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Respectful homage to



Rev. Dr. Suviseshamuthu

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You had been a perfect guide, a fatherly figure to the VASANTHAM family for 21 years. You cannot be replaced.

You will continue living in our thoughts, actions and words.

Vasantham's stall @ various places

Heartfelt thanks from the children, staff and supporters of Vasantham to all those kind hearted souls for facilitating in arranging a stall with products prepared by children at Vasantham at Infosys, Symantec, PayPal and TI.

SV home – Gandhi Jayanthi and Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam's birthday celebrations

On the 23rd of October, 2010 Vasantham children along with kids from SV home participated in the elocution, quiz and drawing competition conducted by Dream India to celebrate Gandhi Jayanthi and Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam's birthday. This was the first time that the kids from Vasantham had participated in a quiz competition. The kids' performances went way beyond our expectations and some of their performances left us truly spellbound. They also participated in the cultural events by performing two dances and a pyramid show. Our kids performed exceedingly well and bagged quite a few prizes too. The encouragement and rousing support by the kids from SV home while Vasantham kids were on stage was louder than when their own friends were on stage! To sum it all up, this was just a perfect day with the interaction between these two groups. Our special thanks to SV home and Dream India.



District & state level sports meet for differently abled children

On 19th November, 2010, our kids participated in district level (Thiruvallur District) sports meet for the differently abled children conducted at Balavihar School, Vepampattu. Our children participated with great interest and won a few prizes as well.

On the 1st of December, 2010, our children & staff attended the state level sports meet at Guindy, Chennai. Our children went on a march past.

Citizen's Run trust

Founder & Director of Vasantham, Mrs. Alli Murugesan attended a meeting organised by our longtime constant supporter, Citizen's run trust on 4th December, 2010. They were highly impressed with the products that our kids make and as a great gesture donated 1.5 lakhs towards construction of mobile bunk house for marketing products made by special children. We had also participated in the annual run organised by Citizens' Run Trust during mid-2010 and gave a brief interview to NDTV Hindu as well. Special thanks to Citizens' Run Trust from our children.

Vasantham @ International workshop on early intervention

From 24-27th November, 2010, Founder & Director Mrs. Alli Murugesan attended an International Workshop on Early Intervention organized by Madhuram Narayan centre for exceptional children. This four days workshop served as a platform to listen to and interact with experts and other like-minded professionals in the field of mental retardation and related disorders.

DIWALI CELEBRATION

Anandha diwali

Diwali is a festival of lights. It was made so and much more by Udhavum Ullangal on 24th October, 2010 by making Vasantham kids part of their Anandha Diwali celebrations. They provided dresses, crackers and lunch for our kids. The kids also participated in various cultural programmes. Many other NGOs from Chennai were also present on the occasion. The Vasantham kids had an opportunity to interact with and enjoy other children's performance. Overall, everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable and fun filled afternoon!



Diwali @ VASANTHAM

On the 28th October, 2010, Diwali was celebrated at Vasantham. The kids were enthralled by an absorbing Magic show by Mr. Raja. Various crackers too kept them excited. Dressed in colourful new clothes, they really enjoyed the evening. Parents, siblings and volunteers from Punnagai & Swasam were present to cheer the kids all along. The celebrations were covered and broadcasted by a leading Tamil TV Channel "Tamilan TV". Special thanks to Mr. Venkat and 'Psych gang' for their overwhelming support ☺



Diwali holidays for children

Our school was closed for Diwali holidays from 3rd - 7th November, 2010

Annual Day

International day for the differently-abled was observed at Vasantham. Sports day, annual day and Children's day were all celebrated on the 28th of November 2010. The Thendral team organized games for the children for the whole day and gave gifts like teaching materials, physiotherapy equipments, fruits etc. A quiz programme was also organised for the first time on our campus. Volunteers from NISSAN and Punnagai were here to cheer the children. On 2nd October, 2010 Vasantham completed 21 colourful years and we vow to continue with the same energy and enthusiasm.



Parents teachers meeting

The regular quarterly parents teachers meeting was held on the 4th December, 2010. Group and individual meetings regarding each child's progress, current status and future plans were discussed.

Ayudha pooja

On 17th October, 2010 Ayudha Pooja was celebrated at Vasantham. One of our student Jayakanth's parents performed the pooja. Volunteers from Dream India, Punnagai and also the parents were present.



Christmas celebration

We had Christmas carols during the week from different teams to celebrate Christmas. School was decorated with stars, crib and xmas tree. On the 10th & 11th of December, 2010 Vasantham children joined Spartan school's Christmas celebration. They had organised cultural, snacks and also donated to Vasantham.

On 22nd December, 2010, nursing students from Apollo College of Nursing joined us for a wonderful celebration at our premises. They sang many carols for our children. Our student Daniel's father said the Christmas prayer. We had Gowrishankar's mother who also financially supported the celebration present for the occasion and 4 Santa Claus' enthralling the children with gifts. Many kids made sure they took turns to be the Santa and were seen jumping around in joy. The other kids were dressed in style matching the occasion.



Group therapy

Group therapy for children is getting streamlined with various activities. This is also facilitated with the use of various theme based children's songs and stories projected on the LCD projector. It was nice to see even the less-active kids showing extraordinary interest. There is so much of progress observed in most of these children after these sessions in terms of communication and concept teaching.



Birthday with a difference

Prof. Krishnamurthy celebrated his 60th birthday in different way by spending time with our children. He also donated bedsheets for the hostel children and several teaching and play materials. Similarly, Dr. Sundhari, ENT surgeon from SMF celebrated her son's birthday at Vasantham. They donated generously on this special day. Mr. Abhishek, one of our well-wishers and donor who is financially supporting a child's education and daily expenses for quite sometime celebrated his birthday with our children. He made sure 3 of our special children who don't have their family celebrated their birthday by cutting cakes. These gestures brought a big smile in these children.

