

Jyoti Program and Activity 2021-22 report



Name of the Organization: Stepping Stone Charitable Society

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Mumbai houses the richest of the rich and the poorest of the poor. Over 54 % of Mumbai's 22 million population lives in slums. Many of these slum dwellers cannot afford basic amenities like medical care, sanitation and a proper education for their children.

Stepping Stone Charitable Society has a proven track record of serving the underprivileged of Mumbai city in particular. At the same time we are aware that forging partnerships with like minded people will enable us to provide extensive care and services where they are needed the most.

Community Services – Jyoti, Disha & Pragati Samaj Kalyan Kendra's Report on feb 2022

These Samaj Kalyan Kendras are a project run by "Stepping Stones Charitable Society". These Kendras have been serving in the slums called 'Lal Dongar', Indira Nagar and Mahul for over a decade. The pitiable conditions of the people and particularly the children caused us to start this work in 1996. Hundreds of families have benefited through this work over the years. Our motto has been to identify the need and take the lead. Our project has evolved and changed as the needs of these communities have changed.

Here's a list of activities we are carrying at the Kendras:

1 - Life Kids English Online Nursery.

We have an English nursery with a desire to motivate parents to educate their children. It is difficult for slum dwelling parents to cross the bridge of educating their children in English, but also to admit the children in other mainstream nurseries because of the high fees, social standing etc. Ours was the first English nursery in these slums which are in the community for the community. This year for because of covid restrictions first time we have started online English nursery. Our thinking was basically for kalyan and chembur where we work in communities but, we have seen admission from different places apart from these two areas and even outside from Maharashtra So, we had around 33-36 admissions, very high-quality education methods and teachers also it worked very well and till feb we have 20 plus children really grown from where they were and now where they are and even those who have not able to continued are also have blessed

It was also joy to see their parents especially mothers are actively involved along with children even some of their siblings also are getting blessed as they see them

Most of children are became become highly active

Aditi one of child from dombivali was not looking very interested for nursery but we tried her to admit her in our nursery

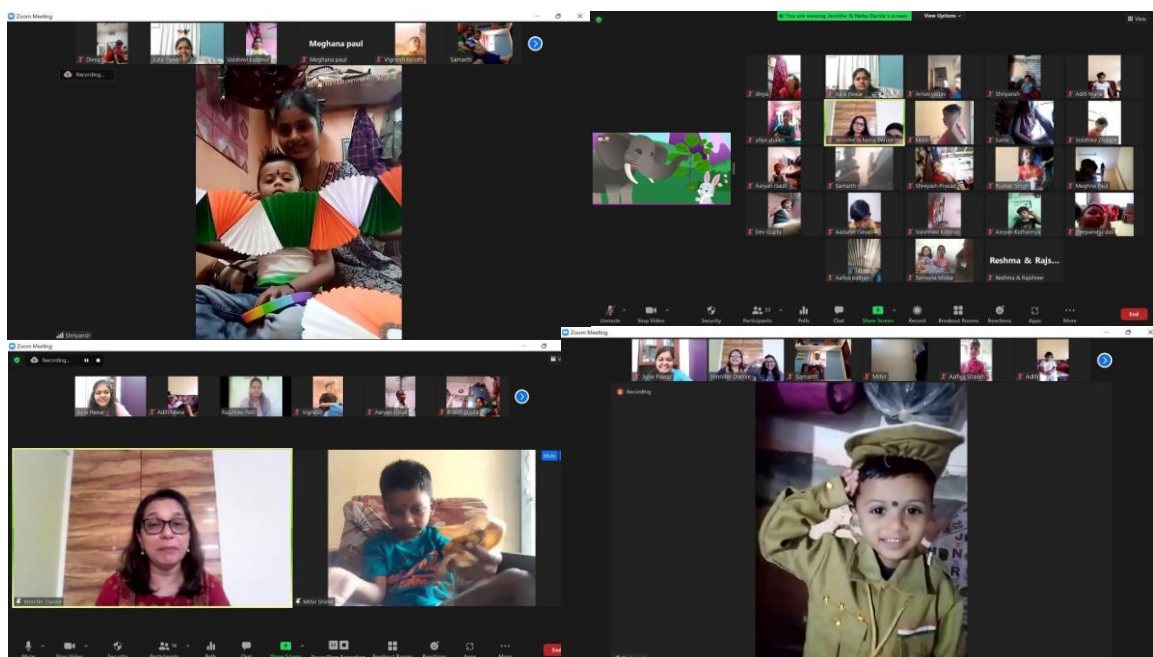
few days was difficult for her was very good for her as she used to cry and was even difficult for her mother to handle her situation but after few months she is become one of bright child where she is very active to say good morning, interested to learn new new things and was really first one to answer questions and repeats whatever teacher are teaching - so her mother is so happy

