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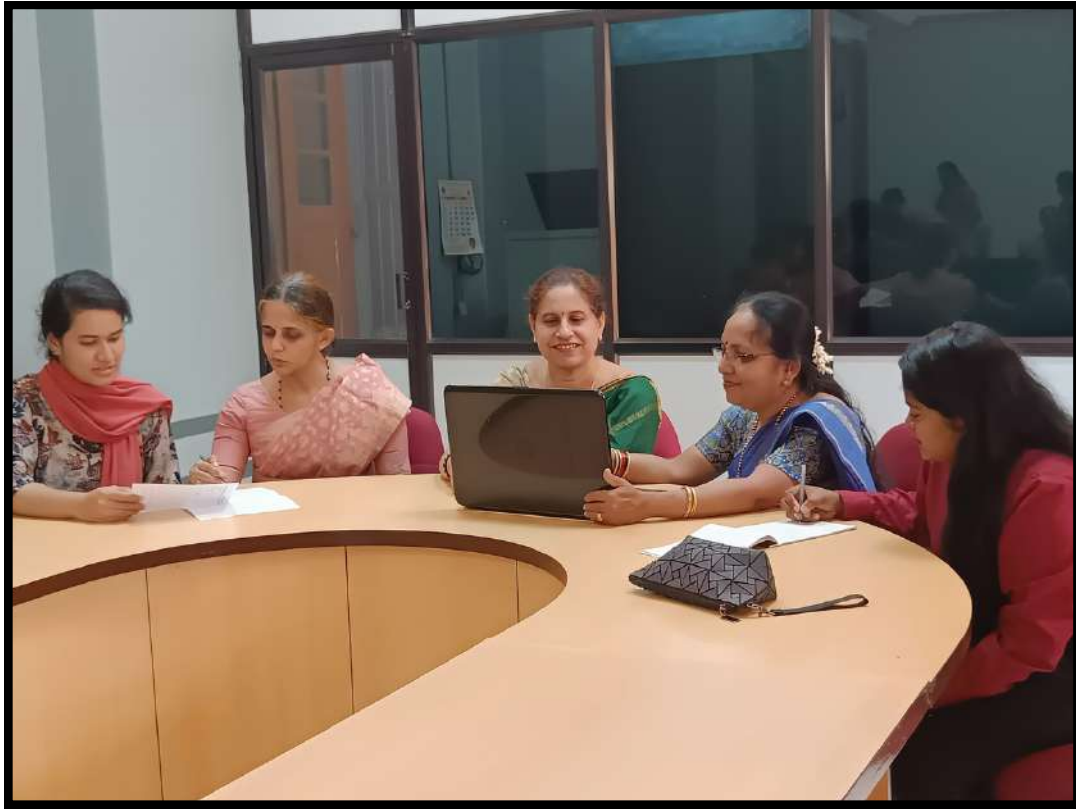
Souvenir

NAVIDAD

25 years of Celebration and Charity



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FOREWORD

St Agnes College stands tall as a beacon of light, pioneering in educational services and upholding the highest universal human values. Many steps have been taken towards these ends and many more will surely follow. One among the most beautiful steps taken, is the celebration of Christmas in its true spirit of caring and sharing. The college has celebrated Christmas under the banner of *Navidad* over the last twenty seven years in a unique manner by conducting a ticket show and using the resources collected to contribute towards the joy of uplifting a needy member from the large Agnesian family. A total of twenty five families have benefitted out of this charity and it also proves the potential of unity and genuine social concern. Organising this charity show has also been an exercise in team work and collaboration with the community outside, for teachers and students, year after year.

This academic year 2023-24 marks the twenty-fifth celebration and we have *Aashiyana* 2024 in the month of February to commemorate the silver jubilee of *Navidad* celebrations over the years. This year it falls in the month of February because the academic year has faced a small shift in the post-Covid19 years and Christmas in December 2023 went by in vacations.

