INAUGURATION OF KIPCER & OPD BLOCK

Dr. Pratima Murthy, Director, National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, inaugurated Bagchi Education and Research Centre and OPD Block on the 27th February 2022. This block also houses the charity shop, a library and a 100-seating capacity auditorium. The entire block is well-furnished and fully functional now.

IN-PATIENT CARE

* Partially disrupted due to Covid

NEW ADMISSIONS: 180
RE ADMISSIONS: 056
DEATHS: 108
TOTAL NO. OF PATIENTS: 236
TELECONSULTATION: 225
OPD: 51

HOME CARE

* Partially disrupted due to Covid

WHITEFIELD

NEW ADMISSIONS: 30
DEATHS: 17
NUMBER OF PATIENTS: 59

JAYANAGAR

NEW ADMISSIONS: 19
DEATHS: 09
NUMBER OF PATIENTS: 78

SEVANAGAR

NEW ADMISSIONS: 27
DEATHS: 09
NUMBER OF PATIENTS: 79

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VARSHADA Kannadiga 2022

NEWS 18 Kannada honoured Karunashraya by its prestigious award “VARSHADA Kannadiga 2022” under the social service category. It was a proud moment when our silent efforts towards making the last days of patients peaceful, were so generously praised by the dignitaries. Recognitions like this fuel us to move ahead with our larger goal with more appreciation and focus towards the opportunity we have been given to make a difference.

DISTINCTIONS/HONOURS

Our councillor Poornima Prakash and our social worker Renuka Anand were recognized by Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar for their outstanding efforts in delivering palliative care to cancer patients.

Teams from Cipla foundation and Manipal Academy of Higher Education visited Karunashraya to get an insight into the palliative care strategies currently being employed in our hospice, as also to exchange ideas for further improving palliative care protocols.
Certificate Course in Essentials of Palliative Care (CCEPC)
We organized the Certificate Course in Essentials of Palliative Care (CCEPC) for doctors and nurses in collaboration with Indian Association of Palliative Care (IAPC) at our center for the first time. This program was aimed at educating doctors and nurses in palliative care. Fourteen doctors from various parts of Karnataka and Kerala enrolled in the program from our center.

Volunteers Training Program
A 16-hour online certificate course for community volunteers was conducted in two batches, during February 5-6, 2022 and March 12-13, 2022, in collaboration with Indian Association of Palliative Care (IAPC). A total of 30 volunteers participated in the training program. Eminent faculty in the field of palliative care from various esteemed institutions across India were involved in the training.

5-day Certificate Course in Palliative Care
As part of the training new professionals in palliative care the department organized fundamentals in Palliative Care 5 days training for 3 doctors and 4 nurses of Majethia Foundation, Hubli.

Internships/Observers
We had social workers, psychologists, counsellors, doctors, nurses, and volunteers interning with us from various institutions across India, like Oxford College, Bangalore; Tumkur University, Tumkur, Banjara Academy, Bangalore, BALCO Medical Center, Raipur and Indian Institute of Head and Neck Oncology, Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

Training for Medical Officers from Bangalore Urban Area
In collaboration with the Government of Karnataka, as a part of the National Program for Palliative Care (NPPC), we were involved in training over 40 medical officers from Bangalore Urban locality in palliative care.

Advocacy Activities
Our advocacy activities continue unabated. We have been delivering talks on palliative care, communication, research and counselling to the following organizations: Solis Health Care Solutions, Bangalore, Nightingales Trust, Bangalore, Krupanidhi College of Nursing, Adiyar Cancer Institute, Chennai, Trivandrum Institute of Palliative Sciences, Trivandrum, Indian Association of Gynaec-oncology, and SAN Engineering and Locomotives.

Research Activities
As a part of the International Conference of Indian Association of Palliative Care (IAPCON 2022) at Jaipur our faculty made oral and poster presentations. Many of our faculties were invited as guest speakers and chaired various sessions in the conference as well. We are also partnering with various national and international organizations for collaborative research.
A group of seven volunteers from the organisation “People for People” conducted cultural program for our patients and staff. As a part of Epicor’s CSR initiative, Karunashraya was invited to hold an online session on compassion for its employees, which was conducted by Dr. Seema Rao, Associate Director, KIPCER.

Diya Vijayaraghavan, a student of NPS, raised funds for Karunashraya through friends and family. A group of six volunteers from Lions club, NSC Bose Dist 317-F visited Karunashraya and donated fruits for our patients.

Sharanya Narayani International School organised a ‘Run For Care 3.0’, a virtual marathon and funds raised during the event were donated to Karunashraya for providing free professional palliative care for advanced stage cancer patients. The employees of Baker Hughes and their families took time out of their busy schedules to work together to create a fun video for our patients as a part of their CSR activity.

Karunashraya celebrated new year with its patients and staff. On the occasion, patients were greeted with flowers. Cipla foundation sponsored a sumptuous lunch.

The hospice also celebrated women’s day. The celebration was supported by AXA XL India, who also organized lunch/high tea on the occasion. Gifts were also distributed to the patients and staff of Karunashraya.
REMEMBERING PATIENTS

“Vidhaya”, a new initiative was launched in Karunashraya to remember the patients who breathed their last within its premises in each calendar month. In this context, the first prayer meeting was organized at the end of March 2022 in which the Karunashraya staff came together to pay their respects to those departing in the month by lighting candles for each one of them. Atul recited a poem and the program concluded after observing a 2 min silence, praying peace for the departed souls.