# FAMIN EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL WELFARE TRUST

# PACK-A-BAG PROJECT 2017

12th August 2017

## What is pack-a-bag?

A vast majority of students from poor families are studying in Government Schools in the outskirts of Bengaluru and most of them are not able to afford the cost of buying a school bag, notebooks and stationeries needed for their studies. This requirement is unaddressed but significant even though the state Government is providing free textbooks and uniforms. A group of friends joined together in the year 2013 to extend our social responsibility by fulfilling this need for a group of children by getting some school bags and pack them with study materials such as notebooks, pencil boxes, color pens etc. These friends joined their hands, contributed money and managed to pack and deliver school bags in various schools around Bengaluru.

#### Where did we do it?

During this academic year we have selected two Government Schools for this project. We selected Kalkere Government Higher Primary School which is located near to Horamavu and Immadihalli KS Government Model High school which is located near to Whitefield. During the process we realized that the need is huge and the resources are limited. So, we decided to ask for external help for this cause. On knowing the purpose and intention of the project, a bunch of employees of Vmware also have extended their overwhelming support towards this project. It was very difficult for us to select and shortlist the children for bag distribution because most of the children did not have proper bags and materials. In such situation, who could we select and who could we reject? But with the help of headmaster and teachers, we managed to select and filter 70 children from Kalkere School and 30 children from Immadihalli School. We considered the most needy children from different classes and the list of the children is included herewith along with the project details.

#### What was the process?

Mrs. Shobha, Mrs. Jayalakshmi teachers from the Kalkere school, Mrs. Vasantha from Immadihalli school, have coordinated the events. They helped us to find the deserving kids, list out and consolidate the requirements of materilas and made all the necessary arrangements for the distribution. It took 4 weekends for our team to gather and purchase the materials, transport and pack the materials. We took intensive efforts to get best rates from the dealers and shop-owners at Avenue Road. Reuben offered his car for all the trips.

#### The event

We conducted the distribution event on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at Kalkere school and on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at Immadihalli School. There were the gatherings of children, teachers and the Headmasters. Our team-members delivered an introductory speech about the event, why we do it, who are all supporting behind it etc. The speech highlighted 3 key-points for the children to remember, such as firstly to have a meaningful goal for life, secondly to respect the parentes, elders and teachers and finally to help others when they grow up in their life. The headmasters conveyed their vote of thanks to the team and to the contributors. Some children came forward to share their feelings and they expressed how much they are surprised and delighted to have the bags and materials. When the distribution was over, we were able to see the happiness in the faces of the children.

So, hereby we convey our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed wholeheartedly and actively involved in this project to bring help to the needy children. We also express our thanks to those who provided valuable inputs and suggestions for doing this project in an effective manner.

### Ramesh, Vijay and Reuben, Bengaluru

## **Annexures**

# **Materials:**













# **Kalkere School:**















# Immadihalli School:











Sample Content Junior bag



Senior bag





## **Letter from Kalkere Primary School Headmaster:**

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## Letter from Kalkere High School Headmaster:

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### Letter from Immadihalli Headmaster:

KUVEMPU SHATAMANATOSAV GOVERNMENT MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL. IMMADIHALLI BANGALORE SOUTH IV

from The Head Master K. S. G. M. P.S. Immadi Halli

Bangalore Dated: 15/7/2017

To

PACK A BAG PROJECT TEAM

from this team we have recieved School bags, Note books, and Stationery I tems for 30 children in our School.

We also convey our regards and thanks to all the members of this team, for helping of our needful children and also I wish this programme to be carried in future.

Thanking You,

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