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Christmas 2021 Newsletter

(for private circulation)



Friends,

Greetings from all of us at Poveda this Christmas! I wish you a wonderful and restful last week of the year and pray that all that is good and wonderful be yours in the year ahead!

A question that has confronted me for years now is what happens to Poveda after me? It was never meant to be a person centered organization. And I have painfully struggled with trying to find and bring in the right persons into the foundation. At the close of 2021, I can say this one thing- Poveda has the right people in the right place and it is in auto pilot mode. There is very little handholding that needs to be done. I have a fantastic, fantastic, fantastic team of dedicated people who I trust implicitly and who are good for Poveda.

This issue is not just about the programs we run, but the persons who drive these programs. Boy, I am glad to introduce them to you!

To all those who have contributed to Poveda this year, I am truly grateful and assure you of my prayers. You will see how we have grown, and grown with absolutely low cost programs.

As always, much love,

Reeves

We, the people!

My experience with Poveda Kids has been very good. It is my first job and I have learnt what it means to be a teacher and an educator. Being with kids and teaching them is great, it is fun and engaging.

I do not understand how time goes by so quickly when I am with the children. We do our best to bring innovative ideas and techniques into our learning.

Our parents and children have been very supportive in the pandemic. They wear masks and sanitize their hands and maintain social distance.

We have introduced our children to water colours and they simply enjoy it. I have pushed myself as a teacher to do advanced art and craft with the children this year so as to challenge the kids.

The last school year was very difficult trying to teach the small children online. This has improved now.

I am proud to be a teacher at Poveda.

Pramila Shetty.



Poveda Kids

Poveda Kids always helps students from poor and needy families.

Many of our children had gone back to their villages. Many of them had dropped out of school because they could not cope with online classes and some did not have the money to pay their school fees.

Hence, we began tuition classes in June for the children. These classes this year have tried to continue the education of children from our bastis as the schools remained shut and the learning gap was increasing.

As a teacher, I find it important to give these children individual attention so that they can learn and can learn well.

Manasi Pise

Poveda Kids



Manasi and Pramila are the soul of Poveda. They have kept the project alive even through the most difficult days of the pandemic.



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I joined Poveda with the intention of helping out with fund raising as I am not so good at managing children, little knowing that interaction with children will give me such joy. It is a new learning for me every week when I meet them at the mentor sessions.... Spending time with each of them to help them set their goals and guide them on the pathway to success is what makes this task most meaningful. I feel grateful for this opportunity. In the future, I plan to take these youngsters on visits to offices and places related to their professional dreams and aspirations.

Manisha Patil



Manisha has been keen to be associated with Poveda for many years now. She singlehandedly works with the kids and is very committed to the weekly interactions come what may. The 12 kids who are part of this process are discerning life and career goals and the steps to achieve the same.

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I am associated with Poveda at different levels. I have volunteered year after year with the organization at their graduation, helping with the make up and costumes, photographs and presentations.

Earlier this year, I signed up as a trustee as I felt I was ready to take this commitment to a deeper level. Since the start of this financial year, I also look into the accounts of Poveda and am the point person for all donors.

When we started spoken English class on Zoom for a group of kids at Nasrapur, I made a commitment to that too. The children are eager to learn and pick up new things. They learn fast and this is possible only because of the well planned classes. The kids are also very funny and I love these classes.

Jennie Dias



Jennie is a young MBA student who gives a lot of her time to Poveda. She has bravely taken upon herself the responsibility of managing its accounts and gives it her best in between late night college assignments and the eternal assessments.

Spoken English Class-ZP Students, Nasrapur

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Arnav Khairmode

Arnav is a regular student of our online Spoken English Classes with children from the Zilla Parishad Schools in Nasrapur.



Spoken English Class-ZP Students, Nasrapur



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It's been 2 months since I started teaching Spoken English to the 9th and 10th grade students at Mauli Anaath Ashram Niradhar Seva Sanstha Trust in Nasrapur. . While teaching them, I've realized that I need to be really patient and need to take time to explain concepts to them so that they are able to understand and apply.

We've completed a few basic grammar topics and have also done a lot of reading in the hope that they become comfortable with the language as they use it more and more. I'm striving to make their foundation strong so that they will be able to get a better comprehension of the language and use it to communicate their own skills and abilities in the future.

The kids are all very smart, creative and unintentionally funny at times and I really hope that I'll be able to teach them well.

