

# Ashraya Annual Report

2013-14









## ASHRAYA ANNUAL REPORT 2013 - 2014

I went to Neelbagh school recently and was totally appalled at the kind of poverty and deprivation of the local people due to an unprecedented drought, which has gone on for many years and seems to be at its worst now.

There is no water in Kolar district and Rayalpad is particularly stricken because it is in a rain shadow area. We have some water in Neelbagh because we have greened the area deliberately over the years and taken measures to ensure water conservation and use of minimal water. By summer we may have to buy water if there are no rains this North East monsoon.

People have migrated in hordes to the cities in search of work. 120 of our Neelbagh families have left their homes and children in grandparents' care and sold off their livestock, for them, Neelbagh signifies hope for the future and they depend on their children getting well - educated and getting into good jobs and being able to support their families and the neighbourhood in the future.

The other big blow was CIAI deciding to withdraw support from Ashraya from March 2015. Currently they sponsor 190 children. They have supported the Neelbagh school since 1998 and have seen it grow year by year. We are most grateful to CIAI and all the sponsors, for helping us with such a liberal hand and helping us put stringent checks and balances in place and giving us direction when we needed it. We will now have to look for CSR donations and more individual sponsorships and are working hard to make up the deficit.

We have had four committee meetings in the year under reporting. The AGM was held on 13th November 2013.

We have finally got off the CARA web-site. 45 of our cases still needed closure on the CARINGS website. With a lot of effort we managed to clear

the entire backlog. I wrote to Menaka Gandhi in detail saying how CARA had derailed the adoption programme. I had a call from her Joint Secretary, and the Secretary CARA said that they would take some of my suggestions on board.

**Projects that are active on the Children's Home premises are :**

- a. Crèche for children of domestic workers, in which there are 40 children.
- b. Hostel for rural girls doing their PUC in Bangalore, mostly from Neelbagh school.
- c. Tuition class for Government school children in collaboration with Ashwini Charitable Trust.
- d. RAPID still runs a Counselling Centre at our premises and it is run by Ms. Leela Kulkarni.

**EVENTS:**

1. We had a farewell lunch for Sumati Satish and Shobha Kumar on Saturday the 9th of November 2013 at Ashraya. They were both on our Committee for many years and have been invaluable to the growth of the organization. Shobha still volunteers at the Creche on a regular basis and takes an active part in addressing Parent – Teacher meetings in other Creches run by Ashraya.
2. We celebrated our President, Shanthi Chacko's, 80th birthday in style on the 27th of December at Ebony Restaurant, with the Board members, Social Workers and Mrs. Sudha Reddy. It was a surprise party for Shanthi, who is a Founder Member of Ashraya, and still very active with the organization.
3. Nomita Chandy was the Chief Guest at the Annual Day of Ashwini Charitable Trust, on the 17th of November 2013.

4. The Ashraya Adoptive Parents Group, organized a nice get-together of families and children on 15.02.2014. About 50 people attended the function and a nice lunch was organized for them.
5. Our congratulations to Evalin Christabel, the Ashraya Project Coordinator, who got married on the 5th of February 2014, in Bangalore.
6. On the 3rd of July, we had a farewell tea for Monica, who has been one of our longest serving volunteers at Ashraya.
7. The OWC Information and Coffee Morning was held on 25.09.2014, at the Leela Palace Hotel. Dechu and Evalin represented Ashraya. There was an informative talk on CSR.
8. On Saturday 25th October, we had a special tea and Diwali Party for Ashraya staff. Diwali bonuses were given to all the staff.

#### Visitors:

1. Adoptee, Shashi Kumar, and his wife visited Ashraya from Italy on the 21st of December. We put in a lot of effort and miraculously were able to find his biological family in Anekal. Shashi was very motivated to educate his older brother's son, but all efforts to do so, were in vain, much to Shashi's disappointment. We are happy that Shashi is doing so well and seems happy.
2. Adoptee Jolly Nielson from, Sweden, visited Ashraya on the 6th of February 2014, with her companion.
3. Elisabet Johansson visited Ashraya in February and took all the staff out to lunch on the 14th of February. She remains one of our staunchest supporters.

