



Godavari Alumni Association

Social Action Volunteers

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Ms Kathleen Price
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Mission of Love

Dear Ms Price:

On behalf of Godavari Alumni Association- Social Action Volunteers (GAA-SAV); I would like to thank you for the generous donation of clothes to our mobile clinic program. Contributions by generous people like yourself are important for us to be able to treat not just the health related problems of the poor in the villages where we serve but also the great need of keeping people warm and appropriately dressed to reduce weather related health problems.

I would like to tell you a little about the Social Action Volunteers (SAV) work. SAV, under the patronage of Jesuit Fr .Eugene Watrin, is a society established by a pioneer group of dedicated Xavierians in the year 1985 as the Godavari Alumni Association (GAA). It has been active from the very beginning in the areas of community health, hospital support, skill development for rural women and microcredit and education.

SAV recognizes that the Nepali people are in great need of health care, most especially in the rural areas where doctors, nurses and health care is not always accessible to the people. In response to this great need SAV operates over 14 weekly health clinics as well as larger health camps and health education programs. We provide medical attention, medicines, routine educational talks on various diseases and school health check-ups for children.

Most serious and expensive health and social problems that afflict poor countries today are caused in large part by several categories of behaviors. It includes behaviors that causes unintentional and intentional injuries, drug and alcohol abuse, sexual behaviors that cause sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV infection and unintended pregnancies, tobacco use, inadequate physical activity and dietary patterns that cause disease. Ultimately, these are preventable. They are usually established during youth; persist into adulthood; are interrelated; and contribute simultaneously to poor health, education and social outcomes.

SAV aims to empower the younger generation (while still addressing the needs of all generations) with health knowledge and resources to meet their basic needs and to grow to their full potential, thereby extending their life potential. As their individual development and social contribution will shape the future of the world, investment in children's health, nutrition and education is the foundation for SAV.

Namaste,

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