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Cradle Health



Our Cradle Health Program has officially kick started at the Kakkan Colony Centre (PKA). Sessions have been happening every Saturday and we are now more than half way through the 10 week program. Nithya (aka Nits), our vertical head, is pleased with the number of mothers that are joining sessions. Qualified professionals have led workshops on child birth, breast feeding and nutrition. Mothers have surprised us in their willingness to share personal stories. We attribute this to the safe space that Nits has been able to create through her rapport with the mothers. We continue to struggle with consistency in attendance, but we will work diligently over the next few weeks to increase numbers, and at the very least, maintain attendance.

Children's Program



The focus this quarter has been on Tamil literacy and building vocabulary. Our centre at PUK (near Elliot's Beach and occupied by the Children's Program) was under renovation for a few weeks which made the sessions difficult. However, the renovations were successful and everyone is excited to be using the space again. We had a mini re-inauguration of the centre in late November. Our executive director, Swapnaa, and co-founder, Manickam, were able to join us in opening the space. This would not have been possible without the support of Chennai Corporation, Besant Nagar Police Department and Kamakshi aunty (dearly known as the watchdog of Besant Nagar).

Teenager Program



Our teenagers have been working on their theatre skills this term. This has included skit practice, singing and dancing lessons. We have been particularly impressed with their development and confidence in their live performances. In combination with theatre, the teens' life skills programming has focused on building clear communication skills.

Library sessions continue to be a hit for the teenagers, who enjoy Wednesday evening's reading at the beach. Thanks to some of our partnering organizations, many of our teens have gotten the opportunity to either attend a musical put on by The Little Theatre or an ISL football match this past quarter.



Youth Advancement

Our team has been working tirelessly to ensure that monthly sports tournaments are happening in Urur Kuppam and Olcott communities. Many of the older teens are taking on leadership roles and delegating tasks to make these events happen. Also, there has been some interest shown by fathers within the communities who have put together teams for each event. Internal programming has also begun at the PUK Centre with a small group of Pudiador Alums (11th and 12th graders). This is a pilot project to have weekly spaces for open discussions and continue to build upon life skills taught at Pudiador.





