

This is a letter of appreciation for your students.

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The students of XI standard have dedicatedly worked for children suffering from cancer. They started working on the 6th of June , 2017 for our organisation of Cankids. Under my supervision they have collected data for the development of a professional website for the initiative of fight RB India. This initiative is a program run by our association to combat the disease of Retinoblastoma, that is an eye cancer in children, which leads to loss of life, vision and eyes. This stakeholder engagement website is presently under construction and would be a platform of sharing knowledge for the doctors, in order to prevent the loss of eyes and lives. They have collected, comprehended, compiled and formatted the data for the website.

These young students have also extended a helping hand at our Chattai clinics for children with cancer at the RP centre , AIIMS in Delhi. They have observed and helped our social support team and the patients at the clinic and within the wards.

We appreciate their 30 hours of devoted work and also acknowledge your efforts of instilling the attitude for community services amongst your students. We hope to greet more students from your institution , for our summer internship program in future. We would also look forward to the participation of your students in other events organised by Cankids.

The young and bright team has helped us finish a major task for a main project. Very soon we shall be issuing a formal certificate , for all students enrolled in this summer internship program.

We hope , working for the cause of pediatric oncology would give them a different perspective towards life as this bright team is bound to progress in their future years.

Our Honorable chairperson Ms Poonam Bagai is copied in this mail. Also our DGM for National Outreach Program, Dr Sohrab Alam is copied in this mail, as he has guided your students to RP centre at AIIMS.

About our organisation -

CanKids...KidsCan is a National Society for Change for Childhood Cancer in India & YANA (You are not Alone) - for holistic care for children with cancer and their families. It aims to improve Survival of children with cancer & Quality of Life and the Rights of the Child with Cancer and the Family.

The 2 models for Change for Childhood Cancer and YANA have been built grass root level up over the last 13 years. On the one hand it focuses on providing Social Support through CanKids Hospital Support Units and Care Centers, the range of 18 social support services and provision of Social Support teams. On the other it enables best standards of treatment and care by building partnerships with treating centers, identifying and filling gaps year on year, setting up

Stakeholder forums at regional and national level, focusing on disease centric projects, Quality care, research and impact, building capacities and Government and Patient advocacy.

Today **CanKids works in over 46 cancer centres in 18 cities and 14 States which treat more than 13000 new cases of childhood cancer each year.** In addition it runs 4 Home away from Homes (HAHs) in Delhi, Trivandrum Kolkata and Chennai, the only Canshala - special school for children with cancer in Mumbai, in a PPP with MCGM, and the only 10 bedded Pediatric Palliative Care Center in Delhi. North East and Tamil Nadu Pediatric Oncology forums along with RB and nutrition forums have been formed and stake holders from respective regions sustain it.

In its 13 years, over 25000 families have been registered under its YANA –You are Not Alone – signature program that aims to provide holistic support to the child with cancer and his family, from moment of detection, through diagnosis, treatment and after, including medical financial assistance, treatment supportive care, nutrition, accommodation, education, psychological support and information. In 2015-16 alone we have supported over 4500 children with a total of 13.47 crores worth of medical support.

CanKids is a strong organization, of over 300 people – employees, volunteers, management, healthcare and development sector professionals, parent and survivor member, with clear Governance models and a strong organizational structure, with separate departments for various service programs and activities, as well as for back office management operations.

Parents of childhood cancer survivors and those who may have lost their child to cancer, are encouraged and empowered to become a vital part of the Social Support teams as Patient Navigators and Care coordinators under a Parent Reintegration and Livelihoods program. Childhood Cancer survivors are encouraged to join KidsCan Konnect, the teenage and young adult group of CanKids, under a burgeoning Fellowship program, to build a community that supports, to reintegrate, and for them to become Childhood Cancer Ambassadors. Building and empowering the Parent Support Groups & Survivor Groups aims to ensure the sustainability of the cause and the organization.

CanKids increasingly focuses on building capacity of Social support teams, Parent & Survivor groups, as well as young Fellow doctors and nurses, to strengthen the community of professional and social care givers. Equally important is its Quality Care, Research and Impact Program (QCRI), still in nascent stages, but critical to making true change. QCRI, increasingly engages professionals from India and overseas in a volunteer capacity for outreach efforts.

Kind Regards,

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