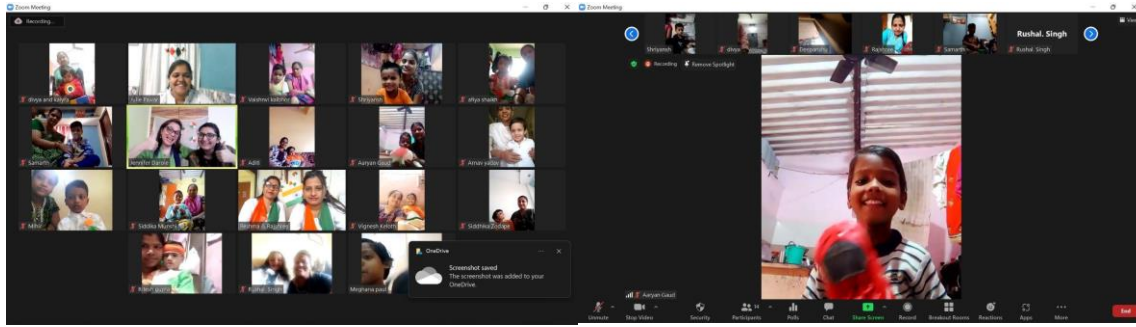
Mihir one of the boy child was not very happy even seating in front of zoom and so teachers used to think whether he will able to continue, but after few months he is happy to seat in front of camera, interested to study and do activity even his mother take more interest to do everything on time. he also repeats when teacher asked him any questions ..his mother wants even next year he to repeat at our nursery as she is very happy on how we teach not trusting other places

Aryan is one of boy where our teacher had to make lot of efforts for his admission as parents was sure that this child will not able to seat in front of camera but now mother herself testifies that by the time school is started she has seen such a transformation in her child

he has started conversation in english, are involved in activities and even if when parents are not at home this boy seat in front of zoom by himself , so parents are really happy that they have taken online admission in our nursery

Aafiya Shaikh 5yrs, on the first day of the Online Nursery she was so cranky and unwilling to sit for the class... to the point that her father slapped her.... To which we asked him not to do so and give her time to settle down... Today 6 months down she's so much happier... Sits on her own before the device for the class... Smiles... Is very participative and does all her assignments... I Want to answer when questions are asked... Praise God 🙏🙏





We started with 36 admission but as times goes finished with 18-20 students

2 Nutritious meals:

We have continued nutritious meals this year which we have been doing last year

So we had around 20-25 children's daily coming except from Sunday and eating afternoon meals at our center in kalyan, most of this children is from broken and poor families where they have hardly gets enough meals also additionally because of covid 19 many slums families incomes was dropped and and children was not getting sufficiency meals

We had really joyful time for around 2 hours where they learns little bits short prayer and then afternoon good meal

We also then started from meals to elderly abundant and poor needy widows or elders once We have here in Kalyan around 10 like such people and then in few month 1 lady died and then 2 are unable to reach out so till feb 2022 we able provide meals for around 5-7 elderly people

we also started this same food program at our Mahul center (Chembur) and seen how people have been blessed through this there we started with around 5-10 including small needy children and elderly once and now we have regularly around 15-17 needy/ desperate/ poor and elderly once coming

Our volunteers and have real joy to serve this type of people

Fatima Shaikh (Mahul) is a beggar first used to stay with son but he throw her out from his house then she came to her daughters place where she has to work for her -they also is poor and after all work whatever left over food she has to manage ..no one is talking with her as rejected and family issues

here she gets good one time meal and people talk and care for her - she is very thankful to us

Renuka (Mahul) is another old one she is collected garbage and with that her son and daughter is not taking any care she not also get bath - in $\frac{2}{3}$ days she get little water for bath

she comes here and eat good meal so thankful also with she know someone ask and care for me

one of the lady who comes for meals also attend our prayer on thursday and sunday regularly(Mahul)

Kasturabai (Kalyan) old lady - not educated at all and so had works in home several year but as old age can't go for work

husband died last 17 years back has three children but one girl is married and she is also widow and so staying with her with my two sons and our family situations is very very weak

I am so happy to come to disha - and eat meal here which helps me and more thna that i gets lots of love from this dearly people i can seat more time here even take some rest and can unburdens my life with safety

My name is ashabai i am not educated at all age is 63 and has a breeding problem (asthma) when i came to mumbai many years back my husband was already here and i got shocked after i came to know that my husband also had another wife here

now children are there but not taken responsibility i comes here very happy with this staff as i get love and also fellowship with other once get to eat meals i am so thankful



We served 30 plus children for 9 plus months for daily food and around 10 elderly for 9 month and 10 for mahul center for 3 months

3 Widows assistance :

From last several years we have supporting elderly and needy widows by giving them monthly aids This is emerging and real need in the time, have seen in many families children's have been left alone and not really looking after their old mothers and relatives - some we have supported do not have children also We and team used to regularly visit them and look after this elderly widows every month So , like this ladies we have

supported around 18-20 widows @ Rs 1000 per month also provided grocery also if medically they are unwell we make sure if someone can take them to proper doctor doctor or help with medical help.



