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(School & Home for the Mentally Retarded)

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From,
The Principal

To,
Mr. Gunter Barkam (Headmaster)
Catholic Grammar School
26382, Wilhelmshaven
Peterstr. 69, Germany.

Dear Sir,

Greetings from Sisters, Staff and Children, *Ashabhavan* institute, *Changanacherry*!

Let me acknowledge thankfully the letter you have sent to us through Fr. Jacob Karukayil. Also thank you very much for your invitation to be part of this partnership programme. I am sure that it is helpful for you to know something about our School.

Our school, *Ashabhavan*, was established in the year 1973, is situated at Ithithanam, near Changanacherry, Kottayam District, Kerala. The school has been functioning for the last 43 years. More than 1000 students were trained, and have gone through this institution. At present there are 109 students learning in this school. This institute is governed by the Archdiocese of Changanacherry. CMC sisters are directly involved in the daily management and academic activities of the school. There are 25 staff members who are actively working in this institution in order to train the children in a better way.

We are following the curriculum prepared by national institute for the mentally handicapped; (NIMH) Secunderabad, India. We aim at the proper development of mentally challenged children between the age group of 6 to 20 years. Keeping this in focus we are identifying them and directing them to normal and self sufficient members of the society.

The regular classes on all working days are held from 10 am to 4 pm. The skills like professional, social, academic, occupational, recreational etc. are developed through the classroom training. Normally each child takes a duration of three years to attain these skills. Thereafter each one is promoted to the further higher classes.

Other activities include sports and games, arts, cultural, extracurricular activities. Vocational training, allied helping programmes such as speech therapy, physio therapy, occupational therapy, behavioral therapy and yoga therapy. Entertainments and outing, awareness programmes for teachers, parents and siblings. Intensive training for the youth, extension programmes such as house visits, celebrations, assessment and evaluation, also are parts of the activities.

The activities are cited in a precise form. The commitment and the dedication of our staff members require a particular mention in this programme. Their dynamic participation and involvement in the programme ensure better result. They help the students to understand and to develop these capabilities to cope with their life situation

Aims and Objectives:

1. Educate the Mentally challenged children according to the special schemes to enable and enhance their development process.
2. Foster the overall growth and empowerment of the mentally challenged children by curricular and extracurricular activities.
3. To support and organize training/rehabilitation and recreation programmes for the mental and other handicaps.
4. Arrange and participate in promotional activities for the disabled and disadvantaged
5. To encourage, support and participate directly and indirectly in services and activities for the handicapped.
6. To serve the handicapped in every possible way to make *Ashabhavan* a foundation of hope and joy for all disabled and disadvantaged and for all those committed to the services of the handicapped and eventually to be of service to society and humanity.

The Expenditure related with the running of the institute varies from 35, 00,000 to 40, 00,000 Indian Rupee (approximately Euros 50,000 to 57,000) every year.

I would like to make use of this opportunity to mention some of the achievements fulfilled in this current academic year 2016-2017. They are;



1. An exhibition on teaching and learning material for our teachers.
2. An enhancement of the "Literary mission" mainly aimed at the development of academic level between the age group 15 to 18 years.
3. Participation of our students in the state level volley ball competition
4. Selection of our two girls for Gujarat National Championship volley ball tournament.
5. Participation of our students at the cycling competition co-ordinated *Sneha Deepthy* Special School.
6. Participation of more than 50 students in the vocation training programme.
7. Preparation of a well trained band set team who are active in the common open programme. (A photo of our Band set is also attached to this letter.)
8. Other activities such as candle making, flower making, soap powder, lotion, phone mat, floor mat etc. are given importance for the children's mental as well as physical health.
9. Our students have won several gold as well as silver medals in the athletic level competitions.

Now we have several dreams and projects with a high aspiration for our own future. They are; for example, book binding machine, paper plate machine etc.

Now we thank you dear Mr. Barkam, all the teaching as well as the non teaching staff, and of course the Students from the bottom of our heart for your precious readiness to support us. Also we wish to tell all of you that we are greatly obliged to you for your co-operation and invitation for a partnership with our school.

Wish you all success and prayers for all of your endeavors,


Sr. Julie Therese (C.M.C) [Principal]
Principal
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