“Education is the manifestation of perfection already in man”

- Swami Vivekananda

Vivekananda Public School
Managed by Vivekananda Educational Centre
(Regd No. 1224 / 1986)

Reaching out to the less privileged
The Inception

In the year 1982 Shri M.N. Murthy, then an official in the Osmania University, was inspired to dedicate his life for the promotion of the noble ideals of Swami Vivekananda. He started a School in a slum in Punjagutta area in Hyderabad to provide education with easy access to children from the neighbourhood. The school was moved to its present location in Journalists’ Colony in 1992 into a rented building. What commenced as a Primary School soon began drawing children from many surrounding slums and it grew into a full-fledged High School with classes from KG to 10th level with English as the medium of instruction.

Educating the less privileged

The school is run under the aegis of Vivekananda Educational Centre, a registered Society, governed by a Managing Committee comprising of eminent persons. Presently Vivekananda Public School has 220 students with a teaching staff of 14, besides 3 volunteer senior visiting faculty. The parents are mostly daily-wage workers, housemaids, roadside vendors and security guards, while some are also physically disadvantaged and some of the students are orphans. They cannot afford to pay regular school fees. The children would have remained illiterate and ill-groomed, had it not been for the School’s compassionate policy of taking in every needy child regardless of the parents’ ability to pay. It is a matter of pride for the School that some of the students have gone on to pursue higher studies and become doctors, lawyers and IT professionals, while a few have come back to teach at the school.

Special features

The School is recognized by the Government and is run on a secular model of education with a holistic approach aimed at the development of character and a commitment of service to the community. Vocational training and computer education are included. A scheme of supplying of free books and uniforms and providing mid-day meals is being progressively extended to cover all the students.

‘Love and live for others’
Feedback

Dr Alliuddin Ansari, Prof of Engineering and our Mentor observes, “The school is fulfilling a very important role in the education of poor, deserving children and I hope more donors will come forward and help the school become financially stable.”

Ms. Girija a volunteer senior Biology teacher for class 10 says, “These children will surely shine with the caring attention they receive here. They are very enthusiastic and my interaction with them gives me immense satisfaction.”

Young Zarina, an ex-student, now teacher of Class II says, “I feel so happy teaching in my old school and helping other children like myself.”

Our Well-wishers

The Lions Club of Banjara Hills and Masonic Lodge Prefect 260 helped us to set up new class rooms in the present premises while Asha for Education, a NRI-NGO extended timely support to meet many urgent requirements. Sneha Seva Samstha and other philanthropists are supporting us with some operational needs and, in association with Satya Sai Seva Dal, in organizing the mid-day meals to the children.

Our Visitors Say…

“I am highly impressed by the selfless services being rendered in serving the poor children and providing them good education based on the ideals of our great scholar and philosopher Swami Vivekananda.”

- D. Venkatappaiah

“The school management is taking a lot of interest for the development of the slum area children. I wish this school very good future as it grows in accordance with the needs of the local people.”

- Deputy inspector of Schools, Sanathnagar Range

‘They alone live who live for others’
An Appeal

While the school has come a long way from its humble beginnings, it has a lot more ground to cover to stabilize and to improve the standards further. Enrolment is growing each year. Income from school fees being limited, most of the expenses are met out of donations. Mobilizing resources is a continuing challenge. **We need more help.**

We would welcome your visiting the School and becoming a partner in our effort. Shri M.N. Murthy, Founder-Secretary, will be happy to share his experiences and show you round the School.

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How you can help …

- Support a teacher for 6 months by donating Rs.12,000 for the primary classes and Rs.20,000 for the higher classes.
- Sponsor a group of 5 children by donating annually Rs. 5,000 towards their tuition and books and Rs.10,000 towards mid day meals and uniforms.
- Assist in meeting administrative expenses, building rent, etc.
- Donate educational aids, Lab equipment, books, uniforms, and food material.
- Raise capital fund to develop our own building for the school.
- Contribute your time for teaching, fund raising, upgrading the school standards and for counseling parents.

*Cheques may be drawn in favour of “Vivekananda Public School, Hyderabad”*

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*‘Remember what you owe to the society’*