Name - Dropati Shinde
Kurade
Age - 73
Work- vegetable seller on road
Health- health has been bad
unwell

Name - Subabai Kamle
Age - 72
Work- No work
Health - Old age , weakness

Name - Bayyama
Age - 71
Work- no work
Health- Old &

Address -Aziz baug Chembur
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4 Grocery help in covid: This year, we have helped around 100 plus of packets of grocery worth of Rs 1000 to – 1500 to a number of families . It has helped them during this tough time as many have lost their regular income. Some of them were getting half of the payment they used to get .



We have given about 700-750 grocery kits from April - March 2021-22

Sr. No	Family name	Location	Note's (Why we are giving)
1	Sunil Markesh	Wadoli	bcoz dont have a job
2	Kashinath Chavan	Wadoli	covid relief and low income source
3	Dharma	Vashinaka	in their fly 8-10 peolple and some of them dont have a job
4	Suman	Vashinaka	bcoz no one is working in home for now
5	Bhagya	Vashinaka	8 pleople in family and 1 person is doing job sufferning daily need and 1 new born baby
6	Lata	Vashinaka	very poor bacground
7	Avinash Pawar	Vashinaka	No job
8	Sonu	Vashinaka	no job
9	Rekha	Vashinaka	Hasbund dont have a job now days
10	Jamuna	Vashinaka	Big family suffering to serve
11	Nisha Kumar	Vashinaka	Had a 4-5 kids in home suffering for daily needs for kids
12	Kiran	Vashinaka	no job
13	Sumitra	Vashinaka	no job
14	Parvati	Vashinaka	no job
15	Jyoti Jaiswaal	Mahul	Big Family suffering in family some people dont have a job
16	Sujata Dharve	Mahul	Widow and no job also have a 3 chil.
17	Rajan Dubey	Mahul	Last wwек joind job but suffering for daily needs
18	Deva Chawan	Vashigaon	No job
19	Neeta	Lokhandemarg	Reference from Stepping Stone Helping sewages workers wife for daily needs
20	Suresh Tiwari	Laldonger	Suresh Dont have a job for somethime bcoz trains r close so we hepl him with daily needs
21	Usha Pawar	Laldonger	no job
22	Anandi Garje	Laldonger	no job
23	Baani	Kurla	Reference from Stepping Stone Helping sewages workers wife for daily needs
24	Vimla	Kurla	Reference from Stepping Stone Helping sewages workers wife for daily needs
25	Rajesh & Renu	Kurla	for now he is erning very low and suffering for daily needs
26	Ishia Shaikh	Kurla	staying lone no job
27	Sangeeta	Vashinaka	Refrence from Nisha They have 8-10 Family member and they dont have any job right now
28	Bhagwan & Family	Ghatla	daily workers
29	Divyas granny	Dharavi	no job for now widows
30	Soni	Camp Sindhi	suffering bcoz of no job
31	Kavita Chabbukaar	Camp	in fmily have 10-12 peolpe no one is working for now
32	Garud Maushi	Camp	widows
33	Dinesh Jaiswaal	bhatnagar	no job
34	Sanjay Fulare	Bandra	He is from the life line contact connect with us since he dont hav a job asking help from us .
35	Sara Shinde	Azizbaug	bcoz they have go thure with covid 19 corantaine 14 days and no job need ration

5 Education assistance: We have helped 10-15 of needy school children whose parents was not to paid pay their school fees , some of them we have helped to purchase for their school materials It has helped them to continue their study and has make smile in their families some of student we have helped to get admission in colleges

6 Medical assistance: 7-10 f needy families who was unable to help their medical treatments we have helped some of them including some for covid treatment assistance

this is either small medical bills or some of other expenses

7 Counselling for womens . Due to challenges during covid people have gone we helped some of them in kalyan by counseling them and giving strength and reduced their emotional stress. The pressure to put food on the table, the husband-wife fights, alcoholism, domestic violence, living in debt, physical illnesses all these and more are challenges they face daily. Our team is available to provide a listening ear and that vital bit of encouragement and counsel.



we have also helped so many needy ones with old cloths, soup, and power and with that we connected with lots of children and parents not running any programs but connecting then encouraging them and finding ways to help them

Have celebrated christmas festival with at least 30-40 unprivileged ones including children