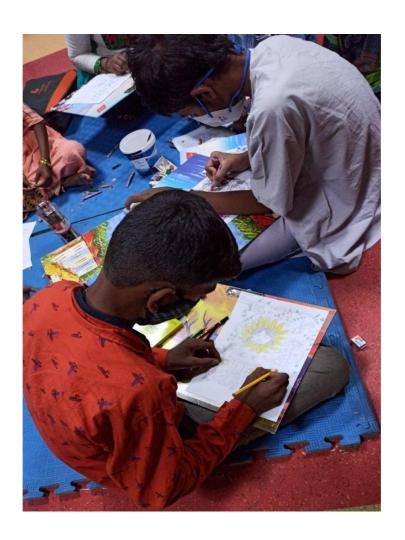


## Samiksha Foundation – Caring for Children with Cancer Trust 10<sup>th</sup> Newsletter - March 2023



**Greetings from Samiksha Foundation!!** 



Christmas celebrations were held at the Samiksha Foundation Learning Centres.

Putting up a christmas tree brings a spirit of festivity, joy and hope. The children were engaged by our teachers to create their own little trees.



On World Cancer Day 4th February 2023, Dr Anand (Head of department Pediatric Oncology) from Sri Shankara Cancer Hospital and Research Center (SSCHRC) distributed Samiksha bags to the children attending classes at that center.



Samiksha Foundation held a fund raising event at the Jacaranda block of Brigade Millenium society, JP Nagar. This event was open to all residents of the Brigade Mellineum Society. After the gift distribution, there was a short cultural event of dance & music.



On 15th February, Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health (IGICH) held an event to commemorate International Childhood Cancer day, The event was organised by Pediatric Oncology Department under Dr Pooja Gujjal Chebbi. It included a quiz, talent show, magic show and a speech by the Director Dr K.S Sanjay, who also handed over school bags to the children attending the Samiksha Foundation Learning Center at IGICH.



After months of preparation, Samiksha's 7th edition of its Scholarships Program was held on 7th January, 2023. The hybrid event was a great success and attended in large numbers which included doctors, patrons, caregivers and awardees. Samiksha Foundation awarded 63 scholarships and 36 of the awardees were able to attend the physical event.

Dr. C. Ramesh, Professor & Head, Dept. of Epidemiology & Biostatistics, Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology was our keynote speaker. The event featured speeches and presentations from Mr. Nagaraj B. R, Trustee of Sri Shankara Cancer Hospital and Research Center (SSCHRC), Dr Appaji, former Director and Head of department Pediatric Oncology Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology (KMIO), Dr Sunil Bhat Director and Clinical Lead Pediatric Oncology Narayana Health Network Hospitals (NH), Dr. Sanjay K.S., Director Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health (IGICH), Dr. Ramesh S., Prof and Head of department Pediatric Surgery (IGICH), Dr. Anand, Head of department Pediatric Oncology (SSCHRC).

The other speakers included our donor, a cancer survivor (who also volunteers with Samiksha), an alumnus, a volunteer and a caregiver.



Mallya Aditi International School students held Bounce Back event to raise funds for Samiksha Foundation.

The event was held on 10th December, 2022. As a part of the event, there was a football and basketball tournament. There were stalls for food, clothing, craft and also another NGO that attended.

Samiksha Foundation was able to raise funds as well as continue to create awareness amongst the students, teachers and parents from the MAIS community



To commemorate International Child Cancer Day which is on 15th February, Narayana Health organised a Cancer walk on 12th February to create awareness of Childhood Cancer. This walk was supported by the Samiksha Foundation team. During the walk slogans like "Early detection, saves lives", "who are we - Superheroes" could be heard. The event was spearheaded by Dr Sunil Bhat. Also in attendance was Dr Ajay Kohli (VP Oncology and Quaternary Initiative), other doctors and staffers from Narayana Health as well as people from radio and social media.



Samiksha Foundation requires volunteers for skill development of the children and to read to them.

Samiksha Foundation is working towards raising funds to continue our art, creative play and creative visualisation-yoga programs, and also sponsor education of cancer survivors.

Looking forward to your assistance by donating towards this.

We can provide you the necessary 80G [India] or 501(c)(3) [Dollar donations] for you to get the tax benefit for your donation.

Appreciate your attention and look forward to your continued support of our work.

With best wishes Team Samiksha











"A creative learning initiative for children with cancer and their caregivers"

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