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Trinity Rural Educational Association for Development

In partnership with TREAD India Trust

...giving hope and a new future to needy Indian children

GRACE TAILORING CENTRE

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UPDATE ON FCRA REGISTRATION

Each NGO and charity in India is registered with Ministry of Home Affairs for a Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) number to receive funds from overseas and since last year all have had to re-apply. TREAD's own application was approved but Compassion (working in partnership with TREAD on three of their projects) still await the outcome of their application and meantime their funds are frozen.

At our recent meeting, FOT trustees agreed it was vital to keep these projects afloat so sent supporters a letter to inform them of the situation. We are grateful for the prayers and good wishes that have followed. Thanks to your generosity, FOT has now sent enough money to keep Sarah, David and Hannah centres open on reduced hours and service provision until the end of February next year. Each child will still receive one good meal every day in a safe and caring environment. The staff all agreed to go on half salaries during this interim period— their normal wages are not high, so this is a time of hardship for them and their families. Unsurprisingly after a few months, we are now hearing that some are seeking alternative work. We would ask you to join us in praying for a satisfactory and speedy outcome to this situation and will continue to update you.

STOP PRESS

Just to add to the problems faced by Tread India, we have been advised that there has been an outbreak of Japanese Encephalitis in our district of Odisha state. Last reports indicate that about **120 children up to 15 yrs of age have died** including the 3 month old baby of a Grace tailoring tutor who was one of the trainees from the 2010 batch. The virus is transmitted by the Culex mosquito from pigs to humans causing inflammation of the brain which results in fever, headache, seizures, disorientation and vomiting. The condition can rapidly cause death. A study confirmed the presence of the JE virus in 2012 and 2014, officials say a vaccine could have prevented the present outbreak in this endemic area. We understand surveys are taking place door to door and central health agencies are intending to start a vaccination programme. Better mosquito control could have also helped prevent the outbreak. This area of Malkangiri, tucked away in the southern most corner of Odisha is one of India's poorest and worse connected districts.

Life in India especially in remote communities has also been disrupted by a decision in November to render all existing **500 and 1000 rupee notes invalid overnight**. The replacement notes are in short supply and only from afar banks, if you can get to one, and they are often out of the notes. This is causing huge difficulties in purchasing essential supplies and paying staff wages.



Grace Tailoring students on excursion in Hyderabad with some TDCC children

The Grace Tailoring Centre runs one-year courses for disadvantaged girls and young women in tribal rural areas. During the year they receive full instruction on tailoring and also housekeeping, gardening, cooking and health issues. The courses have been invaluable to past students, building confidence and self-esteem as well as training to enable them to make a living and gain independence.

In September the girls had a day out with a picnic and games. In October they joined TDCC children for a 3-day excursion to Hyderabad. This annual event is a high spot for all the youngsters concerned and is often their first visit to the capital city.

HELP!

At our recent Trustees meeting, we realised with horror that the average age of our nine trustees is 62! When FOT began its work in 2000, the average age of the five of us was only 46! We would love to have some fresh input from younger people and especially those with skills to update our publicity and fundraising. We use Facebook but not to its full potential. The same applies to our website and as for Twitter.... Please contact us if you think you could help and it might also be possible to enjoy a visit to the projects.

DO YOU SHOP ONLINE?

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from weekly shop to annual holiday - you could collect free donations for Friends of TREAD? With over 3,000 shops and sites ready to make a donation, including John Lewis, Amazon, the Trainline, Aviva – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

HOW DO YOU DO THIS?

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> and search for Friends of TREAD as a cause and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Friends of TREAD will be really grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support!

TRINITY DAY CARE CENTRE—16 years on

Manager Jayaraj tells us how TDCC has made a difference.



Sirisha at TDCC

“Children have their own identity and tremendous potential within them. History repeatedly shows that when a child is developed, the community, family and nation change for the better. TDCC is a blessing for Kudunuru - we see a wealth of difference in the lives of children as they were and now as they are growing up.”

