



## **VARSHA FOUNDATION**

### **Home Away From Home (HAH)**

#### **Running in partnership with Cankids...Kidscan**

#### **Quarterly progress report – 1<sup>st</sup> Jan'2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> Mar' 2020**



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

## **Introduction and framework**

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 undertaken 4 -5 visits at HAH in a month ensuring comfort stay of children and their families at HAH.

## **Families shifted to KGMU due to Covid19 pandemic**

After locked down in the Lucknow, transportation of patients between HAH and KGMU became a serious issue. No ambulance was available, police protection was also not available, e-Rikshaws were not allowed to transport the patients. Finally on 25<sup>th</sup> March all the patients except one “Poorab” had been shifted to the KGMU on the direction of the Dr. Nishant Verma. All the patients have been admitted and kept in the separate ward. Rs. 1,000/- given to all the patients to meet out

medical or any other emergencies, food arrangements also done for all the families, apart from the food arrangement in kGMU a ration kit for 20 days also given to each family.

## Celebrations and Events

### Monthly Birthday Celebration on 14-01-2020

- This birthday celebration in HAH has been sponsored by a local donor.
- Organized puppet shows in HAH, all the children and families enjoyed the puppet show.
- Packed eating items like biscuit, juice, Britannia cake, peanuts, chocolates, Horlicks and gazak etc. given to them.
- Gifts and toys given to every child.



## Republic Day Celebration on 26-01-2020

All children and their family celebrated Republic Day in HAH. The national flag was hoisted and national anthem was sung by all the children and families. All children were very happy and feeling like they are in school. Gift and snacks – Chocolate ,Biscuits peanuts,sweets distributed to all the children and families.



## New Year Celebration



## February 2020

### Monthly Birthday Celebration on 22-02-2020

- We organized birthday celebration in HAH for children and their families.
- It was a fun-loving event, children enjoyed a lot, gifts distributed to all the children.
- Packed eating items like biscuit, juice, Britannia cake, peanuts distributed.
- Gifts and toys, color books and crayons etc given to the children.



### (26 February) Coordination meeting in HAH

Coordination meeting was held in HAH on 26 February. Dr. Pushpa Bhatia, Priti Rastogi, Dr. Harshita Gupta, Annu and Rohit (HAH Supervisor) were also there and participated in the meeting.



## Holi Celebration

Holi was celebrated in the home away home (HAH) a short stay home for cancer affected children at Lucknow with much fanfare that day. Many gifts were given to the children. Biscuits, chips, chocolates, nankeen packets, toys gun, etc distributed to the children. All children were given a pair of new cloths. Puppet show was held once again today. Children and families enjoyed Holi very much. Everyone was having fun actually the Holi celebration was spectacular and memorable. All the families have made the “Gujia” in the home and avoided sweets from outside.



## (17<sup>th</sup> March) Birthday celebration in HAH

- We organized birthday celebration in HAH for children and their families.
- This birthday celebration was sponsored by Sangeeta Sahu. Sangeeta Sahu celebrated birthday of her survivor child “Vansh” in HAH with the children and their families.
- It was a fun-loving event, children enjoyed a lot, gifts distributed to all the children.
- Packed eating items like biscuit, juice, Britannia cake, peanuts distributed.
- Gifts and toys given to all the children.



Play room activities





## Counselling by Sangeeta Sahu



## Dietician visits

- Two visits in a month done by Dietician Dr. Harshita Gupta.





Celebrated 4<sup>th</sup> of February Cancer Awareness Day



Daily Prayers



## Sanitary pad distribution

- Annu Sharma, HAH Care Taker explained to the cancer patient & her mother how to take care of cleanliness during menstruation.
- Sanitary Pads provided by the Cankids and proper stock is maintained by Annu.
- Patient & her mother were explained how to use & wash the sanitary pads(reusable) & what precautions should be taken.
- In this month 11 Pkts of Sanitary pads were distributed to the patient & her mother.

