

PROGRAM DETAILS AND VOLUNTEERS :

One of the main spin off of this program has been the successful kitchen-training of many of our volunteers, a large number of whom had no exposure to cooking earlier. It may not be feasible to give a comprehensive list of all the persons who have contributed to the success of this wonderful programme for the last 22 years. However, all of the following have left their indelible footprints on this program. KVS, CS, The Mahapatras (Mukta & Umesh), Atul, Charu, Lalitha, Venkat, Das, Kher, Chandra, Janardhanan, Rekha Vartak, M.S.N.Sastry, Vijayalakshmi, Nimbalkar, Ramanathan, Kameswaran, Anantharaman, Prabha Sharma, Bina, Raji, Leelavathi, Ganesh, Arun, and many others. As years went by, the SNP expanded to include Morning Pav, Sunday's Sweet Bun, Milk for sick children, etc.

PRESENT STATUS AND FUTURE : Initially Mr. KVS & Mr. CS, & when they shifted residence, Mr. Shankar and subsequently Mr & Mrs Padmanaban carried the responsibility of this program on their shoulders. Presently usal/dal/sambar/vegetable is prepared at BKN on every Saturday for 300 children and once a month at CCH. Anushaktinagar Kanchi Kamakoti Kainkarya Sabha (AKKKS) has been contributing towards one day's expenses (Rs.800) in a month for last several years. For the last couple of years AKKKS volunteers also join us in cutting vegetables and cooking. The program will continue as long as there is a need to do so.

SOME BASIC DATA :

About 4 volunteers each for 2 hours on every Saturday for cooking

About 1 hour for 2 volunteers for purchase of material

Approximately 600 volunteer hrs/year

Expenses amount to approximately Rs. 800 per week per institution

The entire program costs about Rs.50,000 per year

The supplementary nutrition program has been a great success in terms of providing a platform for interaction for Vinimay with the children. It has also been immensely satisfying to the volunteers. May it run for many more years and bring a smile on the face of the children Vinimay loves.

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