### Observation Home:

1. There was a programme organized by CCL on "Juveniles in Conflict with the Law" on the 27th of June 2014. Nomita Chandy spoke on "Areas of collaboration with Civil Society to ensure rights for mental health for Juveniles ". Many doctors from NIMHANS and St. John's Hospital attended the programme.
2. Justice Hulwadi Ramesh, of the Karnataka High Court, convened a meeting of the Judicial Committee on the 18th of July 2014. Matters were not taken up to our satisfaction as a proper rehabilitation package still needs to be worked out for boys committing serious crimes who are left out on early bail.
3. Ashraya facilitates the Dance teacher Anand going to the Observation Home three times a week. The Yoga teacher Mr. Dayanand also goes to the Centre thrice a week to train the boys. Their fee is partly subsidized by us.

### Neelbagh School:

Our rural school, Neelbagh, has become an iconic school in the sector of rural education. We are considered to be one of the best Kannada medium schools in the State. Currently, the total strength of the school is 376, 193 boys and 183 girls, ensuring equal opportunities are extended to girls. There are 100 students in the hostel, 50 girls and 50 boys. The number of staff serving in the school is 30 - 19 are teaching and 11 are non-teaching staff.

**Academics:** Our children performed splendidly and brought credible results in Class X SSLC exams this year with all 26 students securing first class marks thereby getting 100% results . This is the sixth consecutive year that the School has achieved 100% pass results. This academic year the State Govt has revised the syllabus for Class 10 Secondary School Leaving Certification (SSLC) students; textbooks have been revised based on the Central Board for Secondary Education (CBSE) syllabus.

Maths and Science teachers are being extensively trained to deal with the new syllabus.

The Neelbagh school hostel reopened for old boarders on 11th May 2014 and the School reopened after the summer break on 12th May 2014.

**Admission:** On June 4th, the new admissions list was finalized - thirty four new students were admitted to the LKG and 2 new students for senior classes.

**Vocational and computer training:** Apart from regular subjects, children are given vocational training in tailoring, embroidery, carpentry, pottery, etc. to equip the students with skills applicable and relevant to a rural environment; through this approach, work ethics are enhanced, an attitude of becoming involved in the activities of the communities developed, and an atmosphere of continuous learning is created. All children from grade 1-10 i.e. a total of 306 children attend computer and pottery training classes and from High School (Grade 8- 10) 80 boys attend carpentry and 69 girls attend tailoring classes.

**Extracurricular Activities:** The School has impressive facilities for the children, which include an excellent library, comfortable classrooms, a computer Lab and good infrastructure for sports and extra-curricular activities, like dance, music and theatre.

**Awards and Recognition:** The State Government honoured and recognised the school's Academic performance with a shield and a certificate of recognition.

**Events:** The **national holidays: Independence Day, Republic Day and Gandhi Jayanti** were celebrated to educate the children on the importance of these events in our history.

- Statehood day on 1<sup>st</sup> of November and Children's Day on 14<sup>th</sup> November were also celebrated.
- The New Year's Eve celebration was held with great pomp and show. The evening had special cultural programmes such as singing, dance and

drama by our talented children. They enjoyed themselves and welcomed the New Year with great enthusiasm.

- The Farewell function for students of Class 10 was organized on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014. Mr. Amara Narayana (Gram Panchayat, President) was the Chief Guest who handed out Conduct Certificates to all 10th class students. Ms. Shanthi Chacko, Mrs. Nomita Chandy, Mrs. Evalin Christabel and the Head Master counselled the parents and the 10th grade students on choosing the right career path and encouraged the parents of all the girl children to support their daughters through their college education.
- In House cultural programmes and sports were held every month.
- Inter NGO Sports Meet: On 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2013 the Inter NGO Sports Meet competitions were held in Bangalore and students bagged the 1st place in more than 15 events and won the Overall Team Championship Award yet again.
- On 7<sup>th</sup> of December, Ashraya Neelbagh School participated in the Skimmer Competition in AWIM Regional Olympics 2013 held at The Indian International School, Bangalore organized by SAEINDIA Bangalore Section; Students from 5th standard competed and secured First Runner –up position.
- On 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2014, the Hobli level sports competitions were held in Rayalpad and the performance of our students was outstanding. In the Primary School level we qualified at the Taluk level in the following events: 100,200,400mts race, 400 mts relay, Shuttle Cock, Cricket, Basketball and Yoga.
- 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> August 2014 - The Taluk level school sports competitions were held in Srinivasapur. In the Primary level we qualified at the District level in the following events: 100,200,400mts race, Shuttle Cock, Yoga – boys & girls.



