



SUPERGAS Foundation

... smiles do matter

## From the Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

SHV India is proud to receive the 'Lapwing Award 2019' on 9th April 2019 at Lauswolt, The Netherlands for 'Beti Bachao Beti Padoo' work of SGF. SGF adopts girl children who live in dire poverty and also who are physically & mentally challenged / disabled, ailing with terminal illness, rescued child labour, rescued street children and help them with education and related facilities. This is simply incredible for SHV India to be chosen as the winner amongst 28 entries at SHV Holdings level worldwide! Until now SHV India received 5 Lapwing Awards, out of which 4 are received for Corporate Social Responsibility.

On 18th April 2019, Mrs. Marieke Schoningh & Mr. Steven Sels presented the Lapwing Award to SGF Trustee & Secretary Mr. K. Sreeman. Speaking on the occasion Mrs. Marieke said that the



*Competing at the highest level is not about winning. It's about preparation, courage, understanding and nurturing your people and heart. Winning is the result.*

education initiatives to children with disabilities, taken up by SUPERGAS Foundation have been found with merit and conferred SUPERGAS India the Lapwing Award 2019.

For those of you who may be interested to know the context of Lapwing with the Award given by SHV, it goes like this – Lapwing birds are found in UK, Netherlands and parts of Europe. The bird is known for its slow, irregular wingbeat in flight, acrobatic upward flight and downwards diving and shrill voice. It displays great strength, agility and enthusiasm in its movements. Lapwings are also known to their adaptability to change. Earlier the Lapwing were laying eggs on the surface of the ground but faced the risk of foxes eating away their eggs. Lapwings have overcome this challenge by learning to lay eggs on nests built on the trees to protect their progeny as their species is facing the danger of extinction. Owing to the above special qualities of the bird, SHV has rightly chosen to name its award as Lapwing Award.

-Sreeman Kadali

## Straight from their hearts about Muskaan!



"Interesting and impressive how many initiatives were organized by SUPERGAS Foundation"

**Bram Graber,**  
Chief Executive Officer- SHV Energy  
Hoofddorp



"Great to read from Muskaan that our support to the CHORD foundation has resulted in a further extension of the building and more children and parents that we can support. Also happy to read we still support the Devnar Blind Institute. Looking very much forward to my next visit to India and to some of the organizations we support. Thanks to SUPERGAS Foundation for all the effort, warmth and relentless support"

**Marianne Groeneveld Klunder,**  
Group Director HR – SHV Energy Hoofddorp



"Amazing work being done by SUPERGAS Foundation in reaching out to the needy children and helping them in so many ways for their health and education on consistent basis. Excellent contribution to the society. Keep it up."

**Ajay Kumar,**  
CEO SHV Energy India



"Good to get a better feel for all the initiatives that are taking place from SUPERGAS Foundation. Great and impressive work"

**Marieke Bax,**  
Group Ethics & Compliance Officer –  
SHV Energy Hoofddorp



## The nectar of life



The children and staff of Govt. Higher Secondary School Parapathi Village, Madurai were facing hardship due to lack of adequate water facility. Due to the water scarcity, the school was purchasing water from outside. In view of the same, the school management and the local Gram Panchayat of Parapathi village at Madurai have requested SGF to provide water facility by contributing for drilling a bore-well. SGF has

swung into action and got a bore-well of 605 feet drilled in the school premises. The bore-well facility was switched on by Mr. Santanu Guha on 4th March 2019 in the presence of school children, teaching & non-teaching staff. Children expressed their joy on receiving uninterrupted supply of water for drinking and utility purposes.



*The moment of difference – Switching on uninterrupted water supply*

## An elevation to education

Coimbatore Kallapalyam elementary school students who are 75 in number were not having proper seating arrangement for their students. Students used to sit on the floor during class hours. SGF along with project team volunteered to provide necessary tables, chairs, windows & doors for the school on 11th April 2019. The Children's dream got fulfilled by SGF team as was visible from the glowing smiles they gave us.



