

# GLOBAL AID

*Ability in Disability*

## Activity Report 2011-12



**Ongoing construction of Ramp at Prema Samaajam (a home for elderly persons), Vizianagaram**



**Motivating the teachers & first batch of Medical Transcriptionists of the Maharshi Sambhamurthi Vikalangula Balika Ashrama Patashaala, Kakinada, East Godavari District**

The following activities and Programs were on going for the financial year 2011-12

- Ability Directory: Global AID is compiling a RESOURCE DIRECTORY for Persons with Disabilities, listing NGOs, and support of corporate houses working for them. This is a unique concept, which lists all the important details of persons with disabilities, their age, educational qualifications, job requirements, along with their latest contact information. With the 3% reservation for physically challenged is becoming mandatory in government and public and private sector jobs, the directory aspires to bring the skilled persons in disability sector to the forefront. It is hoped that transparent resources will help them in finding the right livelihood options. The proposal lists the various schemes/benefits available to them. IN A NUTSHELL IT WILL BE THE FIRST AUTHENTIC AND VISIBLE RESOURCE BOOK FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. So far we have collected data from 2500 persons with disabilities.
- Motivated one shop in Visakhapatnam and one temple near Kakinada in building ramp and making it accessible.
- Distributed Two Wheelchairs, ten pairs of Crutches for persons with orthopedically impaired and ten white canes for persons with visual impairment
- Conducted basic survey of woman with Disabilities for potential HOME BASED WORK PROJECTS FOR WOMAN WITH DISABILITIES
- Arranged sponsorship for three disabled children in to hostel run by Lions Family Welfare Planning Trust
- Provided Job Assistance to 30 Persons with disabilities. Two got placed in IBM Global Services
- Conducted one to one peer group support services for persons with disabilities.
- Arranged support services for Hearing Impaired artist and display and sell his art work.
- Attended “Charity Bazaar” Conducted by First American Bank under Joy of Giving week, in Hitech City, Hyderabad. The products made by Woman with Disabilities and Poor were well received.
- Attended the ‘Helping Hands Mela’ conducted by HSBC bank with a group of Home Based Entrepreneurs. We received good response for the products made by Woman with Disabilities.

- Networked with Local Church and conducted a Sale-cum-Display of products made by Home Based Entrepreneurs Team
- Organized Physiotherapy sessions by Dr. Pogiri Visweswara Rao,MPT.
- Sponsored 'Sports & Games' event organized by Physically Challenged People's Association
- Participated as a Guest Speaker in NASSCOM Foundation, National Conference organized at Hyderabad on ' Diversity & Inclusion' (July 15<sup>th</sup> )
- Meeting Bangalore based IT professionals with disabilities and also Key Trainer of AID FOUNDATION & Bangalore Cares.
- Participation in BADTHE KADAM, a Nationwide awareness campaign on Disability by The National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation & Multiple Disabilities, a Statutory Body under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, New Delhi)
- Visit to Maharshi Sambhamurthi Vikalangula Balika Ashrama Patashaala, Kakinada, East Godavari District. Participation as a Guest Speaker in the Graduation Ceremony of first batch of Medical Transcriptionists who are women with disabilities
- Launched *Volunteers Ventura* Program in three educational institutions of Visakhapatnam, with Life Coach and NGO Management Consultant from Bangalore. About 180 students have registered their names and have pledged to extend voluntary service in care and support of persons with disabilities and elderly persons.
- Rights based work - Voicing the plight of air travelers with disabilities in The Hindu Global AID Members from Hyderabad & Visakhapatnam.



*Volunteers Ventura* program with students



**Mrs. Sai Padma, President, Global AID, interacting with primary school students in the interior hamlets of Vizianagaram district**

**Planning for future programs**

- Discussion with International Team from Chicago, Detroit & Ohio.
- Developing International Internship Program with the support of Mr. Jonathan Sigworth, a key trainer of Empowering Spinal Cord Injured Persons (ESCIP). It is seeking to build networks for support and mentoring of spinal-cord injured persons and is preparing spinal-cord injured persons to live independently. (see picture in the following page)



### **Promotional Activities**

Beyond Barriers Team – All India Road Journey of Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities focused on Tourism

Ms. Abha Ketrupal, a Role Model running Cross the Hurdles a web magazine focused on issues pertaining to persons with disabilities

Promoted the work of ANTAR DRISHTI, an organization working for the empowerment of persons with visual impairments

Promoting awareness about AUTISM through using web network

### **NEWS coverage**

June – The plight of PWDs attending competitive (judiciary) examination in The Hindu

August - News Coverage in the Telugu Daily - Saakshi

September – SAAKSHI TV aired the work of Ms. Sai Padma, President, Global AID

October – HM TV aired the work of Global AID.

**AWARDS received by Mrs. Sai Padma, Founder-President, Global AID**

Guardians of Goodwill Award at Ravindra Bharathi, Hyderabad by Chaitanya Art Theater

Kurella Group of Trusts award for Social Service at Visakhapatnam



**Mrs. Sai Padma, President, Global AID receiving an award for her social service from Kurella Group of Trusts, Visakhapatnam.**