- The School celebrated its 19th Annual Day and the Founder's Day on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2014. Shri M .V .Rajeev Gowda, Member- Rajya Sabha, was the chief guest and was accompanied by his family; also present were Board members, staff, parents, friends and well-wishers. Over 500 people were present on this occasion. Children in their house groups competed in various sports events in the morning, followed by the exhibitions and special lunch. The prize distribution for academic excellence, cultural programme and the chief guest's speech completed the day.
- On 13<sup>th</sup> September 2014, GE Volunteers hosted the annual science fair "Prabodhana" for educational institutions in GE Campus, Bangalore. The fair saw around 350 students from 12 government and 6 NGO-funded schools who displayed their working models on the theme **"Explaining basic science principles using working models"** The second place was bagged by Ashraya Neelbagh School for the project **"Wave Theory"**. The 9<sup>th</sup> grade students fared very well.

**Workshops and Enhanced Learning Opportunities provided by the School:** The school continues to drive the 'Importance of Education' and strives towards providing a holistic environment for the children by offering opportunities for an all round development to all the children.

<b>Art Workshop</b>	Mr. Umesh conducted the workshop between the 11th -13th of November 2013. Around 300 seniors / juniors were taught to draw, colour and paint on different surfaces; students also learnt to make sculptures. This provided opportunities to explore students' creative and artistic interests, hone their talents, and develop self-management and interpersonal skills.
<b>Career guidance Workshop</b>	On 16th and 17th of January 2014, Mrs. Mamata Mutt (Corporate Trainer) conducted a career guidance workshop for 10th and 9th Grade (around 60) students along with their parents / guardians at Ashraya Neelbagh School. The aim was to help every individual

	<p>student understand the importance of one's academic potential, attributes, personality, talents, interest, expectation, resource, strengths and weaknesses while choosing a course of study for a suitable career. Activities and presentations were effective, students / parents interacted and gained much knowledge by clarifying their doubts with the resource persons.</p>
<b>Sex Education Workshop</b>	<p>On 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014, a Sex Education Workshop was organized for Grade 9th and 10 students Dr. Uttara Vidyasagar, a qualified counsellor was the resource person. Sex education gave an insight to adolescent students about their physiology and sexuality. The orientation was practical and necessary for the students. The pictorial and interactive presentation was beneficial for the students and staff.</p>
<b>Science Workshop – Phase II / A STAR FILLED NIGHT with CURIOSCITY</b>	<p>The Neelbagh Star Gazing event was an incredible experience and well organized on 1st and 2nd of February 2014. The interactive presentation on introduction to astronomy and star gazing was very interesting and enabled all students to participate in the learning experience. The students got involved and asked some very interesting and thoughtful questions during the presentation. The late evening and early morning star gazing sessions were just amazing. Overall, it was a great experience for all participants from 9th and 10th Grade and by the end of the workshop they were all more knowledgeable about stars, planets and galaxies. The whole sky exploration activities helped the children to create their own little moments of scientific discovery, their own little moments of WOW.</p>
<b>Dance and Theatre workshop</b>	<p>Students from 6th to 10th grade participated in the workshop. Mr. Balu and Mr. Tousip Basha are professional dance teachers who conducted the</p>



	workshop on 20th of Feb 2014. Both girls and boys were equally enthusiastic and actively participated and thoroughly enjoyed the workshop.
<b>Science Field Trip</b>	A field trip for the students of grade 8th and 9th was organized on the 22nd of Feb 2014. The students visited Sir. Vishveshwaraya Museum, The Planetarium and Cubbon Park located in Bangalore. The field trip to Nehru Planetarium was an effective integration to their earlier workshop on "Our Solar System". Students correlated the information they had gathered on night sky, solar system, usage of sundial (Jantar Mantar model) from the second phase of the Science workshop conducted by Dr. Utpal and Dr. Shonali before going for the show "Yeh Tara Woh Tara" (This Star that star).
<b>Dance and Theatre workshop</b>	From 26th to 28th of August 2014 Mr. Anand and his team conducted a Dance and Theatre workshop for 6th to 10th grade students. They taught them various folk arts like: <b>Dollu Kunitha</b> , <b>Kamsale nritya</b> and <b>Kolata</b> . It was a source of fun and entertainment for all the children.
<b>Teachers Training</b>	The Teachers ' Training was organized by Poornaprajna Institute of Faculty Improvement on 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2014. The workshop modules were on Applying Theory of Multiple Intelligences to Teaching, Learning and Disciplining with Dignity.

