

Community Service Report

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Introduction

Uday Foundation is a non-profit organisation based in New Delhi. It was established in the year 2007 by the parents of Arjunuday, who was born with imperforate anus and other congenital disorder. The foundation works for the welfare of children with medical needs, support and dignity to homeless and disaster relief.

In the April of 2015, I, along with a dozen other classmates, worked at Uday Foundation as volunteers for social service. I was very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work at Uday Foundation as a volunteer throughout my social service days.



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Medicines & Clothes

The Foundation runs a medical clinic where they treat underprivileged patients free of cost. With the help of its donors, the foundation also provides medical help to critically ill children.

I spent 2–3 days at Uday Foundation's medical facility, where dozens of boxes of medicines were donated every day. I, along with other volunteers, had the duty to sort those medicines based on their expiration date, and make a logistic list of different medicines.

The need for organizing these medicines and other medical equipment is that when Uday Foundation treats ill people, there has to be a report of all available medicines with the doctors. These medicines have to go through a stage where they are checked for expiration dates to ensure that no harmful medicines are given to the patients.

Some medicines came preopened, so our job was also to segregate used medicines from the new ones, so that a professional could later check the used medicines before using them on patients. This was perhaps the closest I have ever been to helping an ill person get better. Though these contributions were small, I am sure that they will go a long way in helping someone in need.



Design

The Foundation also needed a lot of branding work like posters and other design elements to produce and display, which helps them get more volunteers and donors. I helped design those, including a poster which encourages the public to donate their old clothes to help those who need them in the following winter.

All design work was done in-house, at a computer in the Foundation, and we were directly supervised by Mr. Verma. Smiha Kapoor, my classmate, also helped me in designing these posters.



Education

The Foundation is not only restricted to the eelfare of children with medical needs, but also helps senior citizens learn the basics of using a computer and access to the internet. I was leading this project at my social service volunteership at Uday Foundation, and personally taught an older woman.

I covered from the very basics like turning the computer on and off, to watching television programs and cooking recipes on YouTube. I also helped her use Gmail and other Google services to communicate with her family and friends, and use Skype to talk to her son who lives miles away.

I never reazlied that in this modern day of computing, we were leaving behind people who laid the foundations of our homes. This was one of the most enlightening experiences on my life, and I am incredibly glad to have helped someone connect with her family using the internet. It was enriching to see that smile on her face when she sent her first e-mail, or her laugh when she saw her son right in front of here.

Apart from computer education, I also taught Mathematics and English language to students of primary school to high school level. I helped them read basic books and write words using dictations and acting, and solve mathematical problems of basic algebra and exponents.

Conclusion

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