

VARSHA FOUNDATION

Home Away From Home (HAH)

Running in partnership with Cankids...Kidscan

Quarterly progress report – 1st Apr'2020 to 30st Jun' 2020



Address of HAH: 456/306, Sajjad Bagh Colony, Daulatganj, Lucknow – 226003

Introduction and framework

This is our second year of partnership with Cankids...Kidscan, last year in August 2019 Varsha Foundation with partnership of Cankids...Kidscan has set up and running a 16 bedded facility called “Home Away Home” (HAH), a short stay home at Lucknow providing boarding and lodging facilities to the cancer affected children and their families.

The HAH is fully functional with all household facilities and is providing services to the children undergoing treatment in the KGMU hospital. Cankids...Kidscan is an implementing partner and providing financial support as well as treatment support services in the HAH.

Under the Project HAH we are providing following services and ensuring:

- To provide outstation families with affordable, child appropriate accommodation during treatment
 - To Integrate project HAH into the treatment, care and support systems at the Hospital
 - To improving the overall standards of treatment & care
 - To provide atmosphere like home
 - To focus on individual hygienic cooking facilities and common dining areas to cater to the children’s individual taste, failing appetites and need for healthy nutrition, which is vital for the success of their treatment
 - To focus on hygiene, proper storage of medicines, and information and support for proper follow up of Doctor’s instructions
 - To set up a school Room – to ensure that children continue to receive education through Non-Formal Education Program.
 - To provide emotional and Psychosocial support, outings, recreational and community activities.
 - To provide transport facility between hospital and HAH
 - To provide cooking facilities
 - To provide administrative assistance
1. Children are selected by Dr. Nishant Verma for HAH stay and Dr. Nishant Verma held responsibility Ms. Sangeeta Sahu to send the children to the HAH once identified and finalized.
 2. Eshwar Child Welfare Foundation and Satya Sai Sewa Trust started providing ration to the HAH.
 3. Sangeeta Sahu from Cankids undertakes visits at HAH in a month ensuring comfort stay of children and their families at HAH.

Precaution and necessary steps taken during Covid-19 Pandemic

We are well prepared for the prevention of a possible outbreak of the Covid19 epidemic in the HAH. We are strictly following the guidelines provided time to time by Cankids and Dr. Nishant Verma. We are taking all necessary precaution to monitor and prevent the spread of Covid-19 in the HAH.

HAH if equipped with following instruments and items to fight with Covid19.

1. Battery operated spray machine and disinfectant solution.
2. Infrared Thermometer
3. Oximeter
4. Glucometer
5. BP instrument
6. Hand sanitizer
7. PPE Kit
8. Gloves
9. Masks
10. Floor disinfectant solution
11. Ambulance on call in case of any emergency

At HAH premises, the following care is being followed

We are taking every precaution to prevent the potential spread of the virus. The following protocols have been implemented in HAH:

1. Hand sanitizer is available at entrance area and patients/attendants are instructed to use it on their arrival and departure.
2. It is mandatory for patients / attendants to use face masks whenever they go out or enter HAH.
3. As it has now been declared a global epidemic, we are taking temperature and checking oxygen level every day in the morning and evening of all patients/attendants.
4. We recommend daily that patients and parents should avoid close contact with those who suffer from respiratory insufficiency.
5. On daily basis we ask them to wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
6. We also ask them to use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer provided to each family in HAH.
7. We recommend them avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth if they go out to hospital for treatment and it is advised that they should not join large crowds or gatherings.
8. Clean and disinfect frequently the touched objects and surfaces using a household cleaning spray or wipe.
9. We do disinfect E-Rikshaw daily before children and families board a Rikshaw.
10. We are screening all the patients/attendants before entering the HAH.
11. No outsider / visitors are allowed to visit the HAH. However, Cankids team is allowed to visit the HAH.
12. Daily reporting to Cankids in prescribed format given.

Cankids staff visited in HAH

Ms. Sangeeta Sahu, HAH Coordinator only undertaking regular visits to the HAH during the Covid19 period.

No other Cankids staff like dietitian, RPM, Project Manager visited during the quarter.

Weekly Sanitization of HAH Building

We are doing complete sanitization of HAH building every week by spray machine and disinfectant solution.

Main gate of building and E-Rikshaws are sanitized on daily basis.



Session on Blood Donation (14-June) taken by Rohit Mishra, HAH Supervisor

- He has taken the session that day and told about the Buddy Story.
- Children were very excited to know, who is Buddy? Buddy was a drop of blood.
- Children enjoyed the Buddy story and learned:
 1. What is the Blood?
 2. What is the role of blood in our body?
 3. How blood is made?
 4. What is the work of WBC, RBC and Platelets?



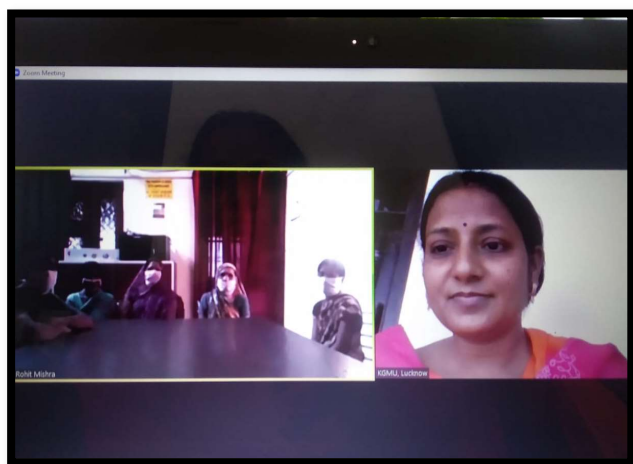
Family Counselling by Sangeeta Sahu

HAH Coordinator Ms. Sangeeta Sahu keep visiting the HAH regularly even during the lockdown and Covid19 pandemic and did the counselling of the children and their families. At the time of counselling and interacting with children and families she always makes the social distance as can be seen in the pictures below.



Dietician Counselling by video conferencing call

During covid-19 pandemic, Dr. Harshita Gupta has taken two counselling sessions through a video conferencing call.



Children and families stayed in HAH

- April month: total 4 children and families stayed in HAH
- May month: total 4 children and families stayed in HAH
- June month: total 11 children and families stayed in HAH.

Poor Patient Support provided to the Children and families

It was biggest challenge in front of patients and families to arrange the fund for medicine, living, diagnostic, transport etc in Covid19 pandemic situation and lockdown period. Varsha Foundation came forward and immediate financial support provided to such patients and families who were in really needed the support to meet out their medicine, diagnostic, food, transport requirement. During the quarter. Monthly summary of PPSA is given below:

April 2020: Rs. 17,636.00

May 2020: Rs. 13,089.00

June 2020: Rs. 9,650.00

Total support provided of Rs. 40,375/-