

Asha Jyothi

News Letter - January 2016

ASHA EMPLOYABLE SKILLS TRAINING-GRADUATION: On 21st January 120 students from our Employable Skills Training program both in Alwal and Medchal were graduated. We had girls who had come to the institute heartbroken because of their struggles at home and some of them didn't even have enough to bring their own lunch and it was wonderful to see how the other students brought enough to share with them and they were employed even before their day of graduation. We even had a Physically challenged girl who was not accepted in other institutes graduating and being employed in the same we



ASHA JYOTHI HELPED ME ACHIEVE MY DREAM: Vanitha could not complete her high school due to financial problems at home. Later she got married and she now lives in Medchal along with her husband and two sons. Her husband earns only about Rs. 6000/- per month and this was not sufficient to meet their family needs. She always dreamt about supporting her family through her income but having no education or employable skills meant that no one would consider her for a job. Because of this she felt insecure, helpless and had very low self-esteem of herself. In January 2015 she completed her Tailoring basic and advanced at Asha Tailoring Institute in Medchal and soon after her graduation, she got job in a boutique & gift shop in which she uses her embroidery skills and earns a salary of Rs. 7500/- per month. This, she says has brought self-esteem to her and she feels fulfilled that she can help her family.

CHEATED BY HER BOYFRIEND/HUSBAND RAVITHA WANTED TO END HER LIFE: Ravitha comes from a rural village and could not complete even her primary education. She came to Medchal looking for job and was working as a domestic help. She fell in love with a boy and eloped with him and got married to him against the wishes of her family. After a few months, he started ill-treating her and one fine day he disappeared from home. She could not go back to her parents and wanted to end her life. A far relative of her helped in bringing her to Asha Tailoring Institute. She did the course with great difficulty working as a domestic help in three different homes and traveling 20 KMs every day to complete the course. After the completion of the course she got a job as Cutting assistant in a garment company. She started with Rs. 4500 per month but because of her performance the company raised her salary to Rs.6500/ per month." - Name changed



IMPACT OF ASHA BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM: Saber was born on 30th November 2003. Early 2012 his father passed away due to HIV/AIDS. Saber's mother had borrowed money to treat her husband. She simply could not earn enough to pay back the borrowed money, feed the family and pay Saber's school fees. Not being able to pay the fees in July 2012 Saber was removed from the school. Saber loved his school and so much wanted to go back to his school. Asha Back to school program was made aware of Saber's situation and in October 2012, we helped Saber to get back to school and he has been so happy and has done extremely well in his studies since October 2012

POVERTY ALMOST FORCED HER INTO PROSTITUTION: Girisha lost her father at a very young age and her mother working as a daily wage labourer tried to meet the needs of the family but when the income was just not enough she forced herself into prostitution. However, as Girisha was growing up the customers would pass comments which were not pleasant and try to misbehave with her and her mother would keep quite just to retain her customers. As the income per day got lower for her mother, her mother would encourage her to be tolerant towards her customers. When Girisha realized that her mother would soon force her into flesh trade, she ran away from home and with the help of local NGO, she was brought to Asha Restoration Home. She is now doing two employable skills training at Asha Jyothi. – Name Changed

Thank you for your help and support to the work of Asha Jyothi and we would appreciate your continued participation and partnership in this work.

With Regards,

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