

Vibha Report Jan 2010- March '10

Total number of students: 526 (March 2010)

AURED Mumbai : 396

AURED Delhi- ' Listen & Speak'- 51

AURED – Hyderabad : 67

AURED - Kenya : 12

Children below 3 years of age : 120

Children between the ages of 3yrs-6yrs-199

Children who have had late interventions-Above 6 yrs : 207

Among the 526 students -Children with additional challenges : 153

Events at AURED:

It has been a very eventful period. Apart from the regular new admissions, we had an adult from Nairobi, Mr Andrew Otieno, who works as Research Officer – Kenya National Examination Council. He lost his hearing when he was attacked by some thieves with a sharp object on the base of his neck. He had a Cochlear implant done, which was sponsored by his company. After two weeks of extensive Auditory Verbal Therapy he began to understand all that his wife spoke to him about, with a few repetitions. Now a month later, he is back at work and is coping reasonably well.

Over the years the growth at AURED has been very rapid and now it is becoming next to impossible to service the numbers we get in the existing space. We have been approaching the King George Vth Memorial Trust, requesting them for more space. When we moved here in 1994 AURED had only 25 students. We have approached the BMC office to help us identify Municipal schools that have been shut down. In this connection we have met the Secretary to the Chief Minister, the BMC Municipal Commissioner and written to the Governor of Maharashtra. We hope to get a positive response.

January

2nd Jan

The number of students and parents coming to AURED have increased, hence we had applied to Dadar Vanita Samaj donate plastic chairs. They gave us 30 chairs.

17th Jan

AURED participated in the Standard Chartered Marathon 2010. 150 participants supported our NGO. The funds collected this year were very disappointing because Tata Capital let us down at the last minute

18th Jan

AURED submitted a project proposal to the Rotary club of Mumbai Green City for the “Early Intervention Centre.” We have not heard from them.

27th Jan

AURED has taken on lease an apartment in Hyderabad from June 2009. Earlier therapy was conducted from the residence of the therapist.

Project Proposal was sent for the Hyderabad Centre for funding the running cost to the Rotary Club of Hyderabad City. They donated Rs. 1,25,000 to convert 2 rooms appropriately for therapy, and office furniture including a water filter and a computer.

2nd Feb

2 students from Ali Yuvar Jung , National Institute for the Hearing Impaired were placed in AURED for survey on “ Expectations of Parents towards Education of children with Cochlear Implants”.

Director Aziza along with Mona our Manager for Projects (Volunteer) visited Matralaya to meet the secretary to the Chief Minister regarding our requirement for additional space and support from the CM’s Relief Fund for Cochlear Implants for needy children.

3rd Feb

Sitaram Jindal Foundation visited our center. We had sent an appeal requesting financial support for staff salary.

27th February

3 students participated in the Treasure Hunt organized by the students of H.R. College, Churchgate. 3 students from all the schools for the hearing impaired children participated. It was a good learning experience for all.

9th March.

AURED sent in the completed forms for Indian NGOs Awards 2009.

11th March

BAHA- visit by

Andrew Kenrick, specialist in AVT from Cochlear Ltd Australia visited AURED. He made some suggestions which are now being implemented.

15th March

3 students from Shikshaa, a teacher training programme, were placed in our centre to do an observation of children with special needs which is part of their curriculum. This sensitizes them to additional problems that students may have and equips these teachers to handle them appropriately when required.

22nd March

Visited BMC office regarding space for early intervention centre.

Aziza visited Raj Bhuvan to meet with the Governor's secretary regarding appointment of new Trustees for King George Vth Memorial and about certain irregularities. The Governor is entitled to appoint 8 of the 21 Trustees of KGM