CHAITANYA MAHILA MANDAL ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2008-2009

Chaitanya Mahila Mandal has been working for the upliftment of the women for a number of years. Most of our activities are well known and participation of women is increasing year after year. The activities in brief can be clubbed under specific heading e.g. Social, Educational, Cultural, Economic etc. The details of the activities conducted this year are given below.

Social Activities:

- *Family Counselling Center Since 1996 at our office. Total number of beneficiaries was approximately 58.
- *Free Legal Counseling.
- *Celebration of Women's Day and felicitating women who are role models.
- *Running of Short Stay Home for women and girls in distress. Construction of the same was started in our own premises in March 2009.
- *Night Creche for children of CSW's in the red light area of Pune.

Cultural Activities:

- *'Bal Sanskar Kendras' are run specially during vacations to imbibe and show the importance of Indian Culture.
- *Collective Celebration of Indian traditional festivals like Nagpanchami, Bhondla, Dandiya etc. involving groups of women to keep our cultural alive.

Educational Activities:

- *Scholarships for financially backward students sponsored by charitable institutions and donations.
- *Special felicitation of outstanding activities of women and children.
- *Swimming camp during summer vacations.
- *Beauty Parlour.
- *Catering etc.
- *Computer training to women.
- *Felicitation of out standing students of 10th and 12th standard on 15th August.

Environmental Activities:

*Tree plantation in co-ordination with Municipal Corporation, at Bhosari.

Economic / Income Generating Activities

- *Procuring Catering orders for self help groups of women.
- *Act as coordinators between co-operative banks and women entrepreneurs. In order to facilitate finance.
- *Provide employment to maximum number of women in local industries.
- *Encouraging women to start their own business.

Consumer Co-operative Activities:

- 3) Encouraging the formation of self-help group for promotion of saving and economic activities.
- 4) Collective purchase and distribution of oil. Wheat, rice, jaggery and sugar, to help the family economies along with promotion of the cooperative movement.

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