**Self Organized Mediation Environments (SOMEs):** Ashraya continues to collaborate with Soles and Somes, bringing together volunteers from different parts of the world to teach English and build language skills through personal / general conversations, story- telling etc. via Skype sessions. We run this programme against all odds, sometimes without electricity, inter-net connection and phone connectivity for days on end. But children thoroughly enjoy these sessions.

The local community is proud to have Neelbagh School in its midst.

We are thankful to the Zilla Panchayat and the local Administration, for donating a borewell on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2014 which was a boon to the School in the summer.

We are grateful to Dr. Chandan, Dr. Srinath, D.D.P.I , B.E.O, and the local administration team, whose active interest in the growth and welfare of our school continues from strength to strength. We hope that they continue to enrich the school with their friendship, interest and guidance.

We've also had important visitors through this reporting year who have been impressed greatly with the school and see it as a ' Model Rural School'.

### Visitors and Volunteers to Neelbagh School

1. Senior Lecturer / DIET, Kolar: The Commissioner Education Department, Bangalore, The Taluk level Inspection Team had visited to Neelbagh school on 03.04.2014, to inspect whether the school is following the Karnataka Education Act 1983 rules and grant rules. They have told the teachers to maintain the service register. They asked the School to put up a board saying "Ban of Tobacco Products" and a separate toilet for children with special needs.
2. Team - AXA Technologies
  - "Extremely good place. Love all the kids, their spirit and the discipline. Kids are blessed with the wonderful school "Neelbagh"
  - "Thank you " Manjunath " for making our visit so wonderful. Lunch was very yummy "God Bless".
3. T.N. Krishna Reddy - "Very clean and spacious environment".
4. Nirmal Kumar- Volunteer: I would love to keep in touch so feel free to write to me. Once again THANK YOU for this humbling experience. You're doing a fantastic job so keep it up! All the BEST!!



5. Karissa Inuganti- Volunteer: I would love to stay in touch with the kids and staff, so please call and e-mail! Thank you all so much! I will miss you, all dearly!
6. Prof. M.V. Rajeev Gowda , Member of Parliament -Rajya Sabha.

“ It was a wonderful, eye opening, and deeply satisfying visit. The love of learning and teaching and studying comes through everything the students and staff do. Ashraya Neelbagh is an inspiration. May this model, and the opportunities it opens up, be available to more students across India. All the best ! And thank you !
7. Sharmila Bhaktaram : “ Beautiful vernacular architecture, serene setting. Enjoyed the day at Neelbagh School. Amazed at the talent – sports, cultural and academics. Thank you for inviting us and giving us a chance to see and experience this model”.
8. Subhadra Venkatappa: Wonderful day, enjoyed thoroughly. The children and the trainers are equally to be appreciated. More than everything, the builders of the institution and the teachers to be appreciated. Congratulations and all the best for the future.
9. Andrew Campbell: “What a wonderful school. An inspirational visit. Many thanks for all of your kindness and hospitality. We will always remember Neelbagh with great fondness and we wish the school every success for the future”.
10. Sue Campbell: “It is 30 years since I was last here. I am so happy to see such a successful school. Being here has brought back so many beautiful memories. I wish you lots of luck and happiness.
11. K.S. Sridhar & Mrs. Avanthi –Poornaprajna Inst. of Faculty Improvement: “ This is so beautiful. Neelbagh is an experience, it just cannot be described. You connect to this place instantly from a deeper level. The warmth and hospitality extended by Mr. Manjunath and the

entire staff was overwhelming. Real learning of students happen in this environment. The cleanliness, eye for detail, the beauty in the simplicity, the mud walls, the flooring, the duck pond – every bit of Neelbagh has touched our hearts. Thank you for providing the wonderful opportunity of experiencing Neelbagh. This could not have been better than what it already is". Warm and good wishes to everyone associated with Neelbagh.

12. R.B.S.K. Team - Dr. Venugopal H.J. and Dr. Veena M.V.

Under the National Child Cleanliness (Hygiene) Programme, the team of doctors and nurses from the Taluk Health – Officers office, had visited Neelbagh School on 09.09.2014, and they did the health check-up for the 1,4, and 10th std. students, and have given DPT, TT Injection (vaccines) to the children.

