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Mahima Ministries is a non-government organization working at the grass roots level by caring for and touching the lives of people who are in distress.

Our main focus is serving the following groups:

Orphans & abandoned children
Mentally ill and destitute elderly adults
HIV/AIDS patients without anyone to care for them
Youth under court jurisdiction
Community care and development
(*Mahima Ministries is a Non Government Organization working with various facetes*)

We are committed to care irrespective of religion, caste, creed or ethnicity, by providing them counseling, food, shelter, clothing, education and medical treatment with a holistic approach. Our community work focuses on providing good drinking water and awareness seminars in rural areas.

Right now we have six facilities where we serve:

1. Mahima Ministries Orphan Home, Ameenpur
2. Mahima Ministries School, Ameenpur
3. Home for Destitute, Aged and HIV/AIDS Infected People, Kompally, Vikarabad
4. Community Development Centre, Sidduluru
5. Juvenile Observatory Home, Sangareddy

1. Mahima Ministries Child Care Institute, Ameenpur

- The main location for Mahima Ministries is our campus in Ameenpur. At this site there are 36 girls and 37 boys aged 6 years to 13 years. As orphans, abandoned children, semi-orphan and below poverty line children, they are enrolled with us through the Child Welfare Committee (CWC). Some are referred to us through police officers, heath care workers, friends or well wishers. Others find us through Just Dial or internet searches. Regardless of how they arrive, we feed, house and nurture all of them. For those of school age, we provide for their education.
- After moving into a 600 square foot building in 2012, the Ameenpur campus has been constantly under construction. The first building with multi-story capacity was sponsored by Deloitte and completed in early 2016. Shortly afterward, Variety Solutions agreed to expand the improvements. The new facility which was inaugurated on November 23 and features residential and bathing facilities for each gender on separate floors along with a dining hall and kitchen. All the design and construction work has been supervised and financed by Verity Solutions themselves. Altogether with the new building, the floor space of the Ameenpur campus now exceeds 15,000 square feet.

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- Teams from several local companies such as Verity Solutions, Deloitte and TCS have visited the campus on weekends to interact with the children through fun activities and educational games.
- Sponsored meals in 2017 totaled 250(can be breakfast, lunch or dinner). Most of these sponsors are individuals and typically correspond with a family celebration such as a child's birthday.
- Mahima Ministries was selected to be a temporary home by the government-sponsored SMILE and Muscan Operation. Through this initiative, children who are rescued from child labor are temporarily placed in hostels while they wait for further action by the District Magistrate.
- During the last academic year, four Mahima students appeared in 10th standard exam. All of them passed, 3 of them are still continuing with Mahima Ministries at Vikarabad perusing their Intermediate.
- We have 18 staff and many volunteers who work efficiently towards the advancement of the organization. (As of this year,) all staff are now provided with ESI benefits.
- Regular medical camps are conducted to the children and medicine is given to them if needed. Children who are sick are taken to the nearby hospital. We are looking for a volunteer doctor who can visit us on a regular basis and conduct a clinic.

2. Mahima Ministries School at Ameenpur

Three years ago, as the number of children was increasing, we felt the need to have our own school to educate our children on the Mahima Campus itself. In 2014, the State Ministry of Education granted us permission to run a school from 1st to 7th standard. The Mahima Ministries School follows the state syllabus.

- We have 10 teaching staff. 5 of them have Master's degree and 3 of them have a Bachelor of Education degree. Non-teaching staff include 3 administrators, 1 cook and 2 helpers.
- A school library with more than 1000 titles in English. Most of the books are elementary level reading books, though it also features higher level literature and reference works. This addition helps to promote literacy and a culture of curiosity and learning.
- A computer lab with internet access and adding a music program for students to learn to play instruments such as the guitar, piano, drums, clarinet and flute.
- The 8th to 10th Class proceedings to Mahima Ministries School is given by the RJD Higher Education Telangana. We will be inspected and given permission for the academic year 2018-19 onwards.

3. Home for Destitute, Aged and HIV/AIDS Infected People, Kompally, Vikarabad

The Mahima Home near Vikarabad represents the first project of Mahima Ministries, relocating from Chandanagar in 2012. In 2013, Ivy CompTech sponsored the construction of a 3000 square-foot facility that now houses a variety of residents: destitute, mentally handicapped, and elderly adults along with HIV/AIDS infected patients. Mr. Venkanna and

his family are taking care of this site. At present there are 20 elderly and mentally handicapped adults and 8 HIV/AIDS patients. We provide all of them shelter, food and care. The HIV patients avail their treatment from the nearby government hospital. As all these residents are destitute, we do not charge them for these services.

