

## OSAAT News 4Q2019

### 2019 - It's wrap, with a pretty bow!

**We dedicate this newsletter with gratitude to all the people who stood with us shoulder to shoulder in our journey**

Majority of the hardworking world gets into certain mood when the fourth quarter rolls around. It is anxious to wrap up what was started earlier in the year and can't wait to start planning for the year ahead. Largely unaffected by the never-ending politics, untouched by the useless distractions, undeterred by the meaningless acts, it forges ahead with its own heartfelt dictation. We, the OSAAT family, are proud to be a part of this hardworking world. After all, time may fly but our work must continue for as long as the need for it exists.

We try not to dwell on numbers and quantities when it comes to our projects, funds, hours spent, distances traveled, number of children and communities affected, and so on. We do, however, remain grateful for the love and support we have received and continue to receive, in immeasurable quantity. We consider ourselves blessed, to be a conduit for all the generous hearts out there who have placed their trust in us to ensure their gifts of kindness reach the right place. It is a responsibility that we take seriously. It is what drives us to continuously fine tune our processes, tools and methodology.

**From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for a great year!**

For us, wrapping up the fourth quarter of 2019 is indeed, just as exciting as welcoming 2020. With our volunteers, Board of Directors, friends and supporters, we have continued to add to our list of accomplishments in 2019. We are exploring all options to scale our efforts to much higher levels to serve the rural schools in India, especially in the areas that have been devastated by the floods this year. An unimaginable number of villages in many States were affected, Karnataka and Maharashtra being hit the worst. Having successfully rebuilt Tungabhadra school, our first flood-affected school that we had chosen after much scrutiny and planning, we feel that we are ready to do more. In preparation, we have a lot of "boots on the ground", inspecting the affected sites, monitoring the plans and actions the Government is trying to put in place, building partnerships and gathering resources.

**Here are the highlights of our report card for the fourth quarter of 2019.**

#### Projects Completed:

- ❖ **Govt. Higher Primary School in Tungabhadra village, Raichur taluk & dist., Karnataka** inaugurated on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, with 4 new classrooms and toilet block. Thanks to the generosity of major sponsors of this school Mr. Sanjeev Acharya of Silicon Sage Builders - USA, IIT Mumbai ME Computer Science batch of 1992, Mrs. Manjula from Bangalore, Indian Plumbing Association - New Delhi and Mr. Shankar Reddy of Dotworkplace Solutions Pvt. Ptd. , Bengaluru, who donated benches and desks.
- ❖ **Govt Higher Primary School in Chinnikatti village, Byadagi taluk, Haveri dist., Karnataka** - inaugurated on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Amadeus Software Labs Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru is the major sponsor of this school, their generosity resulting in 6 new classrooms and a toilet block. Mr. Shankar Reddy will also donate benches and desks for this school.
- ❖ **6 schools in Uttar Pradesh - Lehni-II Primary School and Upper Primary School, Chakhni Bhumiaryi Patti Primary School, Chilwan Primary School and Upper Primary School, Jhahhawa Primary School – all in Kushinagar district of Uttar Pradesh** had various work done in terms of their interior and exterior repairs and painting. Mrida Heart and Soul foundation is our collaboration partner for UP School projects.

#### New projects started:

- ❖ **Govt. Higher Primary School, Surahonne village, Honnali Taluk, Davanagere dist., Karnataka** – here we

will build 4 new classrooms and a toilet block. This project is adopted by donor Mr. M.P. Kumar, Founder and CEO, Global Edge Software, Bengaluru. The groundbreaking ceremony took place on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

- ❖ **Zilla Parishat High school, Peddathumbalam village, Adoni Mandal Kurnool dist., Andhra Pradesh** – here we will build 4 large classrooms. This project is adopted by Pramati Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad. This is our very first school in Andhra Pradesh. Groundbreaking ceremony took place on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### Fundraising Front - Major events:

- ❖ Tri-Valley Kannada Sangha, California, USA, conducted a Dandia program on September 28<sup>th</sup>, attended by 400+ people
- ❖ Second annual “Vidyaadaana” - our donate-to-educate campaign was held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, graced by Counsel General Mr. Sanjay Panda, Mr. Venky Nanniyur, VP, Cisco and Mr. Satya Narayana from India. The event raised donations to the tune of \$70,000, and resulted in the adoption of 14 schools by donors:
  - ◆ Mrs Mina and Mr Sanjeev Acharya
  - ◆ Mrs Vani and Mr Gopal Hegde
  - ◆ Mrs Priya and Mr Vijay Pullur
  - ◆ Friends of Cisco - Mrs Vanitha Belur
  - ◆ Venki group in CISCO - Venki Nanniyur
  - ◆ Mrs Uma and Mr Rajiv Ramaswamy
  - ◆ Mr Sathyaprasad, India
  - ◆ Mrs Jayanthi and Mr Ravi Girimaji, India
  - ◆ Mrs Sneha and Mr Keerti Melkote (Vidyaadana campaign Chair)
  - ◆ UPMA Association
  - ◆ TriValley Kannada Sangha
  - ◆ Mrs Namratha and Mr Sushanth Patnaik
  - ◆ Mrs Padmaja and Mr Raju Indukuri
  - ◆ Mr M P Kumar, India

