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PROJECT SUMMARY

2023

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1. 5th grade scholarship:

We implemented a comprehensive 5th-grade scholarship program that not only provided essential education but also ensured a daily meal for 329 students from the North and East regions.

Our collective efforts, amplified by active parental engagement and additional teaching support, led to a significant positive impact on the academic performance of the students. Witnessing progress from 30 to 70 points is truly commendable and showcases the dedication of everyone involved.

The statistical outcomes underscore the success of our initiatives, surpassing mere passing grades and exceeding expectations for a substantial number of students. The breakdown of achievements is as follows:

- a) 6% of the students exceeded the established cutoff.
- b) An impressive 33% of students achieved scores exceeding 100 points.
- c) A substantial 54% of students reached scores greater than 70 points, the passing threshold.

Beneficiary schools, including Kanahambihaikulam, Mullivaikkaal East GTMS, Maamadu Palampaasi PTMS, Othiyamalai GTMS, Muravodai, Kinniyadi, Karuvakkeni, Kangang Keni, Kalmadu, Korakalimadu, Puthiyakolani, Parangiyamadu, Kaayankuda, Maavalaiaaru, Kopaveli, and Unnichchi, experienced the positive impact of our program.

Additionally, beyond our regular after-school program, providing model papers to 2257 students in the Kalcuda district has proven to be a valuable educational resource.

The total cost of executing this impactful project amounted to \$18,592, reflecting a prudent investment that has yielded remarkable academic achievements and positive transformations for the students involved.



2. Educational support to Tribal Community

This initiative is dedicated to enhancing literacy, numeracy, and reading skills within tribal communities, particularly in areas such as Krimichchiyodai, Panichchangkeni, and Saliththevu, where child labor is prevalent. By promoting education in these communities, we aim to break the cycle of poverty, offering the younger generation opportunities for positive growth and a brighter future.



The total cost of the project is \$1400.

3. High school educational support- GCE (O/L) and GCE, (A/L)

We have positively impacted the education of students grappling with challenges like teacher shortages and social issues. Our commitment is evident through the provision of free special classes after school and on weekends, aiming to enhance educational opportunities for students in Kanahambikaik Kulam PTMS and Karuvak Keni Vigneswara College. The success of the program is reflected in the positive changes seen in G.C.E (O/L) exam results.



a) Kanakambikai Kulam PTMS: Out of 21 students, 18 are now eligible to attend G.C.E (A/L) in fields such as math, science, and others.

b) Karuvakkeni Vigneswara College: The success rate has remarkably increased from 34.6% to 68.4%, including the outstanding

achievement of 9A results, following the implementation of our after-school program. This improvement not only signifies academic progress but also underscores the effectiveness of NOW WOW charity in addressing students' challenges.

The total cost of this impactful project is \$5,600.

4. *Transportation Assistance:*

Addressing transportation challenges at Akkuranai Bharathi Vidyalayam, we have implemented proactive measures by providing three-wheeler services. This thoughtful solution not only facilitates a smoother commute for teachers but also creates a positive ripple effect on the students. Eliminating transportation barriers is vital to ensuring the safe and consistent arrival of teachers, particularly female educators, at the school.



The total cost of the project is \$1000

5. *Teacher Provision in severely underprivileged villages*

Addressing the challenge of teacher shortages in certain areas, our organization appointed 8 qualified volunteer teachers for Omadiyaamadu and Thaddumunai. Their valuable contribution is set to have a significant impact on the education of students in grades 1-5 in those areas. The total project cost of \$1600 reflects a reasonable investment in the future of these students.



6. **University scholarship award:**

This project aims to support higher education for students from families below the poverty line. Supporting 21 students in their university pursuits can profoundly impact their lives and future prospects. The project's total cost of \$4660 underscores the financial commitment needed to make a positive difference in these students' lives. Recognizing the value of investing in education is crucial, as it not only benefits individuals directly but also contributes to societal development and progress.

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7. A project for the special needs kids

Initiated in October 2023, this project aids 12 students with special needs, aged 6 to 15, in Puthukkudiyiruppu, Mullaitivu. Catering to conditions such as depression, ADHD, and physical disabilities, activities include learning mathematical concepts, writing, drawing, reading, and exercising. For those with depression, a Tamil-adapted PHQ-A assesses severity for tailored treatment. Interactive learning strategies are implemented for ADHD students. Costing \$330, the project includes PHQ-A tracking, scientific progress measurement, customized learning, teacher training, and improved classroom environments. The aim is to enhance the children's conditions and provide a better lifestyle. The project also seeks to learn from outcomes for future application to a larger cohort in other villages.

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8. Individual Educational Help

Empowers children from vulnerable backgrounds, including those from widowed, abandoned, or female-headed families, as well as those with disabled parents. Supporting their education holds the potential for significant positive impact. With a total cost of \$2800, the project benefited 10 families.

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GEOGRAPHY	B
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9. Distribution of Educational supplies

This project aims to support displaced Up-country Tamils, who became refugees during the 1976 and 1983 riots and faced further displacement during the war. Focused on six villages around the Batticaloa district (Marappaalam, Unnichchi, Karaveddiyaaru, Maavalaiaaru, Iluppadichchenai, and Kirankulam), our initiative distributed essential items to schools, costing \$4230.

