

## Corporate Responsibility

### Community Projects in 2003

At AstraZeneca, we aim to be responsible members of our local communities through charitable donations, sponsorships and other initiatives that make a positive difference. This means that in many different countries, in many different ways, we are helping to bring benefit to the communities around us. Our community support initiatives are an important feature of our overall approach to Corporate Responsibility, which aims to ensure that AstraZeneca continues to be welcomed as a valued member of society. Here are some of the key initiatives undertaken by AstraZeneca in India in the year 2003.

#### **Medical Camp at Kattigenahalli Govt Primary School**

We provided support for a children's medical camp at the Kattigenahalli Government Primary School, and carried out comprehensive medical checks for the schoolchildren. Most of them were from poor backgrounds, with little or no health awareness or access to medical facilities. 25 doctors from the MS Ramaiah Medical Teaching Hospital formed part of the medical team that saw 160 children aged between 6 and 12 years. The checks included a general health assessment with detailed ear, nose and throat check (with supply of basic medication if required), eye and vision evaluation, and detailed dental checks.

#### **Donation of Computers to Community Colleges for needy young women**

The Sisters of St. Josephs of Tarbes have set up community colleges in Bangalore and KGF for young needy women who cannot afford to study after Std X or XII. There are approx. 60 students in each class. It is hoped that the colleges will soon be recognised by the government. The aim is to equip the women with basic skills in English, computers, personal and communication skills to help them train for one of three trades: office management, pre-school nursery training and travel and ticketing. We donated computers this organisation.

#### **Bore Well Project at Kolar Gold Fields**

The Society of the Sisters of St. Josephs of Tarbes operates 4 educational institutions for 5000 girls in the poverty stricken area of Kolar Gold Fields (KGF). A water shortage in the area has led to serious health problems. AZ offered support to the Society dig a well to provide a new source of drinking water for the girls.

#### **Donation of Ambulance to Operation Sanjeevini**

AstraZeneca India, with the support of AZ global, donated a new & well-equipped ambulance to Operation Sanjeevini, a unique ambulance rescue service for road accident casualties. The service was set up by the Comprehensive Trauma Consortium (CTC), a non-profit organisation which is led by the Head of the Neurology Department at the Manipal Hospital in Bangalore. CTC ambulances have been allocated to local hospitals and emergency services personnel have been trained in on-the-scene care and safe transportation of patients to hospital. AZ India employees also generously contributed to this initiative. This donation was made by Sir Tom McKillop, during his first visit to India on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2003, on the occasion of the opening of our R&D centre "Avishkar" at Hebbal.



### **Donation of Computers**

Dame Bridget Ogilvie, here in Bangalore at the same time, donated computers, along with relevant software to the Aruna Chetana School, which supports physically & mentally challenged children.

### **Medicines donated to charitable medical camps**

Products are donated on a regular basis to charities that manage medical camps in poverty stricken areas.

### **Akshaya Patra – Mid Day Meals for Children**

Many AZ employees come forward and contributed for the mid-day meals for the Kattigenahalli Government School children understanding that Hunger and Education are linked. To many children, the Akshaya Patra meal is the only complete meal of the entire day. Hence the Akshaya Patra has produced dramatic results in terms of enrolment, attendance and attention in schools - an innovative way of getting children to come (or rather be sent by the parents) to school for education! The Akshaya Patra Foundation is serving government and corporation schools of rural Bangalore and urban slums by providing hygienic & nutritious mid-day meals to under privileged children. Nearly 43,000 children in 219 schools in and around Bangalore get fed under this scheme. After reading about our initiative in the AZpire, Mr. Andrew Howden contributed towards the midday meal schemes of 4 children last year!

### **Kattigenahalli Government Primary School - Drinking Water Project**

During our recent visit to the school in February, to support a medical camp for the pupils, we noticed the school's drinking water was stored in very unhygienic conditions and was likely to increase the risk of infectious diseases, such as typhoid or cholera amongst the pupils. With the consent of the local authority, AstraZeneca announced on 15 August (Independence Day) that it would support a project to provide new drinking water facilities at this local school, as a step.



### **Katigenahalli Government Primary School - Shoes for Good Health**

Putting their best foot forward was AstraZeneca Chairman Percy Barnevik and his family on a recent visit to our Bangalore facility and manufacturing plant in India. Staff from AZ India asked the Barnevik family to inaugurate its 'Shoes for good health' project, which was set up in association with the Katigenahalli local government primary school. The idea for the appeal came from AstraZeneca India's medical officer, Dr Someswara, who prescribed good footwear as an essential ingredient for helping the children to combat infections – especially worm infections. "We therefore decided to donate shoes and two pairs of socks to the 141 children at Katigenahalli Primary School which they now wear daily as part of their uniform," said Anjali Chandavarkar, PR and Communications Manager for AZ India towards better health for the pupils.



### **Workplace Blood Donation Camp**

With the help of the Rotary TTK Blood Bank - a voluntary blood donation camp was set up at AstraZeneca, Bangalore. Employees were fully briefed in advance on all aspects of blood donation. The blood will be tested thoroughly for HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, etc before being given to patients.

### **New Year greeting cards for 2003/4**

Two paintings done by young physically challenged artists were purchased this year at an exhibition organised by students of the Association of People with Disability on World Disability Day. These have been converted and used as the AZ New Year greeting cards for the year 2003/2004. Our support to such worthy causes was enhanced.