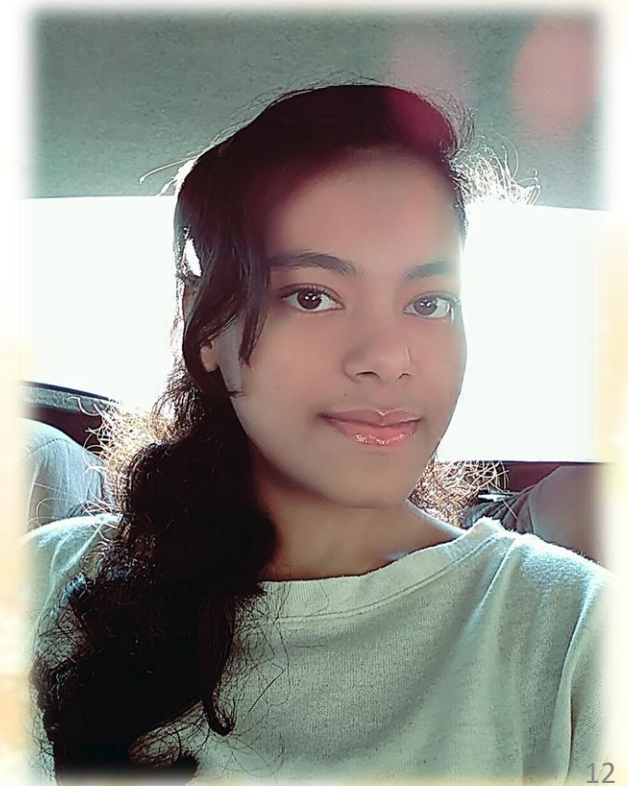
Crystal D'Souza.

Crystal is our youngest volunteer and takes class with the kids on Zoom twice a week. She readily said yes to this project and puts in a lot of effort into the prep of each session. It is common to find a message from her to the kids, on the day of class in the WhatsApp group- 'I am waiting for you.'

Spoken English Class

Mauli Anaath Ashram Niradhar

Seva Sanstha Trust, Nasrapur





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What made me say yes to teaching is the belief in doing something good for others. My teacher believed in us and I have the same belief in these kids too. I love being with them. My plan is simple, first to observe everything, what sports they know, how do they play the game, if they play it the right way and if not to guide them. I will also work on which sports they can play competitively. What I see so far is they really need guidance. They are willing to give me their 100% and I in return am giving them my 100%.

Janardan Hosmani.



Sports Class

On 12th December, Poveda started Sports Class for the boys of the Mauli Anaath Ashram Niradhar Seva Sanstha Trust in Nasrapur. Our commitment is to cover the cost of the travel of the Sports Teacher. Sessions happen every Sunday morning from 8 to 11. Janardan travels a distance of about 100 kms back and forth every Sunday to be with the kids.



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Poveda brings hope to children of a brighter future, of making them feel equal members of society through the education programs it runs. This wonderful mission draws me to Poveda.

I took upon myself the onus to raise some pledges for the Christmas hampers. And each time someone committed to or paid for a hamper, I was filled with so much joy as this is a concrete way of bringing joy to someone, somewhere.

The organization was able to raise 140 pledges for the Christmas hamper this year and we reached out to the tribals in Telavadi and Tambhad, Bhor through Manjusha and Suraj of the Idea Foundation and villages in and around Haregaon, Ahmednagar through the support of Fr. Suresh. We also distributed a few hampers here in Mohannagar.

Anjali Saldhana



The hamper included:
Rice (2 kilos)
Wheat (2 kilos)
Salt (1 kilo)
Sugar (1 kilo)
Poha (1 kilo)
Groundnuts (½ kilo)
Suji (1 kilo)
Dal (1 kilo)
Cooking oil (1 litre)
Tea leaves (1/4 kilo)
Masala packet (1)
Big packet of Parle G biscuits (1)
Soap for utensils (1)
Soap for clothes (1)

Christmas Hampers

Anjali is a trustee at Poveda and spares no opportunity to talk about the foundation and appeal to people's good¹⁶ will.



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Christmas is a time of sharing not only with those whom we love and care for but also with the people we have never met and will never see.

We at Poveda have shared grocery hampers including food grains and essentials both last year and this, with those that are not so fortunate in their lives as we are and that could use a helping hand. We are now looking at extending this to those individuals who may not have the resources/ abilities to cook their own meal. We will be cooking and packing the meals and distributing the same to people on the streets.

While our endeavour is to have a full fledged kitchen offering meals to anyone in need at any given point of time, right now, we are initiating this by serving pre cooked meals once a month. If you are keen on embarking on this endeavour with us in any form- cash/ kind/ time/ resources or if you have any ideas and suggestions, please feel free to get in touch with us.

Leena Immanuel

Poveda Meals



This project has really been the brainchild of Leena who has remained faithful to this idea for over 3 years now. Locally, it is coordinated by our nursery teacher Pramila. One of our parents prepares the meal and one of our students helps distribute the lunch boxes. Our first round with 28 lunch boxes was distributed on 26th December.



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Poveda also continues to run computer classes for children from the Phulenagar slums on Sundays. Rahul bhaiyya and Harshada didi take class on weekends when they are available.

We have classes in Spoken English on Wednesday evenings for children, again from Phulnenagar.

Volunteer with us!



Computer and Spoken English Class

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To help with the Mentor Program, contact Manisha @ 90046 92812
To volunteer at Computer Class, contact Rahul @ 99234 56000
To support Poveda Meals, contact Leena @ 98502 31063
To donate, contact Jennie @ 86260 07703

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Poveda is an NGO which began work in 2009 with a mission to impact the education and values of children from low income communities.

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