

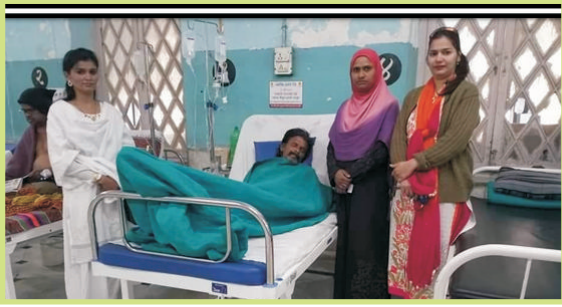


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MUSKAAN

The Healing Smile...



Dr. Shirin Shaikh & Ms. Shabana Mulla meeting F.Y.B.Sc. students Fiza's Parents in Sasoon Hospital Pune



Muskaan teacher Volunteers and student volunteers handing over money for treatment of Fiza's father

Charity Begins at Home

On 23 January 2019 at 12 noon an agitated group of F.Y.B.Sc students barged in the Principal's office. The students shared their concern for their F.Y.B.Sc classmate Ms. Fiza Shaikh who was going through a very difficult phase of life. Her father was hospitalized due to acute liver disease. Her mother took up a job as domestic help to support the family but still she could not arrange for his treatment. The Principal heard the ordeal of Fiza Shaikh and immediately called the teacher and student volunteers of Muskaan: The Healing Smile and explained Fiza Shaikh's case. Immediately the Muskaan volunteers got into action and drafted an appeal for donation. This appeal was circulated on the same day....

The Muskaan volunteers approached teaching and non teaching staff got help from every nook and corner for Ms. Fiza Shaikh. In just two days they collected Rs. 40,150/- to help Fiza and her family on the Republic Day these volunteers after flag hoisting went to sasoon hospital and helped fiza and her family.

Poona College Youngsters Celebrate Valentine's Day in a Different Way

On 14 February 2020, the teachers and student volunteers of Muskaan: The Healing Smile, the Social initiative of Poona College showed the world a new way of celebrating Valentine's day. On this day, they visited SOFOSH Shreevatsa, the adoption Centre of Sassoon Hospital and shared the happiness and love with the little angels of the centre. These young students were surprised to see how one can be so inhuman as to desert the new born innocent babies. Muskaan volunteers also gifted these children some essential food items, essential medicines like wikoryl, zifi, doulinrespules, Dettol, bathing soaps, vegetables, sago, biscuits etc. Shreevasta is really nurturing and rehabilitating the children from deprived family. It is definitely providing loving shelter to the abandoned and challenged children. At this centre one could say that truly empathy meets medical care...Poona College salutes SOFOSH (Society of Friends of the Sassoon Hospital) Shreevasta for the noble cause.



Muskaan Volunteers preparing for the visit to SOFOSH Shreevasta



Students and Teachers of Poona College at SOFOSH Shreevasta



**Wall painted by Muskaan:
The Healing Smile Volunteers on M.G. Road**



**The poor and needy people picking up clothes
from the wall of kindness**

Wall of Kindness: A Gift to Pune City from Poona College Muskaan Volunteers

A.K.I's Poona College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Muskaan volunteers, joined hands with the Pune Cantonment Board and got full fledge support from Ms. Priyanka Shirigiri, Vice President, Pune Cantonment Board who gave them a wall of the centre, which is located on M.G road next to Pune Cantonment Court. This Wall of Kindness was inaugurated on 28 January 2019 by Ms. Priyanka Shirigiri, Vice President, Pune Cantonment Board. The wall is beautifully painted and regularly cleaned by the volunteers of Muskaan.

The idea behind the wall of kindness is to reach to the needy and deprived section of the society by making available clothes, sweaters, blankets, etc to the people who cannot afford. People who do not need a set of clothes or other useful items can deposit them in the donation boxes which are located near the Wall of kindness, these clothes are then mounted on the pegs of the wall of kindness and the needy can take whatever they want, without being questioned.

Visit To Mahabaleshwar Orphanage

Department of Botany took an initiative to visit Mahabaleshwar orphanage to render their services in kind on Saturday, 25th January, 2020. The Objective of the visit was interaction of college students with that of the orphanage & to inculcate in students social awareness for community services. FY and TY students actively participated and distributed fruits and sweets to pupils of the orphanage. They experienced the life the orphans lived. Students emotionally felt and experienced the life of the deprived even for their basic needs. The department in association with Poona College Alumni donated the following commodities with prior communication with the orphanage Headmistress:

1. Head scarves for girls (210)
2. Sweaters for girls and boys (180)
3. Shoes for girls and boys (131 pairs)
4. Steel bowls and spoons (400)
5. Apples (60kg)
6. Kinnos (60kg)
7. Jalebis (10kg)
8. Hand wash (15 litres: donated by department of



**Staff, Department of Botany with donations
for orphanage in kind.**



**Students distributing fruits and sweets amongst
students of the orphanage**



Faculties with the children of Tayyabiya Orphanage



Ms. Priyanka Shirigiri, Vice President Cantonment Board addressing the students of Poona College

Inauguration of Muskaan: The Healing Smile

Poona College and Pune Cantonment Board joined hands to spread happiness across the Pune city on 27 July 2018. Poona College set a new trend by taking up a social initiative.

