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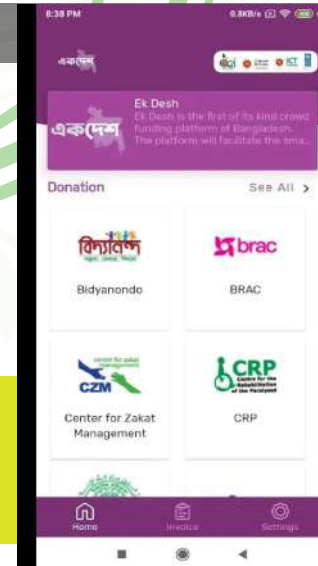
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**CRP is open now! We are taking all essential precautions to keep you safe. You can visit any centre physically or consult from home through messenger or whatsapp.**

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mobile phone and donate to CRP from  
any part of the world**





## Marking 40 years of CRP with the slogan "I am CRP"

CRP has stepped into its 40th year of serving the persons with disabilities in December 2019. To mark the forty years of this incredible organisation a new motto and logo has been launched – proudly proclaiming "I AM CRP".

Three whole days (6th, 7th and 11th December 2019) of celebrations marked the amazing personal and professional dedication and achievements of so many people who've served this wonderful organisation and enabled it to grow and share its valuable work around Bangladesh.

Day one, 6th December 2019 was to honour and thank all 1,200 current staff with the presence of all trustee members of Trust for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (TRP). The organization's established core values were reaffirmed – with all serving members of staff receiving a special pocket book and photograph to acknowledge their hard work, loyalty and commitment. A sporting event included a wheelchair basketball match – when a team with disabilities challenged able-bodied players to play in wheelchairs!

Entertainment was provided by the actress Nawshaba who performed a puppet show entitled 'Mukti Aloy Aloy – I am the light' with the participation of CRP's Puppeteers with disabilities and also a drama written, directed and staged by CRP staff on the topic of 'Waning core values'.

Day two, 7th December 2019, was to highlight the support of volunteers, former patients, staff, students and current students. The Education Minister Dr. Dipu Moni joined as the Chief Guest. The cultural program sponsored by Robi was a real entertainment for the attendees with the performances by guest singers from Dhaka, Bappa Muzumder and S.I. Tutul.

Day three, 11th December, 2019, was to acknowledge the essential and much appreciated contributions by donors. Guests were welcomed with a cultural programme by the children of William and Marie Taylor School. Formal commemorations marked the anniversary with dignitaries and special guests including The Bangladesh Prime Minister's International Affairs Adviser Professor Doctor Gowher Rizvi, Director General of NGO International Affairs Bureau K.M. Abdus Salam, High Commissioner of the UK H.E. Mr. Robert Chatterton Dickson, High Commissioner of Canada H.E. M. Benoit Prefontaine, and Director General of NGO Affairs Bureau.

In the afternoon, a renowned Folk Singer, Momtaz Begum, MP entertained the patients, staff and guests with her wonderful performance.

*Staff gathered in the Reddaway Hall on 6th December 2019*



*Dr. Dipu Moni, Minister of Education receiving a painting from a special need student*



*Dr. Gowher Rizvi handing over prize to a patient of CRP after sports competition*



*Famous Folk Singer and MP Momtaz Begum performing on 11th December*







**Valerie wins Nature Conservation Award of Nature & Life Foundation**

CRP's Founder Valerie A. Taylor received the 'Nature Conservation Award 2019' from the Prokriti o Jibon Foundation (Nature and Life Foundation) of Channel I. This wonderful event was organized in the Channel I premises to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Nature and Life Foundation. Honourable Minister of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Md. Shahab Uddin, attended the event as the Chief Guest. Other officials from the ministry and high officials of Channel I and Nature and Life Foundation were also present in the event.

Valerie, who was brought up in the village of the UK, was always moved by the beauty of nature. She settled in Bangladesh for she fell in love with the beauty of this country on her first visit. Anyone who visited CRP's Headquarters at Savar can easily realize how affectionate she is towards nature. Realizing this, on the occasion of their 10th anniversary the Nature and Life Foundation honoured Valerie's contribution towards Bangladesh and the nature with this award.

*From left Mr. Sagar Jahan, Md. Shahab Uddin, Valerie and Mr. Muqeed Majumder Babu*

**CRP's Annual Sponsored Walk at Gulshan-2**

CRP organized the Annual Sponsored Walk on Friday, 14th February 2020 at 7.30 am at the Gulshan-2 Lake Park to increase awareness about disability issues among the general public as well as to raise funds for treatment and rehabilitation of the poor paralysed patients. The theme for this years Sponsored Walk was, 'Future is Accessible'.

