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August, September 2012 Monthly Village Report

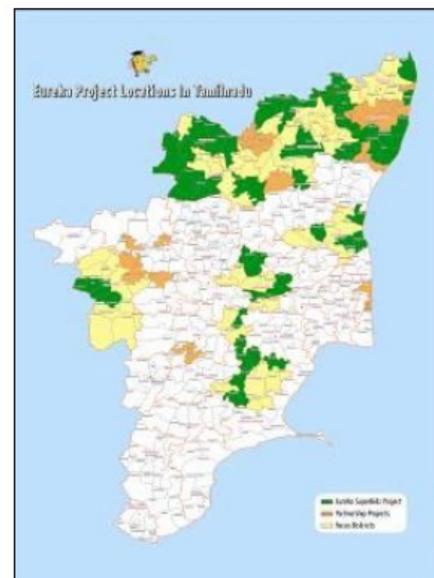
C. Melavanniyur Village

Keerapalayam Block, Cuddalore District

Village Adopted By: Prakash Manoharan

11 Districts **59** Blocks **1028** Villages

District	Blocks	Villages
Coimbatore	4	53
Cuddalore	4	68
Dharmapuri	4	60
Kanchipuram	6	99
Krishnagiri	6	95
Pudukottai	1	10
Sivagangai	6	90
Tiruvallur	7	130
Tiruvannamalai	7	117
Trichy	6	128
Vellore	8	178
Total	59	1028



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Greetings from Eureka SuperKidz!



Eureka classes have been happening regularly and children are attending enthusiastically. In this report we have included a few stories about committed tutors who are silently making a big difference to the lives of children they teach.

Several donors and volunteers have visited villages, motivating tutors and children alike. We share some of their visit experiences.

Over the last few months, our field coordinators have been reaching out to local communities in villages, talking to them about Eureka classes and seeking their support and involvement in the program. We share a few heart-warming anecdotes.

Eureka team geared up a third time, for the annual "Eureka Run" event. This is a 5km marathon along the Marina Beach, held on Nov 17 and organized entirely by Chennai Eureka volunteers this year.



Transforming lives of children

Today, hundreds of Eureka tutors are making a huge difference to children's learning, leaving a lasting impression on the minds of the children they teach. Some of them stand apart because of their commitment in ensuring that children in their village learn. Laal, a young Eureka tutor in Sembrayanallur, ensured all her students improved and performed well even at school. Seeing their children's capability, parents in her village met the school teacher demanding quality from the school! The teacher is now under pressure to give some quality homework to students. Here are a few more stories of such tutors, who are making a difference.



One is pleasantly surprised to find a school uniform clad 15 year-old tutoring children at the Eureka center in Thirupulivanam village. Jayasurya is a Std 11 student, studying in the nearby Government School. Unlike other children her age, every evening, she heads straight to the Eureka Center to teach Std 1-3 children. Jayasurya, who aspires to become a doctor, loves to teach. She herself had earlier benefitted from attending tuition classes and sees the Eureka classes as an opportunity to help children learn. Jayasurya spends extra time and effort to make sure that all children in her group have learnt skills. She says, "I enjoy conducting Eureka classes as the kits and activities are very easy and interesting both for the children and myself."

Roja of Munnuni village is a 19 year-old college student pursuing her B.Sc in Chemistry. She tutors children in Std 4-5 attending the Eureka center at Munnuni. Roja is an extremely committed teacher, who wants to help children in her village learn. She says, "Both my parents are not educated. When I was in school, I did not have anyone to help me learn. Now, through the Eureka center I'm able to provide that support to children in my village. It makes me very happy to see children learn and improve. Eureka classes also help me learn many new things." She says that she now finds Math a very interesting subject, thanks to the interesting activities. Her father, a farm labourer is very supportive of her work. She uses the meager salary she gets to support her college education.



Malarvizhi has been teaching Std 6-8 children at the Eureka Center in Sembrayanallur for the last 20 months. She shares a very good rapport with parents in the village and her contribution is well respected by the village community. When she started, children in her class were failing in many subjects at school. They were uninterested in studying. But all that is changing. Not only has the number of children in her class increased, parents find their children eager to attend class everyday and more confident. Malar goes the extra mile to ensure parents are tuned into their child's learning. She sends worksheets home for parents to see and sign. This effort to engage parents has ensured that parents send their children regularly to the center.