*A child with a smile will go the extra mile*

## Free health check-up camps



Health can never take a backseat. A very few take health checkups seriously for various reasons ranging from affordability to awareness. SGF continued its crusade in providing preventive health-care to the Autorickshaw drivers and the local community. As of April 2019, we have organized 15 free medical camps thereby benefitting 2633 persons who got their health checkup done. To improve awareness, doctor counseling was given on the dangers of alcohol, cigarette smoking and tobacco consumption. The smiles of gratitude for the relentless efforts of the SUPERGAS colleagues who volunteered in these camps have indeed fueled our passion to continue making a difference to our society!

## North Region's benevolence

Education is an important right for every child and so is comfortable study. Unfortunately, some of the schools in India lack basic resources such as benches and white boards. The Government Junior High School in Rahul Vihar, Ghaziabad is one such school. SGF always strived to better the education facilities for the children and this school was no exception. On 16th March 2019, our SGF volunteers in the North Region stepped in and made sure that adequate number of benches and white boards were available to the children. Our team spent the day with the children and had a memorable time with them.



*Seeing the children happy is the best feeling in the world*



*A smile from a child is packaged sunshine and rainbows*

**Helping with basic needs**

SGF Team comprising of Mr. Rasmus, Mr. Sreeman Kadali, Mr. Saibabu and Ms. Pavani visited the St. Joseph's High School at Banjara Hills slum and handed over 30 new benches on behalf of SGF to the school on 18th September. SGF has been supporting this school for the last 4 years with computers, classroom benches & tables, safety firewater hydrant, electrification, new fans & new lights and also painted the entire school building. Team spent quality time with the children and staff, who in turn expressed their gratitude to SUPERGAS Foundation for our continuous support.



*Every happy memory created for a child in another treasure of a lifetime*

**SGF salutes our martyred soldiers**



*Honouring the martyrs*

On 14th February 2019, a terrorist suicide bomb attack was carried out on a convoy of Indian Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) at Pulwama (Jammu & Kashmir) in which 44 Para military personnel travelling in a bus got killed. The attack has attracted global condemnation by most countries across the world. Our Nation is mourning the death of these martyrs who gave their lives for the country. Their families are inconsolable and there is not a dry eye in the country at the moment. Sitting in our rooms, seeing TV news or reading the newspaper and feeling sad & helpless won't help. But what will help is, doing what we can.

'Bharat Ke Veer' was initiated in April 2017 by Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India with a purpose for the citizens to help the families of the martyred soldiers. The donated money would reach the 'Bharat Ke Veer' Corpus Fund. With a benevolent objective of rendering financial assistance to the dependent families of the martyred soldiers, SGF has decided to donate a humble sum to the 'Bharat Ke Veer' Corpus Fund. Accordingly, our SGF cheque was handed over by SGF Trustee & Secretary Mr. K. Sreeman to Shri GHP Raju, IPS – Inspector General of CRPF, Southern Head Quarters at Hyderabad on 26th March 2019. Mr. Sreeman gave a floral tribute to the martyred soldiers in the presence of the IG and other CRPF personnel and paid our condolences. Mr. Raju and other CRPF officers have deeply appreciated the noble support given by SGF to our 'Bharat Ke Veer'.

**Art exhibition by speech & hearing impaired children of Ashray Akrti**

The 'speech & hearing' challenged children of Ashray Akrti have showcased their painting and art talent at Shrishti Art exhibition in Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad on 1st March 2019. The exhibition went on for three days i.e. up to 3rd March 2019. The speech & hearing impaired children have expressed themselves through the art of painting in different hues of colors with excellent sense of imagination. The walls of the exhibition hall have been adorned with the children's paintings which were feast to the eyes.

The event was graced by Mrs. Upasana Konidela who herself is a renowned philanthropist, entrepreneur and also the Vice Chairperson of Apollo Foundation. The children were thrilled to welcome Mrs. Upasana and to take her through their hard-work, aptly coined as 'voiced colors'. She spoke about her long association with Ashray Akrti and said that the children are showing their talent & expression through their pictures. She said that education is not only about books and classrooms, it's about learning from every day experiences and expressing yourself through different art forms. SGF has been supporting Ashray Akrti's children and skill trainees since the last 3 years. On behalf of SGF, Mr. Sreeman & his family participated in the event and had a pleasant interaction with the children, staff & management of Ashray Akrti and with Mrs. Upasana. Mr. Sreeman said that the paintings were spell-binding and that the children of Ashray Akrti broke boundaries of regular education.



