

PROJECT SAARTHI : “REACHING OUT TO THE UNREACHABLE”

DATE :- 15th February, 2020

VENUE :- THE INSTITUTE FOR HELPING THE DISABLED

NO. OF VOLUNTEERS PARTICIPATED :- 25

TIME :- 10:30PM - 12:30PM

DURATION :-2 HOURS

The Institute for Helping the disabled is an institute for accommodating specially abled children who are deprived, or physically challenged. It has a strength of around 50 students, whom it cares for, like foster-parents. The education and all-round development of the children, ranging from age groups of 5 years old to mid-twenties, is taken care of by this institute. It took us little or no time in taking the permission to enter the institute. Once inside the school, the volunteers filed into two groups, one for each set of activities. As usual various activities began. One of the halls had an exhibition set up by the students of the institute. One of the halls had two rooms within, and some of the students were busy there doing some stuff of their own, and there was another small room inside where a girl was displaying her beautiful paintings and great handicrafts. One of the rooms was solely dedicated towards singing and dancing. The children along with the volunteers sang songs and danced to music played by the volunteers. All along, room had the presence of faculty members of the institute for the supervision of the students. The children who were involved in the activity of throwing balls enjoyed themselves the most from what we could observe. The children who were coloring using crayons produced some great pieces and were engrossed throughout the 2 hours spent with the volunteers. The children particularly enjoyed making paper boats as far as origami was concerned. After the completion of all the activities, the volunteers distributed chocolates among the students and everyone from the school and the volunteers gathered in front of the main gate for clicking photographs. Some great pictures were taken by us and with that our visit came to an end. Throughout, the school staff were also very supportive and got involved with us. They were very enthusiastic to work along with the volunteers of Project Saarthi. These people had been with and for the students when they needed support the most. With the collective effort of the teachers as well as the volunteers, the visit stood up to what was expected from it. The children were very happy, smiles could be seen all around. Finally, we left the institute sending the message Project Saarthi strives to spread-”Every person is special, irrespective of his or her making, and everyone deserves happiness in his or her life”.