In Kudunuru children were not regular to school before TDCC but once it opened in 2000, children attended school regularly so the government appointed new teachers in the school. Two years ago the Government sectioned the new school building for the Middle and High school children as the old school building is not enough for the total strength of the school. If TDC declares holiday for any reason, class rooms would be empty without children. Now we see many graduate students in Kudunuru. Before TREAD started TDC there were many dropouts from school and the literacy rate was low 30%. **But now literacy in the village has increased to 80%.**

Sirisha used to attend TDC and is the daughter of Draksha, Cook at Trinity. Sirisha says “I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to TREAD, FRIENDS OF TREAD, SPONSORS for the difference it brought in my life. As a Trinity child I attended school regularly, continued my college and graduation (BA in History, Economics and Civics). I wouldn't have completed my graduation if I was not part of TDC. After graduation I married and then applied for job as Tutor at Trinity. I was entrusted to take care of pre-school children. This opportunity was a blessing because unknowingly I got trained at TDC for my future job. As child I learnt dancing to the action songs in prayer time, helping younger ones, singing, serving during breakfast & supper time, discipline, importance of education, respecting elders etc and as tutor I learnt story telling, caring, teaching, helping pre-school children. When there was a vacancy for a pre-school teacher in Kudunuru. I attended Interview and what I learnt as child and tutor helped me to secure a government job. My husband, family is very happy for getting job. I thank God for sending TREAD to Kudunuru. TDC is for me a warm bright ray of light and I thank every one from the bottom of my heart.”

Not only children but also staff benefited from TDC. **Mrs.Jyothi** worked at TDC as a Tutor. Jyothi's husband is an auto driver whose earning was not enough for the family. Along with her husband she wanted to help her family financially so she joined TDC as a Tutor. She was a graduate student in Commerce and says “I'd first like to say that no words of gratitude can possibly express how grateful I am to Trinity for all the experience I gained tutoring children. I can't explain how wonderful it is to work in TDC which is like an island of



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Peace & Sanity. If I hadn't worked as Tutor in TDC I wouldn't have done my Post Graduation and applied as lecturer in college. I'm thankful to Jayaraj Sir, as our head at Trinity he always advises and motivates the staff to aim for higher studies for better life. With his guidance I completed my Post Graduation through distance education along with my work in Trinity. Now I'm working as a Commerce lecturer in Private Degree College in Cherla. My husband and family are delighted to see me working as a lecturer. I only hope that more women like me who are in need of job to support their families will have the opportunities in TREAD and that TDCC will continue its blessed activities. I thank Friends of TREAD & TREAD “.

Draksha, mother (widow) of Sirisha says “ I take this opportunity to thank Friends of TREAD, TREAD India and Trinity. because it has given me life. As cook at TDC I am able to take care of my family. As a single parent it was difficult to bring up my children and take care of them. But TDC was a big support. It moulded my children as they have grown up. What all I am and my daughter today is all because of TDCC. I thank you very very much.”

Prashanth who is doing B D (Bachelor of Divinity) in Hyderabad is a student of Trinity and so is his younger sister Sravani. Mother died when they were young and father is mentally and physically challenged. Prashanth was brought up by his grandmother, who is a daily labourer. Hence the assistance which Trinity provided through Friends of TREAD was crucial and led to a positive outcome in Prashanth's life. He understood the importance of education and did his graduation in BA. He worked as evangelist in the Diocese of Dornakal for five years around Bhadrachalam. He says “ I wish to express my sincere gratitude for generous support from TDC from my childhood. I thank you for opening this door of opportunity to be a part of Trinity, which is huge step for giving me moral strength to continue my BD. I thank Jaiaraj and Sumanth for their guidance whenever I need. It's always a joy to come back to TDCC in holidays, like coming back home to meet my extended family. I thank TDC and the difference it brought in my life. With the incredible kindness of Sponsors through Trinity I am able to fulfil my dream of becoming a Pastor. May FOT, TREAD and Trinity be blessed in His mighty name for their good work of serving needy children” After his completion of BD Prashanth will be working as a Pastor in the Diocese of Dornakal.

My humble prayer is ‘**May our children grow up to life full of meaning and purpose**’ “ **Mr.K.Jayaraj , Project Officer**

LIFE AFTER TDCC

Sandhya Rani was supported by FOT Orphan Assistance project and also attended TDCC. Hepsy tells us “she is doing Nurse aid training at Church of S. India St Mary's Nurse Aid Training Centre at Khammam. Jayaraj and myself went to Khammam and joined her last month. It is a 6-month course after which she can get job in any private Hospital.



ST LEONARDS GARDEN PARTY ...thanks.

Our thanks go out to all who supported the August annual garden party, which amazingly raised just over £2200