This little souvenir is an attempt to collate memories from the past and renew our spirit and enthuse ourselves to carry on with the meaningful work, forever with the motto of the Apostolic Carmel "God alone Sufficeth" and motto of the college "God is our Strength".



NAVIDAD



Every year the College organizes the *NAVIDAD* programme. The objective of this programme is to instill in students the spirit of sharing and caring and to help the economically backward in society. The project, started in the year 1998, has provided homes for the support staff and the needy students of the college for the past 25 years. Over the years this thoughtful mission of the College has made an impression on all stakeholders of sharing in the joy of the less fortunate, making a big difference to a number of homeless families.

Navidad is one of the best practices of the college. In line with the vision and mission of the college, St Agnes College believes in imparting to students holistic education for excellence and transformation and wishes to extend it to the society too. Its mission is to provide youth with value based and socially relevant education. This can be achieved by instilling in students the spirit of sharing and caring and to help the economically backward in society, who sometimes have no home to live in; one of the basic needs of any human being. The prime objective of this practice is to provide a shelter for the homeless.

In its Best Practice, the institution has outdone itself! *Navidad* – a Christmas fund raising programme to build a home for the homeless has kept the concept of Institutional Social Responsibility pulsating. “It is not how much we give but how much love we put into giving,” says Mother Theresa. It is largely believed that charity begins at home and our family comes first and they should be helped before others. At St Agnes we interpret this in two ways. We help our Agnesian family first and at the same time encourage them to participate in the process of making efforts to improve society. When it was found that some of the staff and students of the college did not have a basic home, one of the staff members, Mrs Merlyn Lobo Brito from the Department of English came upon this unique idea way back in 1998 to have a charity fund raising show during Christmas, a festival of sharing and caring. In the initial years it was a carol singing program and was called ‘Songs of the Season.’ Then it was called ‘Christmas Tidings’ and only from the year 2006 onwards it was rechristened as ‘*Navidad*’ which signifies Christmas in the Spanish language.





NAVIDAD



A day just before Christmas, is marked in the college calendar for the charity show *NAVIDAD*. A week prior to the show the college with the help of the psychology department and NSS volunteers organises a garage sale to which all students and staff contribute in kind whatever household items, clothing, footwear, stationary, fancy items, electronic items and other items in good condition that they can spare to give in charity. All these items are collected by the psychology and NSS students and stored safely. Details of the sale are intimated to the stakeholders through PAS Announcements and notices on student notice boards. The items are put on display at a specific venue every day during lunch break for about a week. These are sold at nominal prices so that the needy staff and students can avail them having the satisfaction of having bought them themselves, and thus instilling in them a sense of dignity and respect.

Every year the college organises *NAVIDAD* a charity fund raising show by putting up an English play that brings out the essence of Christmas. Many other small items like singing of Christmas carols and Christmas tableau add to the spirit of the show. Raffle tickets are sold to staff and students to raise funds. The value education teachers and mentors are in charge of selling the tickets to the students. Students and staff are encouraged to buy more than one ticket. Staff and students are also encouraged to sell the tickets to alumni, friends and relatives thus involving a larger section of society in the charity process and as the audience for the show.

The staff members and students are asked to help in identifying a suitable person and a decision on the beneficiary is taken. A suitable needy staff/student of the college is identified as the beneficiary of the charity beforehand. The collection from the garage sale and the money collected from the ticket sale. is put together and on the day of the show the cheque is handed over to the selected beneficiary. A lucky draw of tickets is also conducted and the winner is awarded with a prize.





