



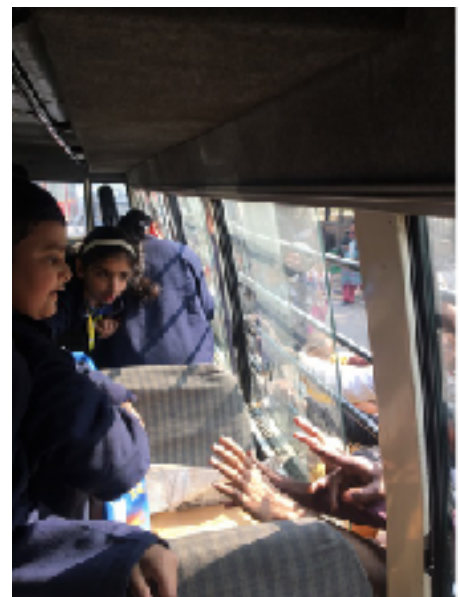
THE MONTH THAT WAS!

Winter Collection drive!

It was massive and we collected nearly 25 boxes/bags full of variety of gifts from both St. Mary's and Santa Maria School. It is not only a display of empathy and compassion but also our student's sensitivity to dignity and rights of the marginalised which was evident in the way they selected new/good quality gifts and wrapped them neatly. When students of CSA-Social Work went around collecting gifts, they shared how others reiterated that it should go to the needy.

While sorting and segregating the gifts, students of class 8 and 7 shared some highlights, these include a blanket (with a note-'I hope this blanket keeps you warm and cozy in this chilly winter'-Love, VII-C), 5 big boxes of new stationery, branded new toys, 15 different kinds of piggy banks, woollen in good condition, grocery (Also, old boxer shorts :-)(Yes!) and 7 incomplete pairs of footwear (wonder why?).

The distribution took place in two rounds, there are more pavement dwellers since last October near the IIT flyover, Class 8 students distributed some boxes there. In Nizamuddin, the temporary shelters were brought down by the police last August, some 200 families from conflict ridden Kokhrajhar, Assam and Cox Bazar, Bangladesh were residing there. After the tin shelters were taken away, the families have found refuge in the Amir



Voices

“...the whole idea of Christmas collection is amazing because it gives us an opportunity to share what we have.”- Nishchay, VII

“I am happy that we have given our favourite and best item in the cupboard, first I thought since the children are poor they can use even a cheaper colour box, as it was difficult for me to give away a new and costly box of pastel colours, but I later realised that will be unfair.”- Akshita, VIII”



Carols @ CanSupport, Delhi

Students of junior section specially class 3 wanted to paint the town red for this Christmas with their carols. After rounds of community singing in school, they reached out to the cancer survivor children of CanSupport. The children sang three carols and everybody danced and sang with them.

Children also drew symbols of Christmas and they spoke to tourists about the symbols.



Khusro park adjacent to Nizamuddin basti. We distributed most of the gifts among this community.

A bus full of students of class 6 CSA-Music and Social Work struggled to ensure that the gifts are distributed evenly. Though there was a lot of commotion and

some attempted to snatch the gifts from the students, the children were sensitive of the level of deprivation among the people. The music group tried to make it festive by singing some Bollywood favourites. Distributing from the bus looked a bit conventional charity approach but when we tried a more participatory model on the previous day, there were people attempting to grab the boxes, the window approach at least was more organised.

We also sent some gifts to the students of Santa Maria School, Orchha.