

## **A Gesture of Goodwill**

Department of MSc IT, Jain University initiated Little Steps, a Community Service Programme in 2012 aiming to increase student involvement in social and philanthropic activities. In a span of two years, they have managed to do numerous activities to fulfill their social responsibility.

This year on November 15, they organized a programme for the Desire Society, a non-profit voluntary organisation whose objective is the health, well-being and development of children living with HIV / AIDS.

Dr. Rajani Jairam, Dean, Student Welfare, Jain University who was the chief guest of the programme said, "Children with illness are stigmatized and marginalized. It is important that we sensitize ourselves to their issues. I appreciate the students of MSc IT for giving them this wonderful opportunity. There is no greater joy for me than to see a smile on their faces."

The event was packed with segments to make it useful and entertaining for the children. The magic show conducted by Magician Puttaraju was an ice breaking session, which brought the kids out of their shells. The kids also unleashed their inner creativity in a mask-making workshop. Then they were treated to a sumptuous lunch. The event concluded with a matinee premier of the animated feature "Dumbo", created by the Department of Animation, Jain University. The movie had the children in fits of laughter, and ended the event on a happy note.

It was a wonderful day for the entire gathering and one they would cherish for a long time.