NAVIDAD



The project, started in the year 1998, has provided homes for the support staff and the needy students of the college for the past 25 years. Over the years this thoughtful mission of the College has made an impression on all stakeholders of sharing in the joy of the less fortunate and making a big difference to a number of homeless families. The beneficiaries are grateful to the institution and this has added value to the purpose of the practice and all the stakeholders share the contentment of helping the needy. The unfailing and enthusiastic contributions of the stakeholders towards a noble cause adds to the success of the practice. The whole process is conducted in a very transparent and secular manner and hence stakeholders contribute with the confidence that their contribution will be utilized for the intended purpose and not otherwise. Since it is a joint effort by the management, staff and students in helping one of their own, the joy is manifold and is evident when the beneficiary is presented with the cheque in the presence of the contributors.

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The very fact that the college has been able to conduct this program in the past 25 years is in itself testimony to the success of the practice. In conclusion, St Agnes College, with 'Charity begins at home' has managed to send a strong message to society. The program was successfully implemented upto 2019 in a big way with substantial donations for building a small house. In the later years due to the COVID- 19 pandemic the amount collected was not really substantial for building a house but a substantial amount was given to the beneficiary with which he/she could begin building a house or renovate and repair his/her existing house. With the advent of technology and the multifarious needs of the present day students, it is challenging to inculcate in them the values of sharing and caring. Nevertheless, the college and the stakeholders will continue to motivate students to partake in this best practice and hopes to make it a model to society.





Sr Dr M. Venissa A.C.
Principal

St Agnes College (Autonomous), Mangaluru

Principal's Message



'It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving' says St Teresa of Kolkata. The measure of a life, after all, is not its duration but its deeds that affect lives positively. Changes are always brought about by a thought carried into action.

The silver jubilee celebrations of the incredible project 'Navidad' — shelter for the shelterless is a thought carried into action that has created hope in 25 families during the past 25 years. The celebrations of Christmas 'who though God did not find a place to be born' ignited Mrs Merlyn Lobo Brito, former faculty of English to celebrate Christmas at St Agnes college in a unique way by gifting a house to the shelterless in the year 1998 through a collective project called Navidad. Since then it has been a practice every year and now a Best Practice of the College.

For 25 years, we have collectively embarked on a journey of compassion and generosity, annually donating a house to those in dire need. This milestone is a testament to the unwavering commitment of every individual involved — from our dedicated staff, students, Alumni, Parents, contributors and well-wishers. Together, we have created a history of compassion, a legacy that extends far beyond the physical structures we've built. My heart goes out in gratitude to all who were and who have been a part of this project for the past years. The impact of our efforts is immeasurable, as we've witnessed families find solace, security, and the promise of a better tomorrow within the walls of these homes. Each brick laid, every door opened, has not only provided shelter but has sown seeds of hope, resilience and community.

As we celebrate this Silver Jubilee, let us reflect on the lives we've touched, the dreams rekindled, and the future reshaped. Our journey doesn't end here; it evolves, and so does our responsibility to continue making a positive impact. I invite all to join hands with us to bring about a change in the society through such noble tasks. May our project continue to be a beacon of hope, lighting the way for those in need for many more years to come.



Sr Dr M. Olivia A.C.
Principal (1991-2001)
St Agnes College (Autonomous), Mangaluru

Message

Social concern is a core value which St Agnes College has always attempted to install in youth. My thoughts go back to our foundational beginnings. God chooses charismatic leaders to carry on His divine work. Mother Aloysia, was the one chosen to found St Agnes College. The account of her pioneering efforts in the face of strong opposition, coupled with her dauntless courage and unfailing faith in God, makes her saga one that inspires us. We too are moved to emulate her heroic exertions in a noble cause. The humble genesis of the college heartened the sisters who followed to keep alive the vision of the foundress. This was nothing less than a ceaseless, relentless striving to climb higher and to acquire excellence. "Excelsior" our motto, led us ever onwards to combine relevance with transcendence.

The many principals who have gone ahead of me, probably grew into the realisation, that it was their duty to interpret the significance of the foundress' vision in keeping with their own times. This may be the secret of the way the college has made progress without losing sight of its essential values and goals. In the closing years of the twentieth century mine appeared to be a twofold responsibility - to follow in the footsteps of my predecessors and with a forward looking vision to prepare the entire Agnesian family to step into the third millennium.