#### Noteworthy:

- ❖ Team India's efforts have resulted in contributions for this financial year crossing INR 1 Crore. All corporate partners have renewed their commitment to continue funding
- ❖ Team India signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Rashtriya Seva Samithi (RASS) – Tirupathi - Andhra Pradesh, a well-respected philanthropic organization. RASS will partner with OSAAT to help rural schools in Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ Did you notice the new OSAAT logo? Thanks to Venchars Media Communication Pvt. Ltd. from Hyderabad, India, for designing the same. The new and contemporary logo of OSAAT captures the spirit of joy and celebration, along with growth, development and improvement of infrastructure. Venchars has also been of invaluable help to OSAAT with poster, communication, memento related art work design.
- ❖ OSAAT arranged a Science workshop at Government High School for Girls, Malur, Kolar district. The event was conducted by Mr. Hari Parameswaran and team of Dynam Labs, Bangalore and assisted by 25 employees from Amadeus Bangalore as Volunteers. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students of Malur Girls School conducted multiple science experiments and model building using the kits provided by Dynam labs.

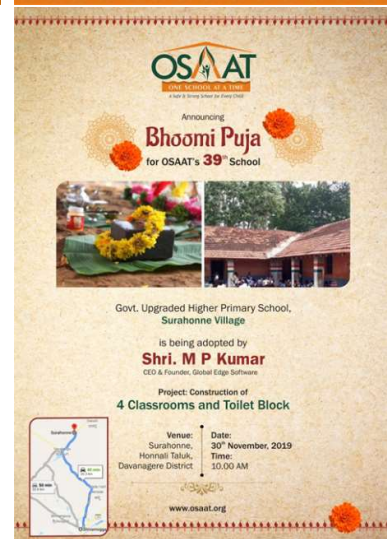
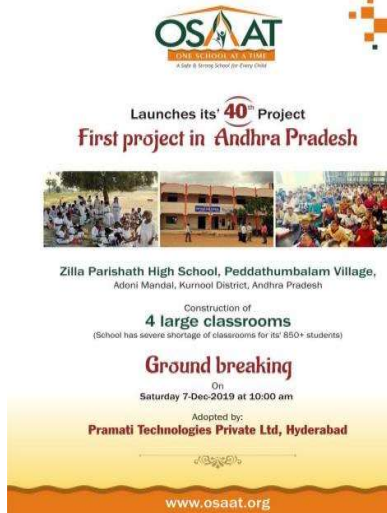
#### Kindred Spirits:

**They shower their love on us in unique ways! Their random acts of kindness are truly inspirational!**

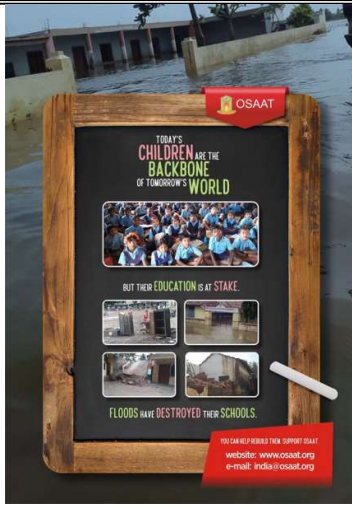
- ❖ Y.S. Srinivas of Atlanta, USA, chose his housewarming to spread kind words about us.
- ❖ Young Kiara Shankar and her father Vinay Shankar have pledged to donate 25% profit from the sale of their book “Primrose’s Curse”.
- ❖ “Aaja Nachle Dance School” of San Ramon, California, USA, donated their proceeds from their annual event.
- ❖ Padma Rao, director of the drama troupe “Bannada Vesha” based in California, USA, donated the proceeds from the show of her annual play.
- ❖ Students from Notredame and Bellarmine high schools of California, USA, stepped up their efforts and raised

funds for the sixth year in a row, through their “Nazaara” annual show.

- ❖ IIT-B Alumni raised funds and have pledged more to support a school in Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ Ravi Char and Shriya Char ran a spirited campaign at LinkedIn and far exceeded the amount they had initially targeted.
- ❖ Our dedicated volunteer Vanitha Belur was instrumental in getting “Friends of Cisco” to contribute generously.
- ❖ Harini Sudeep’s contribution was inspired by the many success stories she had heard through her friends, an unexpected but very welcome result of a kind “word of mouth”!
- ❖ Livermore temple gave us a grant again this year and doubled the grant money. We feel just as blessed as the children that benefit from the grant.







Above are some of the posters about our activities in Q4 2019 and were published on social media.



Pictures from Tungabhadra School inauguration



Pictures from Malur Science Event



UP School pictures after OSAAT intervention



Pictures from Chinnikatti inauguration



Pictures from Vidyaadana