Snippets from donor and volunteer visits

Appreciation from visitors always motivates both tutors and children to do better. During Aug-Sept more than 300 corporate volunteers and donors visited villages. We share a few of their experiences.

- Volunteers from PwC visited Madhur village and distributed notebooks to Eureka children. They have now become “Ambassadors of Eureka” to mobilize more volunteers.
- Nearly 200 volunteers from Cognizant visited 17 villages and conducted spoken English and Math sessions and fun activities like games and art competitions for children. Their valuable feedback about Eureka classes has helped fine tune the program.
- Mohit, a Eureka volunteer spent a week in Tiruttani conducting spoken English and Math classes for children and tutors, which he and the children thoroughly enjoyed.
- Volunteers from Ford conducted a learning event in Peramanoor village, where they helped put up stalls and children got to solve puzzles and showcase their talents.



A special visit: Ishaan and Aanya are 10 and 8 year old siblings, who raised more than \$2500 to support Eureka villages, by playing table tennis! They recently visited Bhuvanagiri.

Their mother writes, *“Both centers we visited are being run very efficiently. Kudos to the efforts, enthusiasm, commitment, and dedication demonstrated by the wonderful teachers we met. More importantly, we did not notice a single droopy face among the children. It is very obvious that they enjoy and love coming to the Eureka SuperKidz program and are truly being benefited by the curriculum. We were impressed by the 100% attendance records and the cursive writing abilities of third graders.*

We were so happy to meet the children and will cherish the time we spent with them forever. For our family, it was truly a rewarding experience.”

Anecdotes from the field

In the last few months, our field coordinators have been reaching out to the local community, talking to them about the program. In the course of this campaign, many in villages have come forward with small contributions towards this cause.

One field coordinator was doing a door to door campaign. He promptly skipped an old couple sitting in front of a small hut. However the old lady called the coordinator and asked him what was going on. On explaining to her about the daily Eureka classes, the old lady unwrapped a small bundle. She handed over whatever she had to the visitor, saying it was a good cause and she wanted to contribute. The amount was meager, Rs. 40, but it was everything she had! Needless to say, the team was humbled.

In another village, a lady wanted to donate Rs. 20. She extended a Rs. 50 note and asked for the balance to be returned. But her husband quickly intervened. He said, he had seen Eureka classes and was convinced the tutors were doing a good job. He insisted that his wife donate the entire Rs. 50!

A mother gave her son Rs. 100 and asked him to donate Rs. 20 for Eureka and keep the rest towards college expenses. The son didn't think twice. He donated the entire amount of Rs. 100 to Eureka, as he felt the centers deserved support for helping children in the village. He requested the team not to tell his mother, saying he would manage his college expenses somehow!

Please renew your support to your adopted villages!

Thanks to your support, we reached close to 40,000 children in 700 villages last year. Before we expand to new villages, we would like to ensure continued support to these children. To renew your contribution, either online or through cheque, please visit the link: <http://eureka.aidindia.in/donate.php>

Please write to us if you have any queries. Your support means a lot to us!



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Village Donor: Prakash Manoharan

This Month's Focus Activities in the Village

Subject	For Std 1 to 3 Children	For Std 4 and 5 Children	For Std 6 to 8 Children
Tamil	Read & Write letters and words	Read and write long words and sentences	
English	Reading 4 letter words	Reading small sentences	Reading Small sentence with comprehension
Maths	2 Digit numbers, Addition	3 Digit Addition, Subtraction 2 Digit X 2 Digit Multiplication	Fractions & Integers
Science		Functions of Body Parts	Functions of Body parts

C. Melavanniyur Village Report

Keerapalayam Block , Cuddalore District

Village Patron : Awaited

Learning Center Construction Supported By:
Endowment Fund:

Donor Awaited
No Endowment

Village Eureka Tutors:
Eureka Expert Teachers:

S. Sharmila, S. Mallika, S. Sivakami
R. Devi, Senthamarai, R. Anitha

Days of Classes conducted this Month in the village: 27
Children Enrolled in the Eureka Center: 45
Children who attended more than 15 days of class: 45
Current Children Average Performance (%): 15

Tracking Children's Progress: In every village we have a Child Skill Chart, where we track each child's skills. Every month, our project managers collect the Average Child Performance from each village. This represents the average number of skills achieved by children as a fraction of the total number of skills they are expected to achieve by the end of the academic year.

The Eureka SuperKidz program that you are supporting is making a huge difference in the lives of these children.

Thank you for your support.
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