

REFLECTIONS: KMWSCares Project

Reflections from Loreto Dharamtala

Nothing could be more motivating than the message itself which we received from the school about KOLKATA MARY WARD SOCIAL CENTRE supporting and providing free meals to families suffering



from Covid. Loreto Day School, Dharamtala decided to collaborate with KMWSC and to reach out to people who needed food. This ignited an enthusiasm in us. We took no time in deciding what to do. During the last so many months sitting within the confines of our homes and seeing so many people suffering was itself highly motivating and we decided to come forward to help. We immediately drew up a list of things we could share. Sister Monica Suchiang's initiative to help families in need, is praiseworthy. I am glad we were able to touch so many families who were helped in these tough times. Through the KMWSCares project we too were able to show that we care.

Jaya R. Fernandez (Mother of Catherine Mary Fernandez, Class 8 B)

This is with reference to the contributions made towards the KMWSCares project initiated by Sister Monica Suchiang IBVM of the Kolkata Mary Ward Centre and supported by Loreto Day School, Dharamtala. I would like to mention that we have humbly tried to help the needy people during the pandemic situation of second wave of Covid-19. We thank KMWSC and Loreto Day School for providing a platform to reach out the needy ones in this situation. By the blessing of Almighty God, we with our family have stayed safe and meals were arranged. But there were several families where the only earning person had lost his/her job, several children lost their parents, many remained hungry due to a prolonged Lockdown all over the nation during his pandemic. Observing this disastrous situation, we heartily felt the need to help others with whatever we could afford through the KMWSCares Project.

Also, we have donated to other organizations too in the pandemic situation to serve the people and the nation.

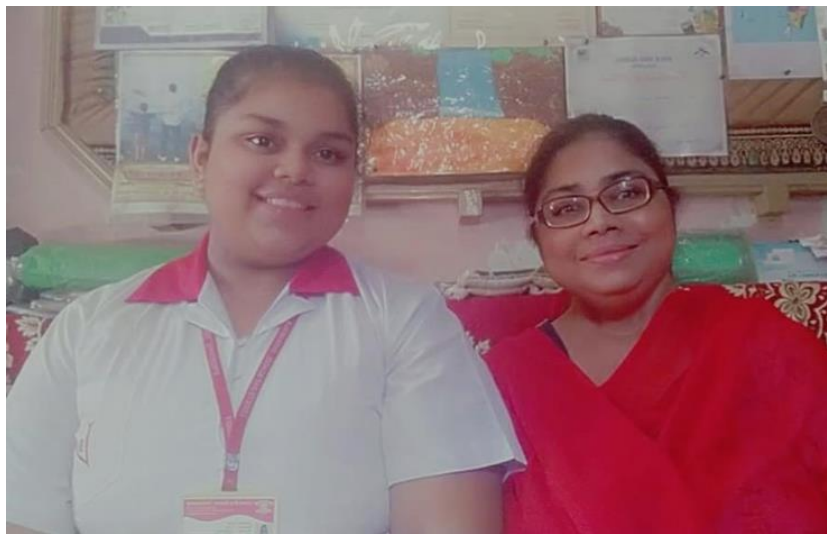
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In the present pandemic situation, there are so many people who are not getting food. When the school gave us this opportunity to contribute food to the people who need it, me and my parents thought of responding cheerfully. It was really heart wrenching to know that people were not getting food to eat, either because they could not afford it or because the whole family was Covid stricken. I think everyone should donate as much as they can to those in need and during difficult times. Our humble contribution may save someone else's life who is dying due to hunger. I would like to thank Sister Monica Suchiang IBVM for this great initiative taken up by her.

Barsha Gupta, 8B



The idea of reaching out to those in need and bringing a smile to their faces, is what motivated me to contribute to KMWSCares project.

Contributing towards a great cause is something that evokes a beautiful feeling. Giving to those who are in need makes us feel really satisfied and happy. The good that comes out of it is nothing short of pure happiness.

I felt really blessed to have been able to contribute towards the well-being of people who are in need, of making my humble contributions and of ensuring in a small way that a family who could not afford a meal either because they did not have finances or were Covid stricken could receive a meal. I thank Kolkata Mary Ward Centre for always responded to the needs of the time and making a difference.

Thank you

Daksha Saha Class 10A

To serve humanity is as good as serving the Lord

It was a warm March morning on the first day of lockdown 2020, everyone at home was sitting around wondering what to do next since we were not going to leave home anytime soon, our classmates decided to get everyone on a WhatsApp video call and we spent the next hour discussing how this lockdown would make life difficult for those weren't as blessed, we then decided that we should pool in our resources and start by giving out food, etc, how to do it was a challenge keeping in mind that we knew little about the virus other than that it was very infectious.

Over the next couple of days, I made a few calls and tied up with friends who were already distributing breakfast items in their area in collaboration with their local PS, the items included packets of biscuits, boiled eggs, buns, and bananas. a week into this we realised that this was not going to be enough although we started with 100 and had reached 300, we then tied up with the authorities at Amrit Vela Mandir who were kind enough to offer us not only their kitchen and their utensils but also their store in the larger interest of society. We started with serving 200 cooked meals thru the office of the D C Central and in a week's time we were doing close to 600 meals of packed food , we used to cook and pack and the police vans used to come, collect and distribute.

We were then made aware of a section of society known as the PARDA PHAROSH, basically people who were needy but wouldn't ask, a few people guided us and we started distributing ration packs for 1 week at a time to these families. Around then I was introduced to Sister Monica of Mary Ward Society Kolkata. Being an NGO, Mary Ward was providing ration kits similar to what we were but to many more since they had a wider reach. I helped Sister with sourcing some of the stuff and found her to be very large hearted.



This year when restrictions were announced I received a call from Sister that they were starting meals for COVID patients and from then on I visited them almost every day trying to bridge whatever gaps I could, I feel blessed to know such selfless people who serve humanity with a clean heart and with so much passion, her team right thru the lockdown have shown such dedication that it felt good arranging things even it wasn't convenient . Like Murali Keshwani of Amrit Vela Mandir used to keep telling us during the 2020 lockdown " Nar ki Seva hi Narayan ki Seva hai" which translates to "To serve humanity is as good as serving the Lord."

I would like to mention a few names here without whom it wouldn't have been possible, My family, My classmates, my friends and especially Vani Agarwal, a dear friends' daughter who pushed us to do more n more and always tried to help us do more despite the facts that we didn't allow her to leave the house, She arranged Rations, funds and even donated out of her personal savings to keep this going, she also was involved in a collection from where they donated a few oxygen concentrators during the peak pandemic period . All this and she isn't an adult yet, makes me feel good that humanity lives on!!

from Mr. Arora