The strength of a college may be measured by the social concern that the staff and students have towards the less fortunate among us. In this regard the celebration of Christmas took an eventful turn in 1998 during my tenure (1991-2001) when Mrs Merlyn Lobo Brito, former faculty of English and a few other teachers came up with the programme "Songs of the Season" under the banner "Christmas Tidings" a ticketed Christmas programme in aid of improving the living conditions for one needy candidate from our Agnesian family. The programme was put up in Town Hall as well, on 5th Jan 1998. We work and live together as one large family here, and share in the joys and sorrows of the staff, the support staff, the students and their families.

I am extremely happy that this tiny seed sown then has now grown and over the last twenty seven years the college has been able to bring a smile on the faces of the members of twenty five families. I am happy for and proud of the students and teachers who have contributed their time, effort and services towards the Christmas celebrations which continued under the banner of "Navidad" later on, further energised and has grown more progressive, never losing sight of the wonderful goal of excellence. I was fortunate to attend many Christmas celebrations under the Navidad banner even after my retirement and cherish those memories and wish the entire Agnesian family the tender care of God's loving hand in every walk of life.



Sr M. Carmel Rita A.C.
Principal (2001-2007)
St Agnes College (Autonomous), Mangaluru

Message

"Navidad" which is organised every year as the best practice of St Agnes College (Autonomous) is very dear to my heart. It started in the year 1998 and from then onwards I was actively involved in motivating the students to purchase the tickets and later when I was Principal of the College from the year 2001 to 2007, I took up the initiative to get the houses which were pending for some years built, with the help of the contractors. For the last 25 years the college has built more than 25 houses either new ones or repaired the existing dilapidated houses and given a new look.

This best practice is carried out during Christmas, the reason behind is this: When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem there was no room for them at the inn, so they were forced to find lodging elsewhere, probably in a cave where animals were staying. When Jesus was born, Mary would not have wanted to lay her infant on the hard, cold, stone floor. Instead, she had to make use with what was available and the manger proved to be a convenient alternative to keep her child safe.

Jesus was not laid in a manger by accident. It is a major spiritual symbol. Animals go to the manger for physical food, but with Jesus lying on the hay, we can go to the manger for spiritual food. Jesus has an infinite storehouse of nourishment available, and we can approach him any time and never go hungry. So we decided to give a shelter to our own from the campus every year so that at least one family from the campus have a place to live happily. May this practice be continued for years to come so that we are able to satisfy the need of at least one family each year. I pray for the College and every inmate therein that they may be filled with God's mercy and love and be generous in continuing this best practice for the years to come...



Sr Dr M. Prem A.C.
Principal (2007-2014)
St Agnes College (Autonomous), Mangaluru

Message

'Never give up on happiness, for life is an incredible show', says Pope Francis. To be happy is not to have a perfect life, but use the tears to irrigate tolerance. St Agnes College has looked at its social responsibility with care and concern for the poor and the marginalized. Imprinting Social concern values in the stakeholders of the College was of importance from its very inception. What better time than at Christmas, to share and care, bringing a smile on deprived faces.

Pooling of resources needed great efforts on the part of planning strategies. To identify the most deserving beneficiary each year was a task left to the Staff and Cabinet members. Sometimes the choice was easy and targeted, at other times it was difficult as they were two or more needy persons identified. All the same each year the College burst into activity in December and produced a fabulous ticket show, the proceeds of which went to fund the project, 'Shelter for the shelter-less'. The Navidad show had to go on, amidst other academic and co-curricular activities. As a best practice it was sustained year after year with the unstinted support of our Staff, Parents, Alumni and Students. There were benefactors and spontaneous donors who surprised us and true to the motto of our AC Management, the College trusted in Divine Providence at all times.