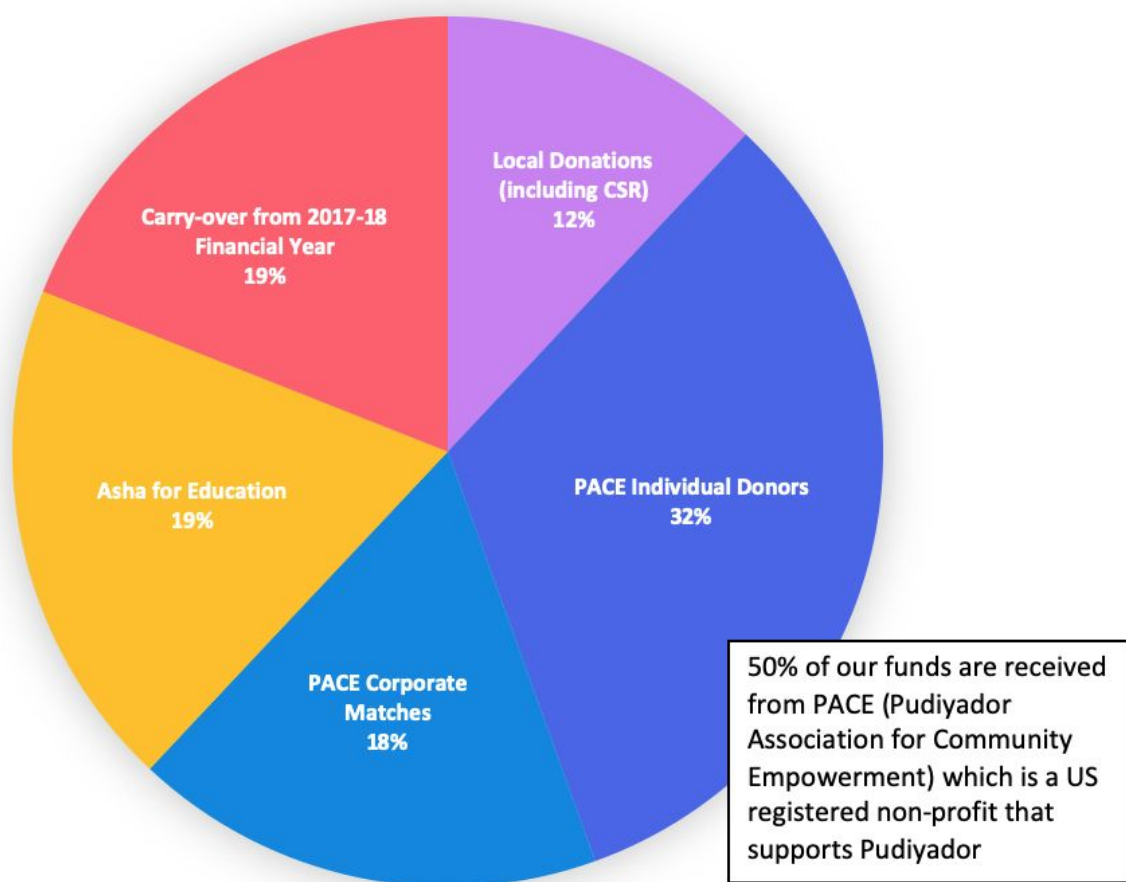
Community Development

Dengue Awareness had been the primary focus for the month of November as the winter weather has resulted in more rain and thus more mosquitos are in Chennai. Dengue is a mosquito-borne virus and Nilavembu Kudineer is the only proven preventative measure that can be orally taken. Anaemia Awareness has been the other health related focus for the quarter. Different skills workshops have also been happening at Ramapuram for the women in the community. In this photo (image to the right), the women were learning how to make soap oil and dish washing powder.



Financial Review of 2018-2019

Pudhiyador Charitable Trust - Financial Breakdown FY2018-19

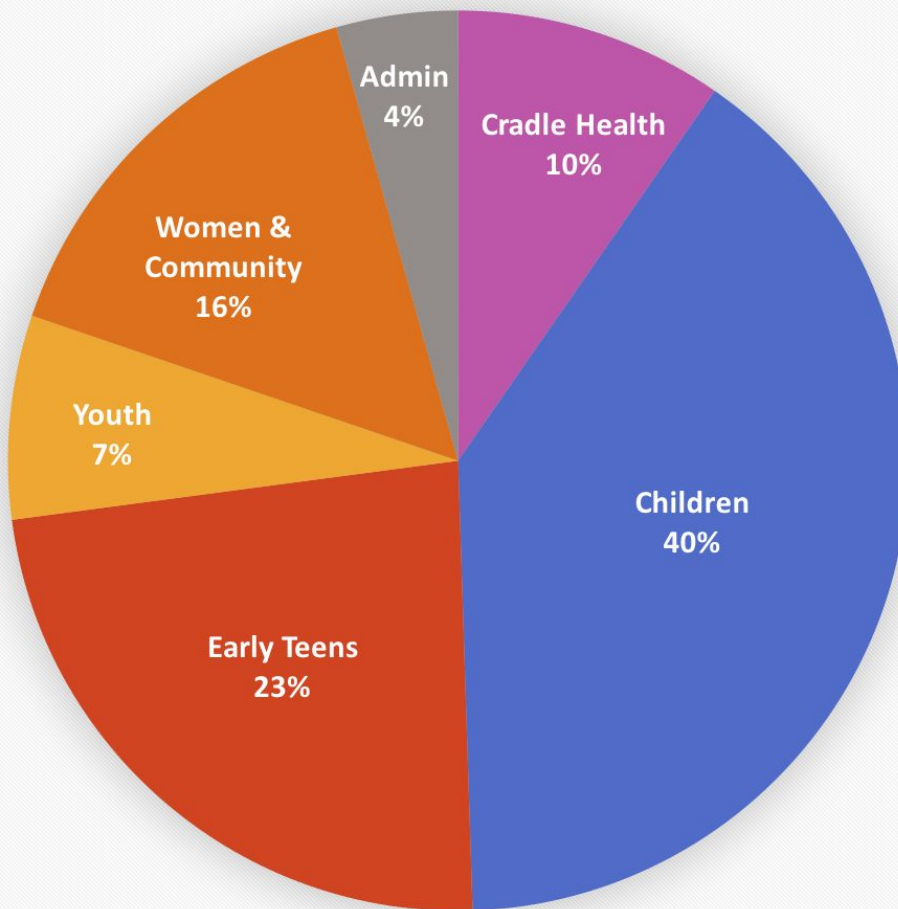


Spending within the organization has remained in the green for the 2018-19 financial year. We are extremely grateful for the continuing support we receive from Asha for Education, PACE and all our local donors and CSR.

Pudiyador is looking to expand its CSR network within India in the upcoming year. Please do reach out to us should you have any leads/connections that might make sense for our Communications Director to pursue.

Budget 2019-2020

Pudiyador Annual Budget 2019-2020



This year, our program is up and running under our five vertical heads. Our Cradle Health Program and Youth Advancements programming are still in the early stages of program development so budget for these programs is not completely determined. As we build rapport within each community and solidify the numbers for each program, we will have a more concrete idea of costs. This is an immediate priority for Pudiyador and budget allocation will be reassessed in March 2020.

We currently have 14 part-time teachers working at Urur Kuppam (PUK), Kakkan Colony (PKA) and Ramapuram (PR2) Centres. We are also very excited to announce that we have three new members to our Ground Team expanding the team to compose of:

- 6 Program Coordinators
- 2 Academic Trainers
- 1 Communications Director
- 1 Director of Operations



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