



We are happy to share with you some of our programs and achievements 2018

ANAND VASATIGRIH DECLARED OPEN AT KENDUR (11 JANUARY 2018)

Anand Home for girls was held on 11 January 2018, in the presence of Dr. Ujjal Bhattacharya, Managing Director, India, of GKN Sinter Metals, Pune. The function was attended among others by Ms. Anna-Luna of Manos Unidas, Spain and a prominent group of village leaders. The girls looked very happy moving into the new home. The organizers expressed on the occasion their gratitude to the Maher well-wishers and benefactors who had lent strong support for the creation of this home.



A New home at Ratnagiri - SNEHASADAN INAUGURATED (11 FEBRUARY 2018)

A new home, meant to shelter the elderly destitute women was inaugurated on 11 February 2018, at the hands of the Collector of Ratnagiri, Mr. Pradip P and Maher benefactor Dr. Wolfgang Schwaiger. Mr. Pradip was very appreciative about the work of Maher.

MAHER CELEBRATES ITS 21st ANNIVERSARY WITH SWAMI AGNIVESH PRESIDING (4 FEBRUARY 2018)

It has been one year now since Maher completed two decades of its work for the uplift of the poor and the marginalized. On 4 February 2018, it celebrated its 21st anniversary with usual enthusiasm and zest on the part of its children, staff and volunteers. The function was aptly presided over by one of India's most prominent social crusaders and Arya Samajists, Swami Agnivesh.



The function featured an event which will go down as one of the most important landmarks in Maher's evolution: the inauguration of the Maher Kurien Kaladalan. When Sister talked about her dream to a few of her family members, they were only too willing to support a project of this kind. With a sumptuous donation from her brother Sibi and others, Sister Lucy's dream soon started taking a shape in the form of a building on the premises of Vatsalyadham. The building, „Maher Kurien Kaladalan“, aptly

named in honour of her family, was inaugurated on the day of Maher's 21st anniversary at the hands of her brothers, Sibi and Nikhil Vakkchalil, and Mr. Sibi's wife Ms Vijita. The inauguration as usual was blessed by priestly members of various faiths.

Later Swami Agnivesh presided over the main anniversary function where in his speech he underlined the importance of interfaith principles in one's life.

WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION:

On the occasion of International Women's Day, the WIN club's (Women's International Club) have honoured Sr. Lucy the Woman of the year Award.

Maher was founded with the primary objective of helping women in need and without support. As such the International Women's Day celebrated all over the world on 8 March is one of the most important events for Maher every year. This year to various Maher units observed the day marking it with a variety of activities. Programs were also held at other Maher centers

Youth camp. We have around 78 children attended this year's youth camp. This is a unique youth camp with lots of fun, Exposure programs, Education through community games, Arts, Sports, Music, Field trips, Presentations, Talks, Craft Yoga, Meditation, Career guidance, Debates, Talent shows etc.

Maher children arranged picnics, hobby classes & competitions

In the month of April we had summer camp for the kindergartens and day care centers and be having hobby classes for the village children Training programs for the women.

Though we had a tough time, we were successful in getting admissions into schools/colleges for most of our children in mid June 2018.

On 15th August we celebrated Independence Day

The 72nd Independence day on 15th August 2018. This is a very significant day in India and it is celebrated with patriotism all over the country. It is the day of Freedom - Freedom to **live** one's life, freedom of choice, freedom to fulfill your heart's desires.



In September Staff picnic to Casa Susegd – Goa

What wonderful time our women and children had at Casa Susegad Goa. This resort belongs to Carole & Norman, friends of Sr. Lucy. The group had a wonderful time and felt so relaxed. They returned back fully energized, thrilled and shared about the fantastic arrangements that were made for their lodging, food etc. They felt so much at home.

In October Sr. Lucy travelled to USA. She was also invited to Canada to give a talk at the “Parliament of World Religions” in Toronto and return back to office on 14th November it was a wonderful experience. She had a safe journey back home with a warm welcome.



The air is filled with excitement and activity is in full swing.

On 13th November we celebrated Orphan's day and on 14th November “Children's Day”. All the children gathered at our Main center at Vadu. The children from the neighboring villages also came together and joined in the celebrations. Many activities were planned; they had a gala time and enjoyed every minute. The children were given gifts and were thrilled. It was such a joy to see them full of excitement and laughter.





On 21st November one of our orphan girls Jaya Sudhakar Wankhede, 24 years, got married to Rajendra Ramdas Repale. They were blessed by many friends and well-wishers.



The opening ceremony of Maher sports camp was held on 22nd November. It was inaugurated by Mr. Sulakshan Kulkarni. He is the BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India) level 2 coach.



The children have been divided into 4 groups (red, Blue, Green, Yellow) and are ready to take part in the events planned the closing of the sports camp will be on 25th November 2019.

As Christmas and New Year is around the corner, the children will start preparing for the Christmas and New Year Celebrations.

On 10th December, one of our Girl Gauri Wavare got engaged to Vijay Kute. Gauri has completed her B.Com (Bachelor in Commer. She is working in the Accounts Dept. in an organization and is very happy. Gauri's marriage is on 25th December 2018, at our center – Vatsalyadham.



On 24th December we will be having the Christmas Eve programme at Vadu along with the gathering of pavement dwellers. Gifts will be distributed to all the poor who come for the programme. This will be followed by the Christmas Mass at 10.00 PM.

On Christmas Day the 25th of December 2018 at 10.00 am marriage ceremony of Gauri & Vijay. Special Christmas lunch at 1.00 noon. At 2.00 PM Arrival of Santa and various food stall will be open for the children to have an enjoyable Christmas celebration

New Year's Eve service will be held at Vadu at 7.00 pm.

Bringing in the NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION on 1st January 2019!

