

Shelter Home for Minority Women

It is a proposal of Shelter Home for Women of Minority Communities who are in difficult circumstances. The programme has arisen out of the need identified through the Delhi Brotherhood Society (DBS) research and survey work among the deprived and underprivileged women of the Minority Communities especially Muslim Women who constitute the largest minority and Christian women who constitute the smallest minority community in India. The deprived among these women are mainly from the Dalit or Scheduled Caste origin. This programme sees a positive long-term result in a more self-confident life style of women of minority communities who are faced with difficult situations. The strategic aim to fulfill this vision is to construct a Shelter Home for the women on a piece of land already owned by the DBS. Here the women will find shelter and protection. The Shelter Home will cater primarily to the women of minority communities because they are twice oppressed but also to others in situation of emergency.

The budgetary provision for the construction cost of the building of the proposed programme is of Rs. 39,55,000/- (INR) (approx £ 49437 approx US\$ 98875).

The DBS is looking for long-term partners for this programme.

NEW INITIATIVES

Centre for Child Care

This Center for the children of sex workers in the heart of Delhi has already started to operate in a space graciously provided at the Municipal Corporation of Delhi Community Centre. It is on the first floor of the Community Centre, which is spacious, ventilated with plenty of sunlight. It is a cheerful place for the children. This outreach to the children is within the purview of the vision of the Delhi Brotherhood Society which aims to help people realize their potentialities and dignity and to create their own destiny by making themselves self reliant and independent. In our survey among the sex workers most of the women expressed their desire to change their life-style. They shared their dreams of living a normal social life. Accordingly the objective to reach their children with a concern for social alleviation has a positive long-term effect in bringing changes in life pattern of women who are trapped in the web of human trafficking.

The strategy to bring the children to this Centre when their mothers are at work between 6 pm to 10 pm. The change of environment of these children from the workplace of their mothers helps them to focus their attention on doing their home work, engage in healthy recreation, get educational and emotional support, and learn survival and social skills.

The intervention has already started in the central Delhi "red light area" in GB Road. The aim is to gradually spread out with this programme to other areas on the borders of the metropolis too.

The budget worked out for this new project to benefit one hundred children distributed in two Centers for one year is Rs. Ten Lakhs (INR) i.e. US\$ 22000 approx. and £ 12500 approx. which includes the salaries of two field workers, 2 senior Social workers for the Centre, One Project Coordinator, three supporting staff, part time Doctor, a Counselor, two teachers, two vocational Instructors. The programme is comprehensive enough to cater to the education, emotional, vocational and health related needs of the children.

Children will also need to be supplied with books, stationeries, nutrition and medicines. The programme integrates not only indoor activities but also outdoors events like exposure visits, educational tours, celebrations, sports day, workshops rallies and campaigns.

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Bro. Raju George's forthcoming visit to Dubai

On the most gracious invitation of the Revd John Weir Chaplain of the Anglican Diocese of Gulf, Bro. Raju George will be in Dubai from 9th May to 4th June 2008. He will be involved in the life and ministry of the Church and will meet friends who have an interest to partner with the Brotherhood's mission among the deprived people of Delhi. Bro. Raju intends to meet the young people and Church groups in Dubai and also friends and families individually. We are grateful for the interest and hospitality that Revd John Weir has extended to the members of the Brotherhood.

A b o u t d o n a t i o n s

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People in the U.K. who wish to support the education of underprivileged children can do so through the **Wye & Brook India Trust**. For further details please contact *Ms. Sheila Child, Wye & Brook India Trust, 8 Taylor's Yard, Wye, Ashford, Kent TN25 5BT. Tel:01233 812209, email: wandbit@aol.com*

Friends outside India can also do Bank transfer. It is a quick and safe way to send donations directly into the **Delhi Brotherhood Society's** account by using the following details.

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Branch: **St. Xavier's School, Rajniwas Marg, Delhi-110054. INDIA**

Bank Swift Code: **SYNBINBB126**

Beneficiary's Bank Account Number: **91152010005680**

Name: **Delhi Brotherhood Society**

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