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## SUPPORTERS

Special thanks to the following supporters of Vasantham:

- Vasantham received notebooks and stationery for use in classroom for the academic year 2013-'14 from World Bank who have been supporting for last few years.
- One of our ex-student Mr. Sridhar who is currently working in Nokia donated his one month salary to Vasantham.
- Mast. Sumedh Ramakrishna donated his 'guru dhakshna' meant for our long time supporter, Shri.K.S.Kalidas to Vasantham during his Mridangam Arangetram.

## VISITORS

- Nursing students from Apollo College of Nursing visited on 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2013.
- Nursing students from Meenakshi College of Nursing visited on 18<sup>th</sup> of June 2013.

## FIRE SAFETY SESSION & PARENT - TEACHER MEETING

*Safety is an integral part of our living, especially at home and the work place. With the motive of being educated regarding the measures to be taken in the event of either a domestic or work place fire, a sensitization lecture with demonstrations was organized by Vasantham. This was conducted on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2013 following the quarterly parent-teacher meeting. About 100 parents of individuals with special needs, staff and few students attended the lecture and demonstration (on the usage of fire extinguishers) conducted by Mr.Chellapathi Venkat and team, a nationally renowned and qualified fire safety team.*

*This sensitization programme is a part of the silver jubilee celebration of Vasantham. In the parent-teacher meeting, plans for celebrating the 25 year journey of Vasantham were discussed. One such plan is to incept a home with residential facilities for older individuals with special needs and their parents in the same environment. This has been a long time dream for Vasantham to specifically benefit parents and their children with special needs who do not have immediate family members to take care of them. In order to execute this project, Vasantham is looking for a space in Mogappair free of cost or at a concessional rent. Support from generous and service minded people will keep Vasantham growing and help support several individuals with special needs and their families.*



## VISIT FROM SPAIN

*Our long time and fervent supporters from Foundation Marc Sauquet, Spain, visited Vasantham on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2013. They reviewed the status of the projects for which they provided financial assistance in 2012. Impressed by all the work being accomplished with their support, they granted funds towards the renovation of kitchen and dining hall. This endeavour lead to the replacement of the mosaic tiles by vitrified tiles on the kitchen floor and wall, for the purpose of better maintenance. Further, proposal for projects for the year 2013 were submitted to the representatives from Foundation Marc Sauquet.*



## SUMMER VACATION

*The summer vacation began on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2013. School re-opened on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2013. During these holidays, maintenance work was carried out at the school premises. Further, during the holidays few children who were staying back at Vasantham along with staff visited the beach and enjoyed the evening. On another day, these children visited Saravana Bhavan for lunch and relished the food. New children were admitted during the last week of May and early June 2012.*

## EXCURSION

Children were accompanied by staff on an excursion to the Annanagar tower park on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2013. Children went in batches with their class teachers. They spent couple of hours at the park enjoying and playing games and sports.



## BIRTHDAYS

The following well-wishers of Vasantham celebrated their birthdays with the individuals with special needs at Vasantham. Special thanks on behalf of all the kids at Vasantham.

- Our supporter Ms. Vijayalakshmi celebrated her son Mas. Shuban's birthday on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2013.
- One of our student Pravin Raj's brother-in-law's birthday was celebrated by their family members with Vasantham children on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2013. They gifted easy-to-carry bottles and masks with cartoon characters on it. Kids enjoyed the celebration.
- Our supporter Ms. Rathika celebrated her daughter Baby. Dhriti's birthday on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2013 as they do every year.
- One of our student Mr. Jagadheesh's sister Ms. Priyanka's birthday was celebrated on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2013. As done every year, they distributed gifts and goodies to all the children and staff. The children enjoyed the time spent with Ms. Priyanka's family and friends.