On 11.09.2014, again they had visited the school and did the health check-up for the 2, 3, 5,6,7,8, and 9th std. children

### Women's Centre:

We have 15 residents at our TARA Women's Centre. All of them are working in garment factories; they have opened bank or post office savings accounts and we ensure that they deposit some amount of their salaries every month. We have done the medical checkups (HIV Tests) for all the residents.

We appointed Ms. Tara as Joint- Superintendent for TARA Women's Centre on 01.01.2014 as Ms. Nagrathna resigned. Ms. Tara resides at the Centre and manages the day to day activities and does regular counselling. She is assisted by Ms. Chandrika.

Women's Day was celebrated in Women's Centre on 8th March 2014. The superintendents, residents and the teacher joined together and cooked a special lunch. The ladies were given special gifts.

Girls Hostel:- We have 9 girls in our Girls Hostel. 4 girls will be appearing for their 2nd PUC Board exam in March 2015; the remaining are in engineering colleges



around the city. The hostel food menu was changed after discussions with the dietitian Ms. Shobha and we have increased the intake of eggs, greens and vegetables to ensure the girls get proper nutrition.

### Creches:

Ashraya is now running six Day-Care Centres. These are located in Shivajinagar, Banaswadi, Indiranagar, Avalahalli, Siddapura (construction site of Esperanza UKN Properties) and Nelamangala. This year on 1st of February 2014 we closed the Yelahanka Creche as Purvankara's Project was completed and they were relocating.

All the six crèches are functioning well. There are a total of 224 children in all our crèches. Though there were many seeking admission this year, each application was scrutinized by the teachers to ensure it meets the criteria of Ashraya.

Regular doctor's visits are being done at the crèches to monitor and ensure that all children are keeping good health. Every month height and weight checks are done by the teachers.

Every quarter Parent-Teacher meetings are organized in all the crèches. The parents are made aware of the children's performance in class, their health & hygiene and nutrition are discussed on a regular basis.

SN.	Crèche	Boys	Girls	Total
1	Indiranagar	15	23	38
2	Siddapura	16	16	32
3	Avalahalli	28	12	40
4	Banaswadi	25	12	37
5	Shivajinagar	28	22	50
6	Nelamangala (Women's Centre)	18	14	32
TOTAL				229

## Events:

The New Year party was held on 17th January 2014. Ms. Katia Major Member of OWC was invited as the Chief Guest. This year OWC sponsored the New Year gifts for all the crèche children; volunteers Mr and Mrs. Sunder distributed biscuits and chocolates. Children from each crèche put up a great show. It was a wonderful performance from the little ones. We also organized a special lunch for all the children.

Ms. Shakuntala the teacher conducted Sports Day and Photo Session at the Women's Centre on 21st March.2014. The parents were invited for the sports day. All the children received gifts; the teacher, parents and children enjoyed snacks.

A special photo session was conducted on 23rd January 2014 at Shivajinagar crèche.

This year the Teachers' Training Workshop for crèche teachers was held on 06.09.2014; it was conducted by Ms. Nandini Prakash and ably supported by Ms. Nitya Reddy. 11 teachers attended the session. The topic of discussion was about the day to day issues faced by the teachers with the young children.

Volunteers:- This year we have had 26 volunteers at Ashraya, many young interns coming forward to volunteer with the children. They enjoyed teaching the children and appreciated their experience at Ashraya; they have promised to visit when they are back for their holidays.

We had a farewell party on 3rd July 2014 for Ms. Monica who volunteered at Indiranagar Crèche for 15 years. Ms. Monica could no longer volunteer at the crèche as she had started a new business and wanted to concentrate on that.

Lara from OWC regularly volunteered at Indiranagar crèche once a week from 20th May to 11th August.

Ms. Shobha regularly volunteers at Indiranagar crèche. She enjoys teaching children and keeps them occupied with regular activities.

We have had 11 volunteers for the girls in the hostel. Ms. Ritu Sharma is a regular volunteer who is helping out the 1st PUC student in her Maths subject and Ms Karpagam a software Engineer from Yahoo is also helping the girls in all their subjects. The girls find learning their subjects easier now with the help of the volunteers.

Ms. Madhu from Vimochana has also expressed a desire to help the girls in English.