There was one criticism which was levelled sometimes at the College Administration about too much effort to help just one needy family. Then I was reminded of the 'Starfish story', where an old man walking along a beach after a storm saw a young woman picking up starfish and gently throwing them into the ocean. 'Young lady, why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?' he asks, 'The sun is up and the tide is going down, if I do not throw them in, they will die', the young girl replies. The old man asks the girl if she realized that there are miles of the beach and thousands of starfish strewn everywhere and she cannot possibly make a difference. The young woman listens politely, then bends down, picks another starfish and throws it back to the sea. Then says, 'It made a difference for that one.' St Agnes College has made a difference to those beneficiaries. May it continue to strive ahead with every good action in the years to come.



Sr M. Supriya A.C.
Principal (2014-2016)

St Agnes College (Autonomous), Mangaluru

Message

'God loves a cheerful giver' (2 Corinthians 9:7) Providing shelter to the homeless is a noble thought and deed of St. Agnes College. It goes back to the year 1996 when Mrs Merlyn Lobo Brito former faculty of English along with the students of II B.Com value education class came out with the bright idea of celebrating Christmas by doing something good for the poor. This was the commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ in the manger. Soon after under the title 'Christmas Tidings' Christmas was celebrated with a well organized programme with the purpose of helping a needy person with a roof over their head and raising of funds through the sale of tickets to the college students, to the alumni to the parents and to the general public. The first collection was given to Mrs. Leena at Jyothinagar, Kavour Mangalore to have a home of her own. This was a small and humble beginning during the time of Our dear Sr M. Olivia the then Principal of the College. Now this has grown into a mighty tree providing home for many needy especially the college students, non teaching staff and a few others of the society. The contribution of items for cultural programme by the students of the college, Alumni, other educational institutions, and other religious formation houses was very much enriching and exciting. Prize for the sale of highest number of tickets and drawing lucky tickets added more colour to the programme.

I am happy to have been a part of this programme for 20 years. This was really love in action where the needy family irrespective of caste or religion found a roof over their head and could live in peace and security having a home of their own. I am happy that this noble deed is continued by the college even today, with more creativity and variety and with a heart full of love to reach out to a need family.

I congratulate the Principal, coordinator of NAVIDAD, the staff members, Students, Alumni, parents and well wishers for their joyful sharing and caring towards all. All of you will be inheriting the Eternal Kingdom that is prepared by the Lord our God for providing shelter to the homeless of the society.

May the journey of NAVIDAD , a shelter to the Homeless continue ...

May God bless you.



Sr Dr M. Jeswina A.C.
Principal (2016-2020)

St Agnes College (Autonomous), Mangaluru

Message

'Navidad', is a Spanish greeting which means "Merry Christmas" and at St Agnes College it refers to a Christmas celebration initially started with the title 'Songs of the Season' in the year 1998, bringing together people from the different institutions to enhance the true meaning of Christmas - a celebration of love, joy, sharing and giving. Thanks to Mrs Merlyn Lobo Brito, former faculty of English who was not only an inspiration but also took the initiative and interest to plan and organize this programme at its inception. Thereafter, for a number of years it was the department of English that took the responsibility to organize this Navidad programme.

The birth of Jesus in a manger made us realize that Christmas celebration can be made more meaningful by providing a shelter for the shelterless. To make this dream a reality, the management, along with the staff, students, parents, alumnae and the public raised funds and put up a colourful and delightful Christmas ticket show with Christmas carols and dances, Christmas play, quiz and other entertainment during the third week of December. The amount collected was handed over to a particular needy member from the Agnesian family to construct a new house or to repair the house. Over the years a number of support staff and our students who had no house of their own were the beneficiaries of this Navidad.

