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## Welcoming summer with mangoes 😊



## RENOVATION

It has been long due and finally this year, the School premises was repainted and the mosaic floor was replaced with vitrified tiles in first, second floors as well as the staircase. This was funded by Foundation Marc Sauquet (first floor) and United Way of Chennai (UWC) through the Wipro Chennai Marathon 2014 (second floor, stairs and repainting). Further, United Way of Chennai facilitated Zen Runners, Mr. Gopalakrishna Narayanamoni and Patterns SDI to raise funds close to 6.5 lakhs which was utilized for purchasing and installing recreational and therapy materials. Further, along with these renovation works, the compound walls and tank were also renovated and a new stage laid with cement using existing funds.

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## UNITED WAY OF CHENNAI & VASANTHAM

Since the year 2013, United Way of Chennai (UWC) has been supporting Vasantham in major projects of renovation, procuring and installing new equipments and materials. In the year 2013, UWC donated a sum of rupees six lakh rupees towards the following:

- Purchase of 3 computers for classroom and vocational purpose
- Installation of CCTV for classroom documentation & security purpose
- Renovation at ground floor (replacement of mosaic with vitrified tiles)

UWC has also facilitated networking with other educational institutes and corporate through visits, stalls and support during Joy of Giving Week,

every year. Further, UWC supported Vasantham through The Wipro Chennai Marathon 2014 for the following projects:

- Renovation of flooring in second floor (replacement of mosaic with tiles) and staircase
- Renovation of building (Painting interior and exterior)
- Purchase and installation of recreation materials
- Purchase of therapy materials

**Silver Jubilee Special Projects...**  
Upgrading Technology & Infrastructure



I was surprised to see my son behave with such discipline in school. The video is helping me follow the suggested tips at home ....

Father's feedback about usage of CCTV

Student says .....

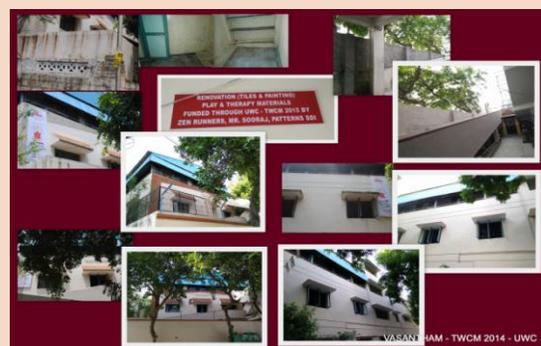
I like computer. I like to type and will become like my sister and study higher....

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25  
2013-2014  
YEARS OF OCCUPATION

Over 130 individuals special needs and their families are benefitting  
Thanks to United Way of Chennai.



## GIFT A CONCERT

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2015, students from Bhoomika Trust conducted a Carnatic concert with the title 'Gift a concert', with three students of renowned singer Smt. Bombay Jayashree performing vocal, mridangam and violin. The concert went on for about one and half hours. All the children and adults were engrossed in the concert. They were seated patiently for the entire show, expressed keen interest in music and appreciated the efforts of the artistes. The artistes also took extra care and efforts to entertain the children. Further, the programme came to an end with an amazing performance by few students of Vasantham.



## EXCURSION

Food bank conducted their yearly program (light music show) for children this year as well in April 2015. Children and staff were invited for this wonderful event of cultural and games. Delicious food and gift set were given out to each of the children. Further, in March 2015, Vasantham children participated in the circus show organized for several NGOs by Food Bank.



During the summer holidays in May 2015, few children at Vasantham and staff and their families went on a excursion to theme park, boating.



## AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

Vasantham observed World Autism Awareness Day on the 2nd of April 2015. This was marked by all 135 individuals with special needs, 30 staff and few parents who were clad in blue as "Go Blue" is in support of Autism globally. Further, these individuals walked around Mogappair covering several people in bus stands, pavements, shops and went to the extent of walking into buses in bus terminus to distribute public awareness materials regarding the signs and symptoms of autism, myths and facts, and professional support to seek in case of need. Several shops like Connexions, Anandha Bhavan, Nilgiris, Ramkumar medicals, Srinivas Eye Hospital, Annachi Super Market and Island generously supported the cause by displaying posters related to Autism in their premises.



## GLIMPSES

- Visit by our regular supporters from Foundation Marc Sauquet in June 2015. Well-wisher Mrs. Raji Krishnakumar visited Vasantham and distributed sweets to the children.
- It was a proud moment for all us when seven children from our school appeared for Eighth standard exam conducted by the Tamil Nadu government as private candidates. The commitment and hard work from children was exemplary. The staff worked overtime with the children and it was a sight to behold watching our kids getting ready for exams.