A total of 100 wheelchair users joined the walk. Members from Gulshan Club, Gulshan Society and 13 foreign volunteers of CRP participated and contributed to raise funds for the persons with disabilities. The walk was inaugurated and laid by Dr. Valerie A. Taylor, Founder and Coordinator of CRP and Md. Shafiqul Islam, Executive Director of CRP. Muhammad Saidur Rahman, Chairman of Trust for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (TRP), Azra Faizi and Amin Haque, Members of TRP also joined the event. During the walk the participants had to complete as many circles as possible and find sponsors who will be willing to give donations to support CRP's work. The T-shirts were sponsored by Epylion and Tanscom donated the rice meals.



*CRP's patients, volunteers, staff, students and donors in the Annual Sponsored Walk at Gulshan-2 Lake Park*



## Valerie's Birthday Celebration, Book Launch and Inauguration of Operating Theatre

On 8th February, 2020, CRP in collaboration with Sporsho and Rotary Club of Gulshan and St. Austell Bay organized an event "Unveiling Book Covers and Opening Ceremony of Operating Theatre under Rotary International Project on Diseases Prevention and Treatment" along with CRP's Founder, Valerie's birthday celebration program. A renowned children's author Nazia Jabeen also organized book fair in CRP for the special needs children where a total of 100 students from Scholastica and South Breeze English Medium Schools also joined.

With the cultural performance of the special needs children of CRP's William and Marie Taylor Inclusive School, the ceremony began at 10 am at the Reddaway Hall. Three books were unwrapped in the event. Two of them were Nazia Jabeen's and the other one titled 'Journeys 2' was written by CRP's long standing volunteer from UK, Elizabeth Timms. This was Liz's 3rd book with 22 inspiring stories of amputee patients' of CRP. After the books were unveiled, all guests and children cut the birthday cake on the stage to celebrate Valerie's birthday. Ms. Judith Herbertson, Country Representative of the Department for International Development (DFID) attended the event as the Chief Guest. Roger Varney; Rotary Club of St Austell Bay, Jan Varney with Dr. Sayeed Uddin Helal, Principal Medical Advisor of updating the operating theatre project; Rtn M Khairul Alam; District Governor, RID-3281, Rtn Rabeya Lodi; President, Rotary Club of Gulshan, Ms. Farah Sophia Ahmed; Principal of Scholastica School and Ms. Zeenat Chowdhury; Principal of South Breeze School was present as the Special Guests. CRP's Founder Valerie A. Taylor chaired the programme.

All guests along with CRP's special needs children and students from Scholastica and South Breeze Schools visited the book stalls and also enjoyed a friendly women's wheelchair basketball match at the basketball ground. The two schools cheered two different teams and handed over the prize money to the winning team and the runners up team which the students raised themselves. Later the guests inaugurated the Rotary International projects together and visited the facilities.



*All guests cutting the birthday cake after book launch*



*Friendly women's wheelchair basketball tournament*



*Guests visiting the newly equipped operation theatre*



## Final Site Monitoring and Close Out Visit for CIVIC Trial Project



*Gudivada Sarath Punna Rao, George Clinical India working on monitoring and close out activities of CIVIC project at CRP*

Gudivada Sarath Punna Rao from George Clinical, India recently completed the final site monitoring and close out visit as a part of the ongoing audit of the CIVIC trial. He came to CRP from 16th February 2020 to 19th February 2020 for this purpose. He carefully checked the investigator site files (ISF) and all ethics committee notifications from study start up until trial closure. He then checked the documentation of a random selection of subjects including the inform consent forms, baseline assessments, intervention documents and 2-year assessments. He also checked all the documentation for those subjects that had died. We submitted the CIVIC final study status update to the CRP ethics committee on his visit. Furthermore, he also discussed the archival system of the site and he inspected all our source files to ensure they are documented safely and securely in locked cupboards which are only accessible by the site principal investigator. Considering all things together, he expressed his high satisfaction with the overall activities of CIVIC trial at the CRP site.

## Valerie received the title “Joyeeta”

On the occasion of International Women’s Day on 8th March 2020, the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs of Bangladesh honoured five women from different sectors of Bangladesh with the title “Joyeeta” (Winner). CRP’s founder Valerie A. Taylor for her extraordinary contribution towards society received the title from the honourable Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina in a program held in the Osmani Convention Centre in Dhaka. Many Ministers, Secretaries and Government Officials especially women joined the program.



*Valerie receiving the memento from the Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina*



### Donate CRP through “EkDesh” online platform

“Ek Dosh” the first online platform for crowd funding has been launched by the ICT Division of Bangladesh. Individuals or organizations willing to donate Zakat or any sort of relief payment out of humanity to the poor, underprivileged and persons with disabilities, can do so through the web platform of ‘EkDesh’ (<http://ekdesh.ekpay.gov.bd>) or through the ‘EkDesh’ Android app. Go to Google Play Store download the app ‘EkDesh’, select CRP, choose the medium of sending money and then donate any amount you want. Any individual wanting to pay Zakat or willing to donate can donate any amount through any Banking Channel or a Mobile Financial Service (bKash, Nagad, Rocket, etc.).

**Please donate to support CRP’s activities to help the poor persons with disabilities of Bangladesh. Your small help can bring smile to a distressed soul.**

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