I had a pleasant surprise on 8 January 2024 when I met a student along with her mother in a church who expressed her gratitude for providing a house for them from the amount collected through the Navidad programme and said I had visited their house and I slowly recollected as tears of joy and gratitude filled their eyes and I felt grateful to God for this noble deed that we as an Agnesian family could do to brighten the lives of a few needy families, bringing joy, peace and happiness in their hearts which is the true meaning of Christmas. Jesus said: "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Mt 25:40) True to these words of Jesus, we feel happy and grateful to God today for having been able to accomplish the mission of Jesus in our Institution by providing shelter to a few families during these past 25 years.

On the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Navidad, I pray that the good work started by the college 27 years ago may continue with greater love, zeal and commitment so that every year a needy family experiences blessings from Jesus through St Agnes College and find true meaning in celebrating Christmas. I congratulate the principal, staff, students and all the stakeholders in making this celebration a memorable one for all by re-living the first Christmas at Bethlehem.



Message

Merlyn Lobo Brito
Former Faculty of English
St Agnes College (Autonomous), Mangaluru

The Story of Navidad at St Agnes College, Mangalore.

"Songs Of the Season" a programme to raise funds at Christmas time was inspired by the exceptional and top-notch standard of the annual inter class Carol Singing Competition held at St Agnes College, where talented students worked together enthusiastically to harness their creativity, skill and musicality to win the coveted trophy. During one of my classes we got into a discussion about the real meaning of Christmas and pondered over the fact that this feast was more than just a celebration of the birth of the Christ-child, new clothes, decorations, cake and 'kushwaar'.

We realized that the birth of the Son of God in a lowly manger two thousand years ago was a lesson and a reminder to us that poverty exists around us even today. In modern times there are so many homeless, abandoned and disfranchised people looking for refuge and sustenance. We decided that we could, in our own small way, do something about this by identifying a poor family in our immediate community who needed a home, or repairs to their dwelling place to make them more comfortable at this time of the year. The message was that we need to see Christ in the poor around us. Academic life is always busy with schedules, study and examinations, so rather than having to plan and rehearse for an evening of entertainment in order to raise funds, I determined that the winners of the Carol Singing Competition could present their entries to the public. In addition, it was decided that groups outside the college would be invited to participate such as parish Choirs. Sr. Olivia, the then Principal, was on board with the idea and allowed us to plan the first show. Students took charge of making posters, selling tickets and organizing the show.

What began as an idea to 'give Christ a home at Christmas' grew into an annual feature. Recipients of the funds raised ranged from single parents, custodial support staff members and families in distress who were identified by staff members or students. All the profits raised from the sale of tickets was handed over by the Principal to the recipient at the end of the evening. We were thus able to bring the real meaning of Christmas to one home. The amount collected varied every year but the joy of sharing it had a huge impact on all those involved.

The first show was held at Don Bosco Hall, but the logistics involved made us realize that our own college auditorium would be more convenient. The students were not only engaged in showcasing their own talents but also in the nitty gritty of ticket sales, compering the show and looking after its smooth execution. This was for many their genuine contribution to the community at Christmas time, a means of reaching out to the less fortunate, as well as an opportunity to spread the message of Good Will to all.

It is a testament to the goodness and generosity of the staff and students of St Agnes College that this programme has continued over the past 25 years. Though the name may have changed over the years, the spirit of Giving and Sharing continues. Kudos to all involved.



Olga B Noronha
Retired Faculty of Economics
St Agnes College (Autonomous), Mangaluru

Message

My Impressions of "Navidad"