### Convention Centre:

The Grameen Finance Services is using our Convention Centre for their training purpose. They are happy with the ambience and have maintained the Centre very well.

### Visitors to Ashraya:

#### 1. Shashi & Mary

"First, thanks you a lot for all you done for me. In 1992 meeting you was a lucky meet for me, now I am a lucky man and it is possible only your help. Ashraya made many good things for many people, you are an example for all. We bless you all and thanks for all that you are going to do here in India for my family. Coming to India for us was a dream before, now, but now is real. We are so happy I can't describe what I feel but you know that always I loved you all". Best wishes.

#### 2. Arthi Anand

"Very nice bunch of kids and dedicated volunteers".

#### 3. Bhakthi Bhaskar

"A very challenging experience and it is very nice to help out the kids"

#### 4. Asmitha Rathis

"It was a very fun experience and it felt very good to teach and help out the children. I hope to come again and volunteer".

#### 5. Ashwini Scarino

"A big commotion, a great emotion see again after 15 years this place, this people and the childrens that now stay here". I hope to come again, thanks

#### 6. Cicile Mommeja - (Namaste Trust)

"Very good to see you and the girls each year, good luck for their studies".

#### 7. Juliette - (Namaste Trust)

"Always interesting to visit Ashraya team and the girls of the hostel. Continue your wonderful work"!



### Donors:

We are most grateful to all our donors who have generously supported all the Ashraya projects.

CIAI, K.C. Mahindra Trust, The Overseas Women's Club of Bangalore, Global Giving, Namaste Trust, Children Across Borders, ING Vysya Foundation, Trent, Charities Aid Foundation Vijaya Bank, Axa Technology Solutions and a host of individual donors ; Ms. Naina Krishnamurthy, Ms. Hema Hattangady, Ms. Jayshree Thiagarajan, Ms. Blossom White, and Mr. Prashant Vishnupad, also builders Puravankara, UKN Properties and Promac.

We are grateful to Ms. Jyothi Subbarao for organizing a wonderful exhibition of handicrafts made by the Neelbagh school children, at her home on the 17th and 18th of October 2014. All the visitors appreciated the children's work.

### Volunteers :

We are grateful to our wonderful volunteers who do so much to help the Ashraya Children and Girls.

### Volunteers at Ashraya Neelbagh School

- 1 Peiter from Netherlands was referred by ING Vysya Foundation
- 2 Nirmal Kumar from India was referred by Lovadale
- 3 Karissa Inuganti from USA was referred by Children Across Borders
- 4 Jennifer Lin from USA was referred by Mr. Bradford Richardson, Adoptive Parent
- 5 Samuel Penhallow from UK was referred by Overseas Women's Club

### Volunteers at Ashraya Day-Care Centres:

1 Shobha Kumar	Indiranagar creche	9 Prajwal	Indiranagar creche
2 Anjolie Advani	Indiranagar creche	10 Solene	Indiranagar creche
3 Aparajitha	Indiranagar creche	11 Arpita	Indiranagar creche
4 Diya	Indiranagar creche	12 Jyothi	Indiranagar creche
5 Anjum	Indiranagar creche	13 Bhakthi	Indiranagar creche
6 Ashmitha	Indiranagar creche	14 Monica	Indiranagar creche
7 Lara	Indiranagar creche	15 Ruby	Banaswadi Creche
8 Smaran	Indiranagar creche		

### Volunteers at Girls Hostel

1	Jyothi Subbharao	7	Ritu
2	Karishma Hegde	8	Gayathri
3	Ananya Rao	9	Karpagam
4	Divya Rav	10	Sunder
5	Namitha	11	Pavithra
6	Madhu		

### Ashwini Charitable Trust (ACT) and Ashraya

Act and Ashraya together conduct tuitions for underprivileged children. 24 children from Holy Shepherd School, Resurrection School and Government School attend this tuition.

1	Ms. Mani	Mon, Wed and Fri	4	Ms. Rudhrani	Mon, Wed and Fri
2	Ms. Meru	Mon, Wed and Fri	5	Ms. Sharmila	Mon, Wed and Fri
3	Ms. Yasmin	Mon, Wed and Fri	6	Ms. Rama	Mon, Wed and Fri

They are considering expanding this program.