Several campus improvements are needed to provide a better experience for the residents here. This includes more adequate plumbing, room dividers, and video equipment. Additional staff are needed due to Mr. Venkanna's far reaching responsibilities. To prepare for full-time residential staff, better staff quarters are required.

4. Community Development Centre and Green Boys Home, Sidduluru

The Community Centre at Sidduluru, located in a rural area outside of Vikarabad, is still under development. This site is supervised by Mr. Venkanna and Mr & Mrs Ramesh are incharges of this centre.

Much progress was made in 2016 with campus facilities, services provided and community relations. Two residential rooms were also finished so that outside guests are now able to stay overnight with adequate facilities. In October, first floor pillars and roof slab was added to expand the total space to 2400 square feet. Much work is finished, but we expect to complete the construction by the end of 2017. Other additions planned for 2017 include detached bathroom facilities and a campus entrance suitable for vehicle access and parking.

The site bore well has proven to be a great resource for the Centre, as it has an abundant source of good tasting water at a time when other local wells were either dry or provided unsatisfactory water. In response, Mahima decided to make a public connection from our rooftop water tanks to the roadside so that the community could access our water. It proved to be a popular offering, as a constant stream of villagers came with their water containers to avail 4000 liters of water per day, the current limit of our storage capacity.

We plan to expand the water storage capacity before the next dry season begins with a 20,000 liter underground water tank that will connect to the rooftop containers.

Green Boys Home is our latest initiative for boys who are studying the higher education, we are having 14 boys in this home. Who attend the local schools and the colleges.

5. Juvenile Observatory Home, Sangareddy

In January of 2016, Mahima Ministries was selected by the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) to hold an Observatory Home for children in conflict with the law. Under the Juvenile Justice Board, Mahima now has 7 staff working with this project. At any given time there will be 4 to 10 boys under observation. They will stay until they are called to appear for their hearing with the District Magistrate. In 2016-17, a total of 71 boys stayed at our centre.

Events that happened in the Chronological Order

- **A well furnished library** with more than 1500 titles and good sit area is set up in October 16. This is one of the most cherished place for children. Now we fulfill the requirement of the school library for the students. The books are over a range of varieties, History, Science, Biology, General knowledge, a variety of story books and many encyclopedias
- **Childrens's day** was grandly celebrated at Mahima Ministries campus on 14th Novermber, Mr Srinivas Goud Surpanch of Ameenpur came as chief guest. All the programmes on that day were arranged and organized by the children. One of the highlights of the day was they felicitated Mr RD Maharaju and Mrs Padma, they call them Daddy and mummy.
- **Inaugurated of the new building** which was sponsored by Variety Solutions Pvt Ltd was on 23 November 2016**. Mr Mahipal Reddy MLA Patancherru**, **Mrs Siresha Dasari CEO Variety Solution** opened the facility. This building will not only give more space to the children, but also a proper place to stay with new washrooms, dining area and a well equipped kitchen. The children moved into the same the same day with great joy. Mrs Mothi Project Director for Women and Child welfare department, Mr Srinivas Goud, Sarpanch of Ameenpur are among the other dignitaries who came to the occasion. This space is more than sufficient to the children, as per the nomes of the government laid for Child Care Institutes.
- **Mr Srinivas Goud**, Sarpanch of Ameenpur Celebrated his **birthday** on 13th December, 2016 at Mahima Ministries home. He is very helpful towards the welfare of the home and children.
- **New Water connections:** In the month of December, 2016 the Mahima Ministries Ameenpur campus was allotted with one more house number by the authorities along with 2 public water connections. Mr Srinivas Goud, Sarpanch of Ameenpur, helped us in acquiring the house number and water connections.
- **CCTVs are placed** in the campus to monitor the activities happening in the campus in the month of December '16. This fulfils the requirement of the Women and Child Welfare department.
- **New year 2017 Celebration,** was celebrated with a lot of happiness and freshness, where the children wore new cloths and celebrated the eve with dancing and entertainment.
- **Vaccination:** the second dose of the Hepatitis, Jaundice and Typhoid vaccination was given to all the children at our home.
- **Republic Day Celebration:**
    1. 68th Republic Day was grandly celebrated at Mahima Ministries Home. Mr R D Maharaju hoisted the flag**.** The whole programme was organized and conducted by Mr Navas and friends, He is a volunteer of Mahima Ministries, who faithfully was organizing this even for the last 5 years
    2. **Juvenile Observatory Home, Mahima Ministries, Sangareddy:** celebrated the Republic day with the JCL's (Juveniles in conflict with law) and the staff with Mr Ratanam District Child Protection Officer.