**Helping students dealwith failures & setbacks**



*You have the power to say,  
"This is not how my story will end"*

suicides which is a sad truth.

In order to sensitize the students to deal courageously with academic setbacks and failures, a session was conducted by SGF Trustee & Secretary Mr. Sreeman Kadali on 1st May 2019 to the 10th grade students of St. Josephs High School, Hyderabad, who were expecting their exam results in the first week of May 2019. The students were made to understand that set-backs in academics are a small part of many challenges in life and that children should not

High School and College going students these days are under tremendous pressure to perform and score top marks in their academics. The stress levels for them are so high that it is affecting their well-being and over-all physical and mental health. Some of them are slipping into depression and feeling a sense of low self-esteem, lack of purposefulness, despair and as a result few of them are committing

become disheartened with any adverse results that they harm themselves. That, failures are stepping stones to success and one should always be resilient in rising above the challenges and suicide is not the right thing. Students were explained that suicides not only nip-off the bright future of the student, but would also impact their family, friends, teachers and well-wishers. The children had a very interactive session and they shared their thoughts on peer-pressure, high score expectations of parents and the teachers. The children agreed that suicide is not a solution and they vowed to pass on the word that 'life is beautiful, say no to suicide'. Ms. Pavani of SGF has assisted in the session. Mr. Sreeman is poised to continue his campaign in coming days with many other under-privileged students studying in various schools on this sensitive topic.



**SGF supports the disabled to exercise their vote**

Upon request from District Collector of Kanchipuram, on 13th April 2019, SGF contributed 4 wheel chairs to enable disabled persons to vote in Parliamentary Elections in the polling stations at Kanchipuram District. On 24th April 2019, Mr. Venkatapathy met Kanchipuram District Collector Mr. Ponniah, I.A.S and handed over SGF letter regarding the contribution. After the elections, the wheel chairs were moved to Primary Health Care Centers in Kanchipuram District for being used by poor patients. District Collector Mr. Ponniah, appreciated our Social Responsibility and Community outreach. It was a good opportunity for SGF to serve the disabled persons by providing wheel chairs to them and thus helping people vote for the largest democracy in the world.



*Handing over the wheelchairs*

**For a Sustainable Environment...**

On a request from the Village Gram Panchayat Kallapalayam Coimbatore, SGF contributed an eco-friendly battery operated garbage collection – cum – disposal vehicle to the local community. Our colleagues Siva Kumar, Kalidas, Satish Babu and Srikumar coordinated this activity



*Handing over the battery operated vehicle*

**Annual Day Celebrations at AGAPE Home**

On 23rd February 2019 AGAPE (Ambassadors of Goodwill for AIDS Patients Everywhere) invited SGF team for its 18th Annual Day celebrations at Uppal. The Chief Guest - AIDS Control Society Additional Director Mrs. Annapasanna, other guests of honor Mr. Sreeman Kadali, Uppal Corporator, Roundtable India and other corporates attended the program. The children gave some outstanding performances of song and dance, which enthralled one and all. Mrs. Lynne, Founder of AGAPE, spoke about SGF's association with AGAPE's and also acknowledged with thanks SGF's contribution of CCTV cameras for safe and secure environment for AGAPE children in 7 homes and for providing continuous support to AGAPE in many ways. Ms. Pavani and Ms. Meena spoke their heartfelt memories about their journey in AGAPE and how they could complete their Graduation / Post Graduation with help of AGAPE and how they are employed in SGF and elsewhere respectively. Mr. Sreeman congratulated the children of AGAPE & Management of AGAPE on their Annual Day Celebrations and wished them well for future endeavors.



*Enthralling Performances!*



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