### In Conclusion:

We are most grateful to our auditors Panth & Co., for the Pro bono services they have given us to do our audit year after year. Ms. Jayna Kothari for her excellent work in filing the P.I.L in the Karnataka High Court with regard to the implementation of the J.J. Act. Dr. N.V.S. Krishnan for the monthly crèche visits to check up on the health for all our children. To Mr. Anil Chinniah, for maintaining the Ashraya website. To all our staff and committee members for their commitment and dedicated services to Ashraya.

Above all, our thanks to Mrs. Sudha Reddy for all her guidance and support for Ashraya over the years.

**NOMITA CHANDY**  
Secretary, Ashraya.

## ASHRAYA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms. Shanthi Chacko	- President
Mrs. Nomita Chandy	- Secretary
Mrs. Christy Abraham	- Treasurer
Mrs. Surya Vaz	Members
Mrs. Anjolie Advani	
Mrs. Nitya Reddy	
Mrs. Malika Williams	
Mrs. Radhika Nambiar	

## ASHRAYA STAFF

1. Mrs. Evalin Christabel	- Project Co-ordinator
2. Mrs. Kavitha Madan	- Social Worker
3. Mrs. Kavitha Pradhap	- Accountant
4. Ms. Sharmila	- Secretarial Assistant
5. Srinivas	- Driver

## CHILDREN'S HOME

6. Agnes	- Creche Teacher
7. Jayamary	- House Mother – Girls Hostel
8. Pushpavalli	- Creche Assistant Teacher / Cook
9. Siddamma	- Creche Helper
10. Yellamma	- Cleaning Lady
11. Venkatesh	- Gardener

## PART-TIME

12. Dr.N.V.S.Krishnan	- Pediatrician
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## Neelbagh School

13	Manjunath	Head Master
14	Srinivasa Reddy	Asst. Head Master
15	Ravi Aluganti	Senior Teacher
16	Narasimha	Senior Teacher



17	Satish	Senior Teacher
18	Narasamma	Senior Teacher
19	Shivamma D.N	Senior Teacher
20	Varalakshmamma	Junior Teacher
21	Nagaraj	Junior Teacher
22	Yashoda	Junior Teacher
23	Pushpalatha	Junior Teacher
24	Venkatashiva Reddy	Junior Teacher
25	Lakshmi	Junior Teacher
26	Manjula M.N.	Junior Teacher / Linen and Hospitality In-charge
27	Raghavendra	Computer Instructor
28	Mehaboob Basha	Vocational - Carpentry
29	Kalpana	Vocational - Tailoring
30	Subramani	Vocational - Pottery
31	Shivashankar	Vocational - Dance
32	Yasmin	Kitchen In-charge
33	Redamma	Kitchen Helper
34	Padmavathi	Kitchen Helper
35	Raja Reddy	Driver
36	Srinivasa	Washerman
37	Susheela	Washerwoman
38	Subbamma	Cleaning Staff
39	Manjula	Cleaning Staff
40	Shanthamma	Cleaning Staff

### Crèches

41.	Ratna	} Creche Teacher
42.	Shashikala	
43.	Yashodha	
44.	Parvathy	
45.	Mamatha	} Crèche Worker
46.	Sunitha	
47.	Banumathy	

48. Rohini	}	Crèche Helper
49. Rani		
50. Sagunthala		
51. Premamma		
52. Priya		

### Women's Centre

53. Chandrika	- Joint - Superintendent
54. Tara	- Joint - Superintendent
55. Shakunthala	- Crèche Teacher
56. Jayanthi	- Crèche Helper
57. Narasimiah	- Gardener

### Convention Centre

58. Suneetha	- Manager
59. Kanthamma	- Cleaner
60. Sharanamma	- Cleaner

### Number of children and women served by Ashraya each month :

Neelbagh School	- 376
Crèches	- 229
Observation Home	- 50
Women's Centre (No. of Women)	- 18
Hostel Girls	- 8
Tuition Children	- 24

### Photographs :

**Cover Page:** Students of Ashraya Neelbagh Rural School dreaming of opportunities to transform their lives. [Photo courtesy: Ms. Jennifer Lin, USA.](#)

**Cover Inside:** Senior students of Ashraya Neelbagh Rural School performing Kamsale dance form on the Annual Day – 2014.

**Back Cover:** Domestic workers children benefit from Ashraya Community Crèche – Indiranagar. [Photo courtesy: Mr. Sthuthy Sagar, Bangalore.](#)









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