



| LIONS CLUB OF CHIMAKURTHY GALAXY

Pallamalli Village Medical Camp Report conducted on 03Apr2016 in association with Albany Andhra Association , Albany, NY USA

**To
Albany Adhra Association team,
Albany, NY**

Albany Andhra Association, NY USA and Lions Club of Chimakurthy Galaxy held Medical Camp on 03Apr2016 and it was a huge success.

On behalf of Lions Club of Chimakurthy, please convey our sincere appreciation to all partners and **Albany Andhra Association, NY USA** who supported with your generous contribution by way of medical supplies and finances to support this philanthropic event.

This report highlights the main achievements and lessons learnt for your attention.

We have succeeded to meet the main objective of this particular camp and were able to bring affordable healthcare and free health information to the community and identify the common healthy problems of the community in order to devise ways of addressing them.

The team of doctors who attended provided both preventive and curative treatment for common conditions in the community referred those who require specialized treatment to the relevant centre; created awareness and gave counselling on communicable diseases, Diabetes, urology, Ortho, breast cancer and other ailments on the day of the medical camp.

Physicians created awareness on the need for personal hygiene in prevention of serious disabling diseases such as eye and dental, which are prevalent in the area due to dust and lack of adequate water. The free medical camp also aimed at encouraging use of available nutritious food products in the area; and discouraging alcohol and tobacco abuse among the community members.

Furthermore the medical camp provided opportunities to both medical and non-medical personnel (CPS students and Teachers) to give back to the community by way of volunteering their time, energy and expertise.

Patients and people with disabilities started arriving at the venue at 7:30 am to ensure that they were the first in the queue and by 2:00 pm everybody had been attended to. Through the support of various partners, acknowledged herein, oversaw the provision of various medical related services to approximately 602 (345 Men & 257 women) people.

Outpatient cards were distributed and prescriptions issued on the day of this camp. The success of the medical camp was attributed to the high quality services and medicines provided to cover over 600+ patients while the donations from Albany Andhra association was adequate to serve all those who attended. A team of medical doctors and dentists from the Angola, Prakasam District worked nonstop from 9 am to 2 pm with a little break for a lunch and the community was greatly appreciative of their love and care. The team promised to join in the next medical camp because they saw the demand for dental services and orthopaedic problems among the rural people.

The medical camp was well organized with regular meetings being held to plan for event. Identification of clear division of duties and responsibilities was agreed on by all committee members and on the material day many people had already been attended to by 9 am. There was a steady flow of patients throughout the day and it made work easier especially in the recording data and dispensing of medicine by the pharmacists at the camp site.

The services that were provided at the medical camp were as follows:

1. Dental clinic.
2. Medical clinic for all age groups
3. Taking requirements of the persons with disabilities
4. Distribution of medicines for issued prescriptions
5. Eye examinations
6. Skin diseases treatment and distributing of medicines related to skin cure
7. Awareness creation on personal hygiene and nutrition
8. Ortho and Knee Joint examinations and distribution of medications

Specific Goals of the Medical Camp

- Provide services to the community
- Provide both preventive and curative treatment for common conditions in the community
- Refer those who require specialized treatment as necessary
- Give health talks on Diabetes and other ailments
- Provide information on prevention and management of preventable diseases

- Emphasis on the impact of maintaining personal hygiene in prevention of serious disabling eye disease
- Encourage use of available nutritious food products in the area.
- Discourage alcohol/tobacco usage among the community members
- Emphasis on the impact of maintaining personal hygiene in prevention of dental related problems

Sponsors and Partners

with the increasing cost of living and especially healthcare, it is going to be even harder for the common people to afford effective medicine and food. Thus there is need for all stakeholders from the private, public and individuals to forge a strong alliance aimed at improving the social amenities in our state.

Special thanks to **Albany Andhra Association, NY USA** who come forward to sponsor this medical camp and will indeed make a real difference in the lives of those from humble backgrounds.

Chimakurthy Public School. The principal, students and all teaching staff of Chimakurthy Public School played a key role in the logistics. They supported in preparing consultations rooms, moving medical supplies, assisting the elderly to locate rooms for various services. The school also played a key role in the planning of the medical camp.

Dental team for taking the time to provide free dental services to the patients at the medical camp. It was a very noble effort by the team to join in to provide the services. The team brought their own medical supplies and equipment which was greatly appreciated.

Lessons Learned

1. **Climatic conditions: Publicity:** Inability to raise enough Crowds to the camp area due to severe hot weather conditions. Initially we expected nearly 1000 people of attendance from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM but doctors suggested to end the camp by 2:00 as a precaution;
2. **Duration of medical camp.** Initially planned to have the medical camp in the mid of March, 2016 but extended to 03Apr2016. However it became evident that this was not possible especially due to extreme hot weather conditions. Lesson learnt here is that there is need for planning the medical camp wither in the beginning of March but not later than mid of March for any future medical camps
3. **Media Publicity:** Delayed response from the electronic media.

Recommendations:

Doctors expressed that ground water contamination's is the major cause of many communicable diseases in these areas and lack of awareness to the public on purification while drinking those water. Educating the public on periodic basis, and arranging purified mineral water plants with local contributions with low budget capacity for these villages might improve the health condition of the public living in these villages.

Last and not least any medical camp could not have been successful without the medical personnel as well as the patients who attended the medical camp. A big thanks you to all I and we look forward to future partnerships with **Albany Andhra Association, NY USA** to do better to our communities.



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