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Nandalala Mission

Our Purpose

Jai Nandalala!

Nandalala Mission is a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering children's fullest potential and dreams. The Nandalala Seva Samithi, our parent organization, is originally based out of Chennai, India, but since its inception, we have introduced new chapters of Nandalala Mission to England, Northern and Southern California, New Jersey and Florida. Our founder and mentor, Pujyasri Mathioli Saraswathy, emphasizes educational and social events for children to discover their true potential and interests. Some of these events include a monthly Youth Concert for children to express their artistic talent, monthly Mathrusevas (preparing food for and feeding the homeless), and also other special events such as Backpack Drives to provide school supplies to underprivileged children.

Overall, Nandalala Mission is dedicated to service and education oriented activities. These programs help better the community and help children to discover their real interests.

Public Health Services, India.

Nandalala Seva Samithi founded, owns, and operates the Suraksha Dialysis Center in Chennai, India. This dialysis center has state of the art medical equipment, professional doctors, and low dialysis costs to reach out to the needy dialysis patients.

The Suraksha Dialysis Center provided a total of 298 Dialysis (in two shifts). Presently the center works on a two shift basis and is working towards introducing an additional shift. In order to maintain continuity in the implementation of the Quality and Safety Systems, the introduction of the third shift is currently under study.

The monthly medical camp at Koyambedu was held on the 14th of December 2008. The camp was held under the supervision and guidance of a team of physicians (specializing in Paediatrics, Diabetology and Geriatric Care) led by Dr. Rama Thenappan and Dr. V. Shanti. In addition to the General Health Checkup provided, the camp also accommodated for Pediatric and Geriatric care. The camp has been enjoying immense popularity in the adjoining areas. A total of 37 patients (aged 55 +), 16 patients (up to the age of 12) and 22 other patients were examined. Free medicines were distributed to all concerned. Additionally, the children were given Nutrition Supplements, Oral Rehydration Salts and Multivitamin Tonics. The senior citizens were counseled on the preventive aspects of the various ailments. Booklets on Diabetes Prevention were distributed.

Under the directive of our founder Pujyashri R. Saraswathy and per the special requests from two of the senior citizens, free cataract surgery was arranged along with pre and post surgical care. The patients were also provided prescription glasses.



Brown Bag Preparation, San Francisco Bay Area

The brown bag preparation is an event where volunteers prepare and deliver 120 brown bag lunches and to a housing center. These lunches are given to children in the shelter to take to school.

We would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped make last month's brown bag lunch preparation a success. On February 8th, 8 children participated in the preparation. One of the volunteers, Varun Krishnamurthy, said, "I really enjoyed this service because we get to help others while having fun, and I would like to help out for the next one." The enthusiasm that is expressed by our volunteers is what helps accomplish this service every month.

The next brown bag lunch preparation will be held on March 15th. We will be happy to have volunteers to help out with the event. A week prior to an event, a notice will be sent out for anyone who wants to help. Schedules, directions are posted at www.nandalala.com



Mathruseva, San Francisco Bay Area

Nandalala Mission also conducts a Mathruseva, a breakfast preparation and serving at a homeless shelter in San Jose. The people there are served hot breakfasts, which include scrambled eggs, hash browns, waffles, etc. On average, about 175 people are served every Mathruseva.

The last Mathruseva, on January 25th, had 12 volunteers and they served hot breakfasts to about 250 people. This service was extended by 50 minutes to accommodate the increased crowd because of the cold winter and bad economy. This Mathruseva was a huge success, and we would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped make it one.

The next Mathruseva is on March 1st. Volunteers will meet up at 5 o'clock in the morning at the shelter to start the preparation of the meals. Information on this event is at www.nandalala.com.



Youth Concert, San Francisco Bay Area

Nandalala Mission sponsors a youth concert every month which gives children under the age of 18 a chance to display their musical talent in a friendly, non-competitive environment. These concerts help aspiring musicians gain confidence.

The last concert was on February 1st. Sandhya Chandrashekar, a senior at Mission San Jose High School, performed at the concert. She is a disciple of Smt. Lata Sriram, of Lalitha Gana Vidyalaya. Her performance consisted of singing in different Indian languages and rhythms. The concert was well attended and the performance was great.

Following the concert, 10 students from the same school also performed a couple of pieces melodiously. For future event listings, please visit www.nandalala.com



Kshana Kshana, Bangalore, India

Kshana Kshana is a children's activity center in Bangalore, India. In the month of January, two events were held, in addition to the regular pre-school, and cultural classes. The first event took place on January 24th, a Sports day for Montessori, LKG, and UKG. Over 65 kids and 120 parents attended this sports day.

On January 25th, there was a sports day that was open for various grade levels. On this day, 75 kids and 100 parents participated in this event.

On January 31st, Kshana Kshana held a Sloka Competition. In the 4-7 age group, children chanted 4 slokas of Achyuthashtakam. Then in the 7-10 age group, kids chanted the entire Achyuthashtakam. Finally in the over 10 age group, children chanted the Aditya Hrudayam. A total of 30 children participated in the Sloka Contest. There was also a drawing competition for LKG and UKG where 65 children participated.



Nandalala Cultural Center, Chennai, India

In Chennai, India, our Founder, Pujyasri Mathioli Saraswathy, gave her New Year's Dharshan on January 1st, 2009. At this dharshan AKKA, as she is often addressed, gave everyone her blessings for the new year, and gave a small speech about the New Year of 2009. She wishes all her devotees a healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year. For a complete text of the New Year message, please visit: www.nandalala.com

On January 7th, Vaikund Ekadasi was celebrated at 5:00 AM in Chennai, India, and Andal ThiruKalyanam was celebrated on January 11th.

The Cultural Center is located at: 2 & 4, Dr. Ranga Road, Mylapore, Chennai 600004, India. Many events are planned for the community in the coming months. Please participate and enjoy the benefits of the communal spirit.

Some crystals of contemplation may be oft reminisced over, and yet they thrill us to lose ourselves in them, again and again

- Mathioli Saraswathy.