The students and teachers of Poona College formed a social workers' group named MUSKAAN: THE HEALING SMILE which was inaugurated by Ms. Priyanka Rajesh Shrigiri, Vice President Pune Cantonment Board. Muskaan is formed with two main objectives: firstly, to spread happiness among the sick people, old people and the deprived sections of Pune city and secondly, to inculcate in Poona college students the qualities of compassion, empathy and charity.

Poona College students had one clear motto in mind. i.e. "GIVE ONE TREAT MANY". They had their first contribution as they served the orphan children of Tayyabiya orphanage providing them the books and stationary material for studying purpose

Donated bedsheets to residents of Prem Niwas old age home, Camp, Pune

On 18th March 2019 Muskaan: The Healing Smile a social initiative of the college donated bedsheets to the residents of Prem Niwas an old age home situated next to Poona College campus. The principal of Poona college Dr. Aftab Anwar Shaikh, HOD Abbas Lokhandwala, Dr. R. R. Pansare, Ms. Shabana Mulla, Mr. Muddassir Shaikh, Mr. Vakeel Sayed, Dr. Nasrin Khan along with student volunteers of Muskaan visited and gifted the bedsheets to residents of Prem Niwas.

Dr. R. R. Pansare sponsored the event. There were in total 14 residents staying in Prem Niwas since many years they were overwhelmed by the gesture of gifting bedsheets. They blessed the college teachers, authorities and students. The ladies of old age home were too excited and happy after receiving bedsheets. This event was conducted to spread happiness, satisfaction and contentment among the ladies staying in old age home and to create empathy amongst student volunteers of Poona College.



Dr. Abbas Lokhandwala along with students and residents of Prem Niwas



Dr. Nasrin Khan gifting bedsheet to resident of Prem Niwas



Principal Prof. Aftab Anwar Shaikh addressing the gathering of ladies of Magaswargiya Nagarik Vikas Sanstha



Vice-Principal Prof. Iqbal Shaikh, donating the sewing machine to Magaswargiya Nagarik Vikas Sanstha

Donation of Sewing Machines “Every Donation Makes a Difference”

As a New Year gift, the Muskaan volunteers join hands to gift two sewing machines to Magaswargiya Nagarik Vikas Sanstha, Harkanagar, Bhavani Peth on 17 January 2019. These youngsters understand that women play variety of significant roles in our society from their birth till the end of life. They believe that training women with skilled courses is a great way to provide opportunity to the underprivileged women to start their own business or to get a job to come out of poverty. These young volunteers thought that donating sewing machine will help them in skill training that will help them lifelong. This will provide great opportunities for women and girls to further develop their marketable skills and therefore a little step towards self-independence. This will allow them to earn a living from home to support their families. This small donation from Muskaan: The Healing Smile will empower poor women with valuable sewing skills and the sewing machines will aid them to earn a respectable living and help their families.

Visits St. Vincent De Paul Old Age Home (Prem Niwas)

Muskaan volunteer's teachers and students organized a visit to Old age home to Prem Niwas Camp, Pune on 29th Jan 2019 at 10.30 am to sensitize the youth of today and inculcate in them the values of empathy and compassion. With the fast-growing computer savvy world, it has become difficult to divert student's attention towards a social cause. The volunteers realized the need and decided to visit old age home to bring the smiles on the faces of the old ladies living in Prem Niwas. More than 25 student volunteers accompanied two teacher Ms. Wafiya Wahid and Dr. Nasrin Khan to pay visit to St. Vincent De Paul Old Age Home (Prem Niwas) in camp Pune carrying several daily necessities like Rice, Dal, Wheat, Sugar, Cooking Oil, Fresh Vegetables, Spices and tea powder. Students were escorted and shown all the facilities that were made available to the senior citizens like prayer hall, bedroom, recreation room, kitchen etc. The students spent some thought provoking moments with the inmates of Prem Niwas who have been either neglected or become unwanted by their children, who treat them as useless appendages.



Ms. Wafiya Wahid getting emotional after talking to inmates of Prem Niwas



Ms. Wafiya Wahid, Dr. Nasrin Khan and Student Volunteers interacting with inmates of Prem Niwas

Get together with Poona College Family

A Get-together of Poona College family was organised on 29 February 2020 at 6.30 pm on the open auditorium of our college. The aim of this get together was to celebrate the feeling of oneness which is very special to one and all the employees of Poona College.

The teaching, non-teaching and menial staff gathered with their families. The aim was to celebrate their identity that each one is an employee of Poona college. The focus of this get together was to highlight the importance of Poonacollege as the second family.

A cultural program organised in which the teaching, non-teaching and menial staff participated enthusiastically. This get together got the whole PC family on one platform irrespective of the designations. The program was followed by elaborate dinner. This dinner provided a good opportunity for the teaching staff to mingle with the families of non-teaching and menial staff.



**Principal Prof. Aftab Anwar Shaikh
enjoying the cultural program**



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**“There is no exercise better
for the heart then reaching down
and lifting people up.”**

...John Holmes