

Happy Easter

Dear friends, sponsors and benefactors,

Greetings of joy for this Easter!

We are very much grateful to you and acknowledge and appreciate the sacrifices you make for our poor children . Your great support is a stepping stone towards building up a good person, a good community and a good society at large. Thanks a lot for your great help.

We hope you will find interesting the new project we have just started in Khammam to help HIV patients with an awareness and prevention campaign in the schools.

Here after we give you a short description of the project.

We are sorry, but this time you will not receive your children's drawings because Italian post lost the package with the drawings sent by Sister Sherly our responsible in Khammam.

We have already asked her to collect new drawings from the children and we hope we'll be able to send them to you as soon as possible.

We wish you again really a Happy Easter
School for Children

Awareness and prevention campaign in schools in the Khamman district

The Indian continent is the third country for the spreading of AIDS. To face the problem the Indian government has formed a health policy centred on prevention and checking, as well as on the distribution of antiretroviral medication. Notwithstanding this, millions of people are still excluded from these benefits because of their geographical remoteness, of their economic and social status, of their level of literacy: among these, the inhabitants of the Khammam district. This district, indeed, populated for the most part by people outside castes and tribes, is considered one of the highest risk areas for the development of transmittable sexual diseases (AIDS) in Andhra Pradesh (which in itself is already considered as being one of the states with the highest number of HIV positive sub-

jects): These are the reasons why School for Children Onlus has decided to support and promote an awareness and prevention campaign on the theme of AIDS .

The general aim is to contribute to the improvement of information on the AIDS infection and on the reduction in discrimination against Hiv-positive people through a public awareness campaign in primary and secondary schools in the Khammam district.

Direct beneficiaries are students and teachers from 100 primary and secondary schools in the Khammam district involving a total of 10,000 people.

Here are the Specific Aims

- *To supply information and education aimed at students and teachers from primary and secondary schools (100 schools) in the Khammam district on the themes of prevention and care of HIV/AIDS.*
- *To select and train a number of students and teachers (100 people) who in their turn will carry out training activities.*
- *To form a group of actors (8 people) to carry out awareness and prevention activities on the theme of HIV/AIDS through different artistic forms (dance, theatre, narrative, satire etc.), and with travelling performances in schools and villages.*
- *The setting up of advisory centres in school centres in order to encourage prevention, quick diagnosis and ensure non stigmatising treatment for children and adolescents struck by this illness.*
- *To start up a monitoring system within the scholastic structures under the supervision of an activity coordination centre.*
- *To prevent the spread of the disease among adolescents encouraging responsible behaviour, getting them to take an active part in the awareness and prevention campaign.*