tube” captured the attention of the Education Officer and he insisted that the video be played continuously during the entire exhibition on big screen. The Montessori stall won the rolling trophy from the mayor at the exhibition.

One of our other donors Mr. Sudhakar Ram with the help of AID India, conducted an evaluation for all our environments. The results of the evaluation showed that the KG environments have been rated as the best among all Sri Ramacharan Trust environments.

The balwadis at Saidapet, also sponsored by you, are doing well. Two of these balwadis have been selected as the best balwadis of zone 10 by the ICDS officials.

Ms. Uma Shanker, director, CMTC has time and again appreciated Ms Padmini Gopalan that no other NGO has been able to produce such good outcomes in the Montessori environments and that the trust teachers are more dedicated than most other teachers working in other centers.

There is a shortage of trained Montessori teachers in the market. Therefore we have started training teachers with the help of our senior Faculty, Ms Nithya. She has successfully trained 8 teachers so far and the Trust has employed those teachers in the Trust environments. Ms Uma Shanker was skeptical about the Trust training the teachers, but when she visited the Saidapet balwadis recently, where the trust trained teachers have been employed, she was pleasantly surprised to see the remarkable work of the teachers. She commended Ms Nithya and Ms Padmini Gopalan on the bold initiative. It was very heartening to note that Ms Uma Shanker appreciated the Trust for training teachers despite the fact that her organization, CMTC was losing a sizeable amount of Rs. 35,000 for every teacher the trust trained. The appreciation from Ms Uma Shanker is certainly a very valuable feather to the Trust's cap.

We conducted periodic meetings on various topics of relevance related to Montessori style of education. Such meetings are attended both by the Trustees and by the Trust teachers. One of the topics last year was on Punishment. The Teachers participated very actively and discussed if punishment is necessary, and how and when should punishment be given were thoroughly discussed and analyzed. The discussion was very

informative to all attendees.

We organized the “Teachers day out”/Picnic this year as we do every year. The teachers enjoyed the one day trip and came back refreshed and rejuvenated. We celebrated the closing of the year with a superb lunch get-together sponsored by one of our trust teachers.

Please see the budget for the coming academic year.

**Saidapet Schools - 8 environments**

Salary for the teachers with the

annual increment component @45,000/- pm Rs.5,40,000/- pa

**Saidapet Balwadis - 3 environments**

Salary for the teachers/Ayahs with the

annual increment component @13,000/- pm Rs.1,56,000/- pa

Maintenance and Materials for all schools,

Balwadis ---- Rs. 35,000/- pa

Total Funds requested -----

Rs.7,31,000/- pa

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