- **SMILE III operation**: We gave shelter for 40 children (33 boys and 7 girls) who were rescued from child labour during this operation (it's an initiative by the, Integrated Child Protection Scheme, Central Government of India) in January 2017. (Every year 2 such operation take place, the one in the month of January is called SMILE and the one in the month of July is called MUSCAN)
- **Music classes** were started for the children in the month of February. The children are having their hands on the instrument with enthusiasm. We have a piano, a violin, 4 metal flutes, 2 Clarinets, 13 Recorders and 3 pairs of drum sticks, 2 Drums and a bongo. Interested children are having regular classes and practices. Children are taking YouTube classes for the same, but we are looking forward for a tutor at least once in a week.
- **Save the Girl Child:** Our Children joined the voice with the Mrs Obed Massi, contesting MRS India, who visited our home. She represented Hyderabad, Telangana. We at Mahima always believe that girl child is very precious and we take care of them with due respect and pride.
- **Movie & Picnic in the summer holidays :** All the children of Mahima Ministries were taken to watch "Jungle Book" movie at Panjagutta Central and followed by a visit to the Zoo park and cinema on the 19th March 2017. Children enjoyed a lot.
- **Summer Holidays:** Children when to meet their loved ones and extended families in the month of April '17.
- **Tree Plantation:** The children of Mahima Ministries participated in planting trees around the campus, participating the Government initiative, and planted 100 Tree along with AOL Corrporate Social Response on 12th May 2017. The children are taking turns in watering the plants regularly. We are glad to say around 50% of them survived and some of them also produced fruits and flowers.
- **Child Welfare Committee Meeting (**CWC Meeting): The children of the Mahima Ministries were presented in front of the Child Welfare Committee. This is mandatory for all the Child Care Institute to present the children to present in front of this committee and Form 18(a document that denotes the presence of the child in our care) are produced for all the children who are boarding in the campus. Children who left the organization were also produced and Form 20 is given to them.(a document proving the release of the children to concerned person).
- **Summer music Camp:** 5 of the children were sent to a summer music camp in the month of May 17, where 3 of them learned drums and 2 learned Keyboard for a month. Now they are practicing on campus with the instruments on campus. They even lead the remaining children in singing.
- **Green Boys Home (Child Care Institute) Sidloor, Vikarabad:** The boys home at Sidloor was started to boys who are studying in high school and college. The name of this home is **"Green boys Home".** There are 14 boys who are present in this home. They are studying in the local school. Mr & Mrs Ramesh are incharges of this centre.
- **Mahima Ministries School:** Reopened on the 13th June. Many of the donors and well wishers of the children have gracious given note books, text books, Stationary and uniform.
- **Medical and Dental Camp:** A general community medical camp was conducted at the campus, with the help of JMM organization on 6th June 2017. The neighborhood people as well as the children were benefited. Some the dental extractions are also done.

- **International Yoga Day:** Mahima Ministries celebrated the International Yoga day on 21st June 2017, as part of the National event. Mr. Yoga Ramarao, a renowned yoga guru came and facilitate the program. The local News paper also published the same in the next day edition.
- **MUSCAN 3 operation:** We gave shelter for 32 children (28 boys and 4 girls) who were rescued from child labour during this operation which continued for the whole month of July.
- **Eye check up camp:** India Vision Institute, conducted a Eye camp drive at Mahima Ministreis Home, on the 10th August 2017, and gave away the glasses for the children who were in need of glasses on the 10th September 2017.
- **70th Indian Independence Day Celebration:**
    1. **Mahima Ministries Ameenpur** was celebrated with all due respect to Our Country at Mahima Ministries. Mr. Ramireddy Circle Inspector of Police came as chief guest and hoisted the flag. We were very glad to have sir as our guest. As a sign of honor that he is protecting the citizens, all the children stood up and saluted him. Is was one of the sacred moments to honor the Government officials who serve us on this special day.
    2. **Green Boys Home, Sidloor:** Mr Gouse Pasha Sarpanch of Sidloor came as chief guest and hoisted the flag. The children and the local neighborhood people participated in the event.
    3. **Juvenile Observatory Home, Mahima Ministries, Sangareddy:** celebrated the Independence Day with the JCL's (Juveniles in conflict with law) and the staff with Mr Ratanam District Child Protection Officer.
- **Vaccination:** The third dose of the Hepatitis, Jaundice and Typhoid vaccination was given to all the children at our home, in the month of 16th August 17.
- **Vaccination:** (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) MMR Vaccination is a part of Government of India. All the children were vaccinated in this program conducted by the District health Unit and Anganwadi centre on the 11th September 2017.
- **Award to Juvenile Observatory Home, Mahima Ministries, Sangareddy, Medak:** Declared as Best successful Observatory Home in the State of Telangana.