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2020 December

Dear Supporters of Pustakaar,

We say goodbye to an eventful 2020, and look forward with optimism to 2021! With Telagana primary schools set to open back up next year, we hope to implement Pustakaar sessions once again.

HYDERABAD CHILDRENS THEATRE FESTIVAL AT RAINBOW HOMES

We were very pleased to be able to bring the HCTF live stream of their plays to Pustakaar children at Rainbow home orphanages. On December 4th, the children enjoyed watching " Murgi Ya Anda", and on the 12th watched " Once Upon a Tide". It is nice to see the ingenuity that making things happen in a pandemic brings to these occasions. HCTF had a technical team on standby that patiently ensured that Zoom links, screens, and Wi-Fi were all in place so that the performing artist could stream their show.



RV DIYA CHARITABLE TRUST

The Richmond Villas community in Sun City started a trust to help the underserved. We are now helping their Diya Gurukul project, and have loaned baskets of books, along with our lesson packets to help with their efforts in educating children around the area.



PARTNERING WITH ADVOCATES FOR BABIES IN CRISIS (ABC)

Pustakaar reached out to ABC to support their efforts in a local orphanage in Hyderabad. Pustakaar teachers Pallavi and Sarath have been going to the orphanage to read stories and play games, all with the focus of improving English skills in the children. The orphanage has kindly allowed us to do so in a large outdoor and indoor space, ensuring our safety and their children's too. We are also working on creating a fixed library for the children at the orphanage.

PUSTAKAAR VOLUNTEER KATHLEEN MURTHI

We were very sad to learn about the passing of Kathleen Murthi on 1 December 2020 at her home in Florida. Kathy was a tireless Pustakaar advocate, and a formidable force. She created the first database for all of our books, an Excel sheet that housed almost 5000 titles, with pivoting tables and functions that were incredibly detailed. Kathy also was extremely devoted to fundraising for Pustakaar, and helped with numerous fundraisers over the years. She will be fondly remembered, and deeply missed by all of us.



2020 Annual Update

New Events

1. Pustakaar Voices (Feb 2020)

New Organization Partners

1. Rainbow Homes Foundation – 7 girls homes, 7 boys homes till date
2. Advocates for Babies in Crisis
3. RV Diya Charitable Trust

Number of Books 2020:

March 2020: 14241

Lost Baskets/Books (never recovered from schools due to pandemic): 99 baskets x 50 books each basket = 4950

Donations Received: 495

Books Purchased: 355

December 2020: 10141

LOOKING AHEAD...

We wish all of our supporters a 2021 filled with good health, peace, happiness, and much less drama! Thank you for all of your support through the years, and especially this year. We are so grateful to be able to still serve the community, and would not be able to do it without all of your help. Here's to a great 2021!!

Your donation will really help Pustakaar. We are asking our supporters to donate funds to Pustakaar online.

Warm regards,
PUSTAKAAR by ANSH FOUNDATION

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