Grades 1-5 - Each student receiving 5 exercise books

Grades 6-9 - Each student receiving 5 exercise books

Grades 10-12 - Each student receiving 5 exercise books

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10. Field trip for Karuvakkeni Visneswara College

Striving to offer students a positive and enriching experience amid challenges like Covid, economic crisis, and family issues, our initiative takes them on a journey to historical sites like Sigiriya, Dambullai, and Polonnaruwa. This enriching excursion aims to reduce stress, stimulate their minds with new experiences, bring joy, and create lasting memories. The cost of this endeavor was \$650.



11. Anti-Drug street play

This initiative aims to raise awareness about the harmful effects of smoking, alcohol, and drugs in the Mannar district. Conducting impactful street plays, we engaged students and lecturers from the University of Jaffna. The venues included St. Sebastian Church complex, Mannar Sen Yoa Nagar, Mannar St. Xavier's Boys National School, Mannar Sithi Vinayagar National School, Mannar St. Xavier's Girls National School, Jaffna Town, Maangeni, and Verukalampathi. The cost of this awareness campaign was \$825.



12. School Security to Othiyamali

Situated on the border of Mullaithevu, Othiyamali faced security challenges at its GTMS school. In response, we installed a robust metal security fence to enhance safety and foster a clean learning environment. The presence of this security barrier serves to deter unauthorized access, ensuring the well-being of students. Moreover, it effectively keeps out animals, particularly cows, which had previously caused disruptions and left waste on school grounds. Priced at \$300, the security fence not only bolsters student safety but also promotes a hygienic and conducive educational setting.



13. Individual help

- Enabled a visually impaired man to establish a self-sustaining rice shop, fostering independence and family contribution. The involvement of his wife underscores the importance of teamwork and mutual support in overcoming challenges.

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- Assisted a female-headed family relying on home gardening for sustenance by replacing their broken water pump. Recognizing the value of home gardening as a vital source of food and nutrition, particularly in challenging circumstances. The total cost of the project is \$300



15. Integrated farm:

A diverse farm comprising livestock, coconut saplings, peanuts, vegetables, and rice cultivation, this initiative not only supports staff livelihoods but also promotes sustainability.

Commendably, families led by individuals with disabilities are heading households, offering opportunities that may be challenging elsewhere. Cultivating 300 coconut saplings is an investment in the future, as they take time to mature but promise a sustainable income source. Presently, we are engaged in rice cultivation on 7 acres and peanut cultivation on 5 acres. The total cost of the project is \$12,720.



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16. Plant Nursery in Maavalaiyaaru

Successfully established and operated a thriving plant nursery in Maavalaiyaaru amidst the economic crisis. This initiative not only creates employment opportunities but also contributes significantly to the local economy through alternative cropping, enabling increased income for the community.



17. Bicycle project

A high school student from Massachusetts, USA, launched the Bicycle project, aiming to provide cost-effective and sustainable transportation for students living in poverty. Bicycles offer an accessible means of reaching school, particularly in challenging areas. The distribution of 45 bicycles within the next week or two anticipates enhancing school attendance and overall access to education. The total cost of the project is \$6,500.



17. Flood relief

Dry food packages worth Rs 5000 were distributed to 257 families in Mayilaththamadu. The total cost of the project is \$4280



Community Service Award

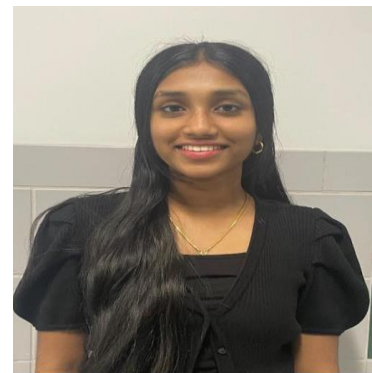
Involving high school students in community service is a valuable and enriching experience with lasting positive effects on both students and their communities. Acknowledging their dedication, presenting a community service award is a wonderful way to encourage and recognize their commitment to making a difference. The following students were honored for their volunteer service, receiving the Community Service Award for 2023.

Roshini Puvanaraj: A commendable initiative by Roshini, providing bicycles to students in remote areas can make a significant difference in their access to education. Transportation challenges often impede regular school attendance, and furnishing bicycles helps overcome these obstacles. Through fundraising and securing ample resources, approximately 45 bicycles will be provided in the Northeast of Sri Lanka.



Lashmirenuga Ganeshbabu and Rithika Saravanan:

Lashmirenuga and Rithika, founders of Equity for Eelam, are dedicated to securing funding for the establishment of water wells in underprivileged Eelam communities. The raised funds will support the creation of multiple well systems, ensuring a sustainable water source for 10-20 families year-round. This initiative represents a significant step in addressing the critical



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issue of water scarcity in Eelam. Through speeches, raffles, social media awareness projects, and restaurant fundraisers, they have efficiently raised around \$2,000 for new wells in problematic regions of Sri Lanka and continue spearheading projects to improve conditions in Eelam.



Fundraiser in 2023:

We hosted a successful live musical concert in Boston on October 28th, featuring renowned Tamil singers from across the USA and the Shianaaz band from Canada. The event served as a fundraiser to support ongoing and future projects. The high school students, who are members of Natpupaalam, played a crucial role in the overwhelming success of the event. Natpupaalam serves as a bridge between students in the homeland and the second generation of expatriate students.



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