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Project Profiles 2018-19

TEAM HORIZON –VIDYASHILP ACADEMY



This team worked with an ashram housing complex of around 90 boys; 50 of whom have mild to severe mental or physical disabilities. Once the team spoke to the caretakers and boys, they found that one of the primary needs at the ashram was to have a proper drainage and plumbing system. Additionally, the need to procure pillows with specialized back and neck support for young men with a physical disability (to help with physiotherapy). Therefore, the team raised money, and first received a commercial level stainless sink system installed to ensure that water would not stagnate and cause mosquito borne disease, which is commonly

found with a lack of drainage. The team also partnered with a company to donate high density latex pillows.

Project Objectives:

- Improve the plumbing and drainage system at the ashram
- Procure specialized pillows for boys with physical disabilities
- Fix overall health needs of the ashram

Activities:

- Collected about INR 55,000 mostly through door-to-door fundraising
- Procured a corporate donation of high-density latex pillows from MM Foam
- Contacted and worked closely with contractors to get the specialized sinks fixed
- Customized measurements the pillows according to the needs of the boys, and also had the pillows covered in Rexine so they are easy to clean and maintain

Results:

- Ashram has a better drainage and plumbing system so the boys won't fall sick as often as before and the ashram
- Boys with physical disabilities will be more comfortable and will make more progress in their physiotherapy sessions because of their access to specialized pillows

Next Steps: This group plans to continue to visit the ashram and see how their contribution is being maintained and used



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