"Feliz Navidad" is a Christmas song written and first recorded in 1970 by Puerto Rican singer-songwriter José Feliciano. With its simple, heartfelt lyrics - the traditional Spanish Christmas/New Year greeting has become a Christmas classic and gained popularity around the world. Half the greeting, just "Navidad" was adapted to give a name to a unique programme at St Agnes College, Mangalore, which was a fund raising event, a ticketed show consisting of Christmas carols, songs and dances with all the trappings of Christmas - Crib scenes enacted, stars, wreaths, tinsel, candles, Christmas trees beautifully decorated, imitation holly, singers and dancers and the audience too, dressed in the Christmas colours of red, green, white and gold, red and white pixie caps and of course Santa Claus flinging sweets to whoever was quick enough to catch some. Developing and displaying one's talents is a great motivating factor for College students. They would vie with one another to give of their best to make the show a thumping success. Professional music teachers were called in, as and when required, to train the students. The programme was organised with the heart-warming objective of "a home for the homeless." The whole College: the Principal, Staff, Students and the Support Staff were involved in bringing up this programme. Students from other institutions were also invited to take part. Some of them were tiny tots who added so much charm to the show!

I for one, never miss a show, buying my ticket well in advance, even after I have left the portals of St Agnes College where I had experienced being on both sides of the desk: for four years as a student and for thirty-five years as a member of the faculty, Department of Economics. Unforgettable days! "Navidad" draws me back each year and I am immersed in the joy and the goodwill of the Christmas season in my Alma Mater. Parents of students and well-wishers of the College make up the bulk of the audience.

What is most significant is the objective of the Navidad Programme, "a home for the homeless". The efforts of all, in bringing up the programme, bear fruit in the form of the collection of a decent amount of money, which is handed over at the end of the show, to one of the support staff of the College, each year, towards the purchase of a new home or renovation of an existing one to live a more comfortable life. The joy on their faces as they receive the gift remains etched in my memory forever! Helping even one person at a time is the lesson that is learnt by the students, which we hope will remain with them all the days of their lives!! With such an objective planted firmly in their hearts, Alma Mater sends forth her children to change the world. And we hope that the audience too have imbibed this message! Long live St Agnes College!

NAVIDAD CELEBRATIONS 1998-2022



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*"When celebration becomes service, there is no guilt.
And when service becomes a celebration, there is no
pride".*

Sri Sri Ravi Shankar

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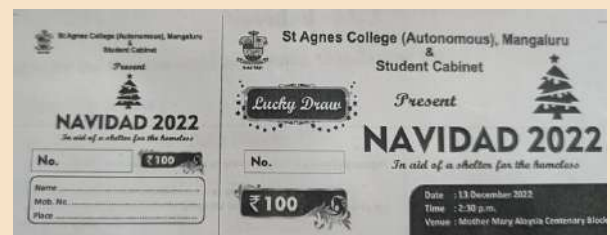
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NAVIDAD LUCKY CHAMPS



"When luck and chance meet, you become the WINNER".





GARAGE SALE



“Great satisfaction comes from sharing with others.” In order to inculcate this value among the students, the department of Psychology joined hands with Navidad- Building homes for the homeless, a project initiated by the college which is also the Best practice of the college. When people have things that are in excess and which are not used for over a year, then definitely they can be shared with those who are in need of them. To encourage this value of sharing, the department organized garage sales from 2012 onwards. These garage sales were held for a duration of one week in a year just before Christmas. All the students of psychology participated and rendered their wholehearted support for the sale. Students sold clothes, shoes, accessories which were in good condition contributed by students and the faculty members of the college.

In addition to this they also baked brownies and made sandwiches, pudding, sweets and chats like churmuri which were sold to the stakeholders of the college and the profits earned were added to the Navidad fund. The psychology forum students also contributed by preparing handicrafts. The efforts of the students to sell the items met with great success and over the years the department of psychology carried the legacy initiated through the garage sale and contributed to the Navidad fund for building a home for the homeless. The money collected was in turn handed over during the Navidad ceremony along with the collection made through the raffle tickets. Both the Students and staff were involved in the sale. From the year 2022 the NSS students also pitched in to help in collecting the items and selling them. The satisfaction derived from the sales was indeed a great feeling and supported the adage “the more you give the more you receive”.





GARAGE SALE





"If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men".

