

## Ties up with other schools

Quality of any programme is enhanced when it is linked to other programmes. The mutual learning and sharing that takes place through this linkage effects positive growth.

Having understood this benefit Sneha Care Home has established linkages with International Schools and Academic Institutions. This linkage generally takes place through academic institutions initiating quality improvement consultations for the programme, student volunteering and students organizing fund raising events on behalf Sneha Care Home.

The key objectives of this programme are:

- Our children get an opportunity to meet and interact with students of their age from other educational institutions and a mutual learning and sharing takes place among them. This interaction would eventually improve their self image self confidence and social skills.
- Students from the other schools are sensitized about various social issues, challenges and problems, the less fortunate children of their age undergo and are moved to act on their behalf.
- It is an opportunity for the collaborating institutions to learn or unlearn about the academic, managerial and administrative practices followed by each institution.

One of the oldest relationships we have in this regard is with the department of Public Health Boston University. It conducted a very extensive study about the Disclosure methodology used by Sneha Care Home. Currently, its students are engaged in off the site internship with us.

Another school in the city which is connected with us for the last two years under this programme is The International School Bangalore. The senior secondary students of this school come to SCH on every Sunday for one and half hours to teach children various subjects and engage them in different activities. Children are divided into different groups based on their age and each group is guided by a few volunteers from the school. The volunteers prepare the lesson plans for every week and they are sent to the programme Manager of SCH for approval. The programme is also evaluated weekly through a set of data capturing methods.

Another school which is connected with us is the Ananya School, a community school for children. The children from the school train our athletic team and jointly organize runs occasionally. Moreover, the tenth graders of the school carry out their project works in our campus.

Another linkage we have started since last year is with the United World College, Wales. The students from the college join us during summer vacation as volunteers and work with our children.

These educational ties up have helped the programme immensely. It has played an important role in developing the talents and improving the linguistic, communicative and social skills of children besides enlarging their spectrum of comradeship.

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