Major General Naveen Aggarwal from the Armed Forces, visited Karunashraya on June 5, 2018 and spent his day interacting with Mr. Mathew George Chandy (our CEO) and staff members to understand our various initiatives.

Onam was celebrated at Karunashraya without missing any nuances; everything was perfected down to the last detail be it authentic food, traditional dances and music or vivid Pookalam.
CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR)

At Karunashraya we get various CSR teams from large corporations enthusiastic and willing to work. Over the past three months we have had volunteers from Cisco, XL Catlin, Agilent technologies, Morgan Stanley, Allegis group, Sodexo, Fico, GE, Indian Oil Corp, HP, Intel, SAP, Quest, Rotary Inner Wheelers, Dell, Target, Eli Lilly, OWC and Epicor who volunteered their precious time to help us run our institution. Their volunteering took many forms from gardening and store cleaning to preparing medical kits. They were also kind enough to entertain our staff and patients by performing various cultural activities, an absolute delight for all.

GLOBAL DISCOVERY:

Here at Karunashraya we believe that each person is unique and possesses inherent positives and capabilities. We strive to better understand our staff and maximize their strengths. As a part of the CSR initiative, the Human Resource Centre conducted an advanced leadership program for our employees. This workshop helped us truly understand our staff, giving us an insight into their personalities allowing us to assign them more suitable roles.

SAPTAMI

As part of Socially Useful Productive Work (SUPW) to spread the message of approaching life with compassion, Karunashraya Organized ‘SAPTAMI’ at VET School in partnership with Buoyancee and Rotary Interact Club.

NGO EXPERIENCE ZONE

Our team attended the Cisco-NGO Experience Zone, an event organized by Cisco, enabling NGOs to connect with CISCO employees to share their experiences and stories regarding their service.

Team BHT also participated in the NGO mela organized by Centre for Social Action (CSA) at Christ University on September 11th.

VISITS FROM EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Students from various colleges visit Karunashraya to gain an insight into the inner workings of our institution. Over the past three months we have had students from NIMHANS, Oxford, Sri Sathya Sai College of Nursing, Sri Venkateshwara Dental College and Hospital, St. John’s Medical College and Montfort college come to our facility for the orientation. Additionally thirty eight students from AMS Academy of Architecture visited Karunashraya for their case study of the campus. A cultural program was organized by the NSS unit of St Vincent Pallotti college for our patients and staff.
Karunashraya had the pleasure of training the first batch of nursing officers from MNS (Military Nursing Services). They attended a 10-day course in "Fundamentals of Palliative Care". A dedicated bunch of six, they take back with them knowledge they will surely use in the future care they provide.

IN HOUSE TRAINING

At Karunashraya we often get teams of doctors and nurses who visit us for training in palliative care, so as to gain quintessential knowledge required in this field. In July, a team from Sikkim comprising one doctor and two nurses visited our facility for a ten day theoretical and practical training session. Additionally in August, two staff nurses from Mahaveer Ashray Chennai, underwent hands on training program in palliative care to help improve their facility.

BENGALORE PALLIATIVE CARE INTEREST GROUP

Once every three months Palliative Care Professionals from all over Bangalore meet to discuss the nuances of topics pertinent to their field. In the month of July, the CYTECARE team hosted the meeting at Karunashraya regarding the topic "The Challenges in Supportive Care Specific to Head and Neck Cancer."

CLINICAL POSTING AND FIELD WORK

Many students come to Karunashraya as a part of their academic curriculum. Two MSC nursing students from the St.John’s Medical College and a nurse from Nepal (through the National Fellowship of Palliative Care) completed their clinical posting at our institution. Currently we also have students from Oxford, Bangalore City College and Ambedkar Institute of Management Studies doing field work at Karunashraya.

CONTINUOUS MEDICAL EDUCATION

At Karunashraya we keep abreast with all the new developments in the medical sphere. Every month a teaching session is held for all the staff members. The last two sessions focused on compassion and tuberculosis.
PET THERAPY AT KARUNASHRAYA

On 22nd August, Karunashraya conducted a pet therapy session for our patients and staff members, with the help of our well wisher Mr. Srikanth and team (Hollyboo Pet ventures). We had 3 dogs, 2 Golden Retrievers and 1 Labrador play with our patients by partaking in a few games like lemon & spoon and Musical Chairs. Our patients were delighted by this experience and for a few it was the first time they had pet a dog. Needless to say it was an emotionally satisfying and fun filled experience.

ONAM CELEBRATION

Joy and happiness doesn’t require a specific place and time, all it needs is spirit and understanding the underlying reason. Karunashraya aims to bring all festivities right to our patients, conveniently without comprising any of the grandeur or zeal. Onam was celebrated in its entirety with whole hearted participation from the inmates. The mood was contagious and everyone wore large smiles.

MUSICAL PROGRAMS

Various volunteering groups performed at Karunashraya and wowed our patients and nursing staff alike, with their musical performance. They mesmerized us with their soulful singing, playing of veena and melodious tabla performance. We extend a heartfelt thank you to the all musicians who captivated us with their enchanting renditions and soulful music.
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