Francis of Assisi



Mrs Poovamma

1999



Mr Santhosh

2022

Beneficiary of Navidad Homes

HOME

A starting point for love, hope and dreams

NAVIDAD HOMES



*What can I give Him, Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man,
I would do my part
Yet what can I give Him, Give my heart
-Christina Rossetti*



NAVIDAD HOMES



“To save a life is a real and beautiful thing. To make a home for the homeless, yes, it is a thing that must be good; whatever the world may say, it cannot be wrong.”– Vincent Van Gogh

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***Housing is absolutely essential to human flourishing.
Without stable shelter, it all falls apart.***

NAVIDAD - SHELTER TO THE HOMELESS

LIST OF BENEFICIARIES

SL.NO	YEAR	BENEFICIARY	PURPOSE
01.	Dec. 1998	Mrs Leena, Maryhill Convent Worker, Jyothinagar	New House
02.	Dec.1999	Mrs Poovamma, Non - teaching staff, Vamanjoor	New House
03.	Dec. 2000	Mrs Ida D'Souza, Non- teaching staff, Nandigudda Ms Lavina D'Souza, PU student, Vamanjoor	New House New House
04.	Dec.2001	Ms Shallet, Convent Receptionist Mr Denis Menezes Mrs Elizabeth, Lower Bendore Mrs Kusuma, Perady Mrs Nathalia, Non-teaching staff, D.K	New House New House New House New House Additional Room
05.	Dec.2002	Mrs Celine D'Souza, D.K Vijayalatha, III BCom, Vamanjoor Mrs Mable, Non-teaching Staff, Thokottu Watershed Mgt. Project	New House New House New House Kiram Village, Vamanjoor
06.	Dec.2003	Mrs Celine D'Souza, D.K Mrs Veronica, Perady Navya DSouza, II B.A, D.K	New House New House New House
07.	Dec. 2004	Lorena James, II BCom. Bajjodi Mrs Therese, Non-teaching staff, Bejai	New House Repairs
08.	Dec. 2005	Mrs Tressy, Non-teaching staff, Angelore	Additional Room

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SL.NO	YEAR	BENEFICIARY	PURPOSE
09.	Dec. 2006	Mrs Monica, Perady	New House
10.	Dec. 2007	Mr Thomas, College Watchman, Perady	New House
11.	Dec. 2008	Mrs Shanthi, Convent Worker, Beeri	New House
12.	Dec. 2009	Mounamma, Lingasugur	New House
13.	Dec. 2010	Zafreena, II BA, Bengare	New House
14.	Dec. 2011	Anitha D'Souza, III BSW, Ranipura	Additional Room
15.	Dec. 2012	Mrs Anitha M. D'Souza, Library Staff, Belman	New House
16.	Dec. 2013	Movitha Menezes, III BSc, Chickmagalur	New House
17.	Dec.2014	Divya Lucia, III BA, Olavina Halli	New House
18.	Dec.2015	Jisha, III BCom, Nelyadi	New House
19.	Dec.2016	Keerthi M L, III BSc, Puttur	New House
20.	Dec.2017	Anima, Valencia	Repair of the House
21.	Dec.2018	Ms Renita D'Souza, I BCom, Bajpe	Repair of the House
22.	Dec.2022	Mr Santhosh, Support Staff	Towards building a House



CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

When we think of doing charity,
We have to do it immediately,
Otherwise selfish thoughts emerge,
And will spoil that sprout of kindness,
With herbicidal spray of justification,
That convinces us not to contribute.
When we decide to contribute for the welfare,
We may accumulate a lot of blessings,
Let the receivers feel the dignity of being recognized,
In the hearts of our humble actions,
Not let ourselves to be dignified,
By letting them to feel that they are donated.
We should have the strength to give up our food,
Otherwise we can't fast for health and penance,
We need to have more strength to donate,
Whatever little that we have, to fulfill the need,
Of someone who is in hunger and thirst,
Let us have that strength to prove
That we are human with loving hearts.

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