



Youth Group's Visit to Ashford Hall Senior Center

My experience at Ashford Senior Center was an interesting one. I got to meet and entertain people who were too old to take care of themselves. Their faces lit up when we offered to talk to them. They were very sweet and had amazing stories about their lives and loved ones. I also noticed their living situations seemed very hard as as they don't have their loved ones there with them. Because of this, some of them were depressed and not very talkative and some of them were senile. I enjoyed spending time with them, but I couldn't help but feel so sorry for them in what they had to deal with and I believe nobody deserves to spend the rest of their lives in this way. As a whole, my experience was beneficial since I got to learn new things and make new friends which I hope to see again. (Write up provided by Eesha Lad)

Language Teacher in Focus



Pallavi Thotapalle currently teaches Telugu - level 1 and has been teaching Telugu for last 4 years. Pallavi achieved her MBA in India. She loves educating kids in her native language. The most important thing about teaching here is to help our kids grow their minds outside of school. Her mother was a teacher, that is where she got interested in teaching. Her mother inspired her to educate the upcoming generation. Her family supports her and helps her to be a more successful teacher. She has completed several walk-a-thons. She is also a lead volunteer in arranging community events. These all show that she loves giving back to the community every way possible. Her hobbies

include walking, spending time with family, watching movies, and teaching. Her vision for VV is for the feeling of family to be strengthened. We should all come together and be there for one another and help each other. She wants to help eliminate trouble/confusion for the teachers who are new. She would like students to be committed to VV. Commitment is very important in the future, so the children should start now.

Student in Focus



Viha Kondapalli is a 3rd grade student at La villita elementary school in Irving, TX . She has been attending Kannada and religion classes for last 2 years . Though Kannada is not her mother tongue, she is interested in knowing the meaning of each and every word while learning Kannada. She is learning new things about our culture in religion class each and every year. Viha loves reading, art work, playing with her best buddies, drawing and building new things using legos. She is learning Carnatic music and played a role in a skit In Kannada event. She likes to explore new things in science

and wants to become a teacher. Thanks Vidya vikas for the extreme support to help younger generation to learn our roots and knowing the Great Indian culture.

Upcoming events

February 16, 2020: **Career Speaker Series: 2.54**

February 23, 2020: **"Something to Think About" Discussion Forum**

February 23, 2020: **Hindi Parents Meeting (10 AM)**