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HUNT THE WINTER 2017

We have 125 crore population in the country. Latest stats shows that 50% of them do not have access to basic amenities like food, shelter, education etc., in the country.

We all know during Winter we take out Warm Clothes, Rugs, Thick Blankets, Monkey Caps, Shawls, Room Heaters etc., some times, we even bring new ones for our comfort during the season...to fight the weather. Every winter, hundreds of people die on streets fighting cold weather.

abhaya HUNT THE WINTER

As part of its mission to spread care & love for the Community around...abhaya decided to take up "Hunt the Winter" Project 2016 with a mission to provide 3000 blankets to the most needy people in the streets, orphanages, villages across the state. This may cost about Rs. 6,00,000/- each year. As of date abhaya distributed about 25,000 blankets in the country since 2006. If you are one among those kind hearted people in the society who think that, we can do some good work...then abhaya welcomes you to be part of this service project (**November 2017 to February 2018**).

You can contribute for this mission...with Rs. 200/- per blanket...
which may be less than the cost of

**a good lunch@ hotel... movie ticket on a week end...
2 cigarette boxes... 2 burgers enjoyed with a friend...or
browsing net for an hour for a week...**

How to identify the right beneficiary:

If one wishes to identify the people who are in need, requires their eyes and ears to be open to the society. Then the need would be understood by the heart.

Few instances where you find the needy in and around us are as follows: For example if we are in Bangalore and

drive in posh areas such as Jayanagar, Indiranagar, Koramangla etc., we will only find goorkhas and Doberman dogs but not poor people sleeping on the roads! Hence we need to go to outskirts during the nights where the need is imperative like slums/temples/bus stands/railway stations/ orphanages etc.,

So let us go out during the night after 10.30PM in a 2/4 wheelers (let it be slow drive with family/friends) let us observe around in all directions. Sure we notice many people who do not have proper cover on them sleeping on road sides, slums, bus shelters, bus stands, railway stations, market areas. Just identify the needy and silently go and cover them with a blanket...not even disturbing them from their sleep. This would be possible all across the city.

Only thing is that we need to be little patient as if we are going to see Lord Venkateswara of Thirumala!

Where to look around..

- **Identify the needy in and around our homes:**
- **Constructions sites:** Tents of labour with small kids working day and night. Most of them would not have any warm clothing.
- **Maid servants in our own home:** May not have proper blankets, enquire casually and understand the need.
- **Night watch men working at offices, schools, residences:**
- **Rickshaw pullers/coolies/ labour etc:** Who cannot afford a blanket for every member of their family!
- **Identify orphanages/old age homes** and after thorough enquiry and observation we can give the blankets to all the inmates.
- **If we wish to help those people in the villages:** Then we can plan to go little beyond city...then every villager is in need.



How to identify the team for distribution and what kinds of logistics are involved:



Whoever is ready to volunteer for the distribution may join the team. We will give responsibility to one in the team of 4 people in that area. The distribution can be easily done by each family/team. Probable process of Hunt the winter would be as follows:

- There must be a brief meeting with the family/friends in regard to Hunt the Winter.
- If everyone is game: then think about how each one of them can be part of this Mission.
- Estimate the need and places to cover

after observing for a week or so before actual distribution.

- Calculate probable number of blankets that can be distributed by each family.
- The mission to be shared with all the friends, neighbors, pals etc., if someone interested, they would join with their resources.
- See what the family can pool for blankets from their own savings...if there is a deficit, family head would provide the rest.
- If there is still deficit, abhaya would be supporting the rest.
- Block Saturday nights every week during the winter months (Sundays not preferred as the late night activity may affect next working day).
- Start in your car after 10.30PM...be on mission pray fully.
- If there is no car, then it would happen in 2 wheelers with 2 youngsters along with 6 blankets.
- If there is a space in the car, motivate 2 others to join your family/team.
- This would give a great satisfaction in working for the people who are in need.

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Don't forget the following too:

- Capture the images when you give blankets.
- Share your experiences with abhaya for spreading them further to motivate.
- Post these things in blogs, face book, emails...then it would become a movement
- Share this with those who don't have access to net at homes with parents, spouses, friends...
- Thank god who had given us such a wonderful opportunity!

If we do this winter would be hunted out of our cities. Service is not an opportunity to help someone...service is an opportunity to transform ourselves in that process. Let the pain in our heart be relieved by doing such work for those who are in need.

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