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Dear Wojnarova Sona,

All kids need is a little help, a little hope, and someone who believes in them - Magic Johnson

Greetings! We are happy to be back once again to update you with news about your sponsored child. It is vital to step up efforts to give our rural children a better chance of a decent and fulfilling life. Indeed your love and support has made a huge difference particularly to Deepak Naik and in our mission to uplift underprivileged children through education.

Glad to inform you that Deepak has completed his 9th grade and promoted to 10th. With love and gratitude he sends you a letter, drawing, photo, APR and lots of greetings! Thank you for your support to him.

How time flies and what an eventful year it has been! Many activities have been planned and implemented successfully. Supporting programmes to uphold child education, distribution of school requirements, school fee, Jnana Jyothi Classes for children in 39 villages on subjects Science, Maths and English besides awareness on various issues; Aptitude tests, Sanjeevini - information booklet on issues related to health and education circulated to nearly 1500 children and adults; 578 beneficiaries have registered their names under Arogya Raksha Health Insurance Scheme - 136 beneficiaries got admitted in the hospital and 357 underwent general check up; Education for Excellence for SSLC (10th grade) Slow learners and their parents to motivate children as well their parents to take and provide supportive measures to pass the SSLC exams, meetings with parents and Parents Committee Members to make them aware of the activities organized for community and children; Training for village animators and staff. House visits were carried out to identify slow learners, to evaluate the health condition and Arogya Raksha beneficiaries. To follow up academic progress of the children visits to schools, colleges, institutions and training centres were made. 10 children clubs were formed with 257 children as members. Likewise, 6 Youth Clubs were formed in 6 clusters with a membership of 239 college students from 44 villages.

Community based programmes included career guidance, summer and vacation camps, holiday camps, Women Empowerment programmes, ongoing capacity building programmes for 37 Self Help Groups with 479 members, health & legal awareness, training for office bearers, Women's day celebration; Networking with St Ignatius Hospital and held free mobile health check camps in 14 villages and 1710 people benefitted. To enable the deserving to follow up on their treatment, 463 yellow cards were issued and nutritious supplements distributed to malnourished children. General health camps were also held in 20 government schools for the children and parents. 1565 individuals gained benefit of whom, 492 were adults and 1073 children. 251 members were issued yellow cards and children were given nutritious supplements. Deepavali and Christmas celebration was held to spread the message of love and brotherhood. Community libraries witnessed a total number of 272 registered members and 8715 readers. Our heartfelt thanks to *you* and Arcidiecezni Charita Praha for the support extended to us in our interventions for the poor and needy. The pictorial activity report is enclosed. God bless you all.

With our deepest gratitude for all your love, support and encouragement,

Yours affectionately,

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