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Seven-yr-old raises money for the poor

A young philanthropist from Vashi has donated five of her artworks to raise money to help educate needy students

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WHEN Sanjana Bhosale, 7, first learned to paint on canvas, she knew her talent was intended for a higher purpose. It didn't come as a surprise to her family, when the Std II student decided to donate her paintings to raise money for charity. The young philanthropist from OES International School, Vasai, has donated five of her artworks to help educate poor students, becoming a stellar example for other kids her age.

The joy of giving

Sanjana, who lives in Vasai, only started painting with a private in-



Sanjana Bhosale is a Std II student at OES International School, Vasai

structor, a few months ago. The talented girl learnt the ropes almost immediately, creating drawings ranging from landscape to human portraits.

When her mother Madhavi Bhosale saw her artwork, she asked Sanjana if she was keen on donating the drawings to help educate poor children. Sanjana, Madhavi recalls, jumped at the idea. "She was so happy and excited about using her talent for a good cause," says Madhavi.

For the auction, Sanjana worked on a special collection. "As the paintings are meant to help poor children, all her drawings are themed on the message of hope. For instance, the painting of the dancing girl represents 'free spirit', while that of the flying bird symbolises 'following one's dreams'," she added. "I want to help people through my art. Everyone deserves a good life. And, we can work together to help them live a happy life," said Sanjana.

Ready for auction

The Bhosales decided to donate the paintings to Debabrata Auro Foundation, which was started by Dr Debraj Shome and Dr Aparna Govil Bhasker, a bariatric surgeon, who was involved in the treatment of the world's heaviest woman, Eman Ahmed.

"Generally, children are very attached to their paintings and don't like to give it to anyone. But, Sanjana, our youngest donor has surprised us," said Dr Govil. "Small acts of giv-

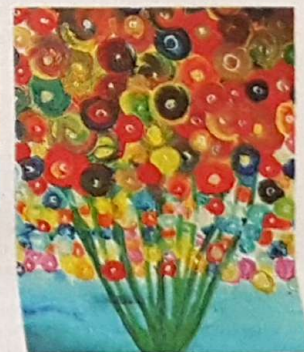


Sanjana has donated five of her paintings (also below), themed in the message of hope, to Debabrata Auro Foundation



ing have a ripple effect and eventually lead to a big impact on communities," she added.

All the paintings have been uploaded on the official website of the foundation and are available for sale. Interested buyers can write to the organisers at info@daf.foundation. "Sanjana might be young, but she has shown a lot of maturity by reaching out to the poor," said Dr Shome.



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