

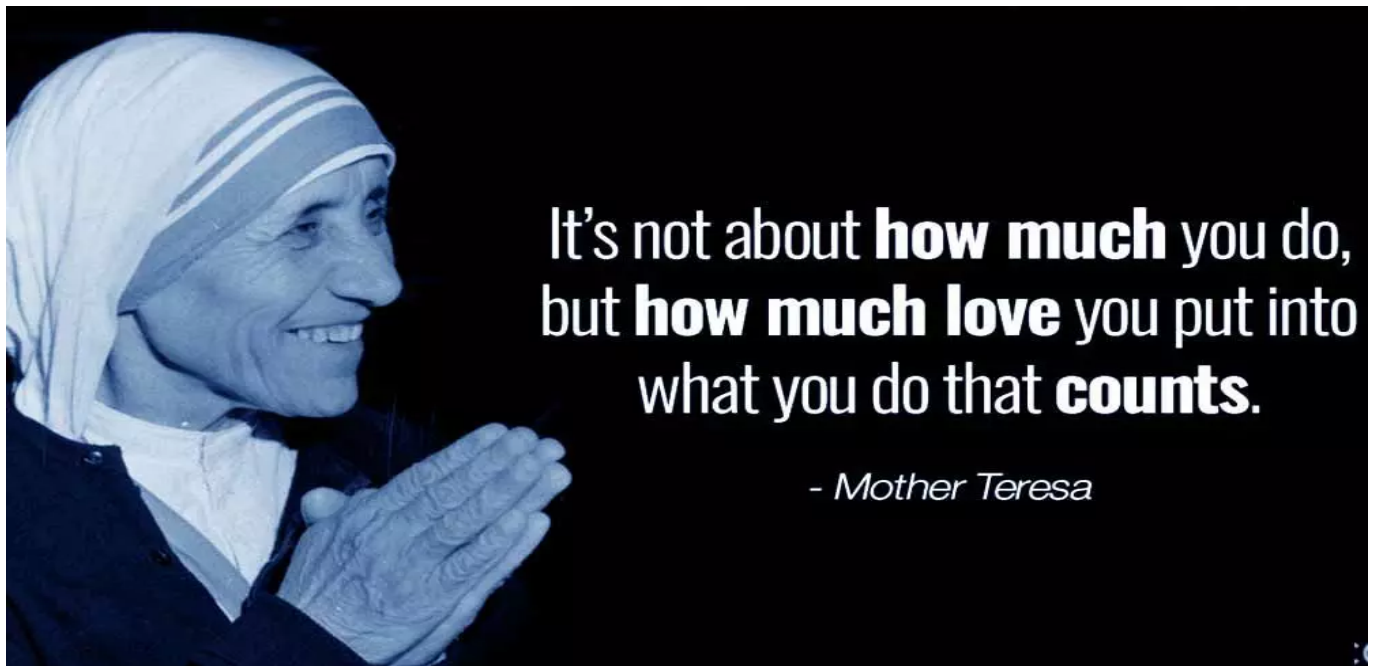


**Love All - Serve All with Love & Kindness**

**DEAR JJA FAMILY**

The ashram continues to observe the recommended controls for Covid-19, as per the guidelines of the government. Life is gradually returning to normal. Schools resumed classes in early March. Our facility currently houses over eighty children, five senior citizens and twenty two staff members. A USA based organisation, Kids Dream Too Foundation (KDTF), is working with JJA to establish a permanent facility for us and assist with our educational programs. **We urge members of our community to please step up to help us meet our goals. Please email us at [jjashram20@gmail.com](mailto:jjashram20@gmail.com).**

**"Happy Birthday to Rajendra Kumar, Jhili, Ganesh, Priyanka, Rasmita, Tapaswini, Swati, Santoshi, Jhuna, Sweety and Rajesh. We wish everyone lot of happiness."**



We welcome three new residents, Payal, Liza and Pooja to our Ashram. We also have a new academic tutor, Ranjita Biswal who will lead the Tiny Tots and primary class programs. **We are proud to announce that two of our children, Janaki and Smruti Ranjan, who joined KIIT last year, have moved into the KIIT campus and are now enjoying dormitory life.**

One of our residents was adopted by a well-established family in Bhubaneswar, through **CARA**, and left the ashram to join his new family.

**Please check the following link for more information on the adoption process:**

<http://www.jeevanjyotiashram.org/adoptions.php>

**The following educational programs are being sponsored in the summer by KDTF:**

- Dance program for several of our students at the Nrutyangana, Odissi Dance Academy (located near our facility).

- Sewing classes will resume and continue for three months (the classes were suspended when schools reopened in March).
- Computer classes will be offered throughout the summer so students can obtain their certification (we could only conduct a few classes in March when the schools reopened).

**The following construction projects are planned this year:**

- The main hall, which was badly damaged by Cyclone Fani and not usable, will undergo major repairs. A group of donors has raised funds for the replacement of the roof and other features. Construction work has already started. We will share updates in our next newsletter.
- KDTF plans to raise funds in the second quarter for the construction of the boundary wall for the ashram's permanent facility. Several philanthropists in Odisha have committed to help us on this project.

We would like to express our gratitude to our monthly online donors as well as several one-time contributors, from Odisha and the USA, in this quarter. In addition, thirty-five families stepped up this quarter to sponsor events at the ashram to recognize birth, marriage or death anniversaries of their family members. Food was served after a short prayer on each occasion.

The following festivals were celebrated at the ashram this quarter following which lunch was served to all the attendees:

- New Year's Day and Makar Sankranti celebrated in January.
- Saraswati Puja observed in February; two families from North Carolina, USA sponsored new clothes for all our children.
- Holi celebrated by the children in March.



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