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Empowerment Through Skill Development

In the last quarter, we at DCCW have been extending our Vocational Training Programme, enabled by the generous support extended by Capgemini and Air India SATS. For the first time we have started a training program on Baking and Associated Skills targeted at youth with disability, in partnership with Capgemini. We had been doing this on a very small scale as value-added training for our vocational training girls. The new program has been adapted to meet the needs of differently-abled youngsters. The first step was to identify a suitable trainer, and then to set up the small unit where the program would run, which had to be equipped with all the necessary appliances and appropriate furniture. These include an oven, mixer-grinder, refrigerator, storage cans, tables, chairs white board, aprons, gloves, moulds etc. The ITI trained Trainer was also sent for a refresher course for two weeks. She was sensitised with regard to issues related to people with disability, specifically on how best to communicate with them.

Two helpers were identified, one of them being a mentally challenged boy who was part of our Bal Chetna program, and the other being the mother of a differently-abled child. It is great to see that the trainer and the helpers are all teaching and learning from each other! The first batch of 15 youngsters started the course in the beginning of January. The duration of the training is 4 months. The participants are in the age group of 15-22 years (the qualifying age is higher as this is only aimed at youngsters with disability). The participants are doing really well and this first batch is already baking cakes independently, which speaks volumes for the effort put in by all concerned in a very short period.

Capgemini is supporting the above project for a period of three years, while also supporting a skill training program in the area of Stitching & Tailoring & Beauty Culture which has been conceived, implemented and managed by DCCW, covering 600 girls across Delhi through our 14 vocational training centres. This includes not just technical training but also Soft Skill & English Speaking to give the girls an edge when they move into employment. This program was formally launched on 16th March 2016.



Air India SATS, decided to start a Computer Literacy & Training program in partnership with DCCW, at one of our training centres in the resettlement colony in Trilokpuri.

The program was much needed and welcomed by the local community. The community girls stressed on this as a basic requirement when they step into the employment market after acquiring technical skills. Air India SATS has provided all the necessary equipment to make this program possible.



Spotlight - Rozid Alam

Rozid Alam is one of the children enrolled in our Working Children's Programme, which helps working children remain in school by helping them with their schoolwork and providing them nutritious meals and making health check-ups, medicines and dietary supplements available to them. Rozid's father has been in police custody for the last two years. Rozid, his mother, and his two younger siblings all live with his grandfather in a slum. To earn an an income, Rozid's mother packs small toys, balloons and tattoos at home, for which she earns between Rs 10/- to Rs 15/- per thousand pieces. Rozid Alam helps his his mother by working alongside her in the mornings before he goes to school, and again at night. He packs at 500-1000 pieces in a day while his mother packs between 4000-5000 pieces.



Rozid is a student of Class IV. After school he comes very regularly to our centre, where he has a nutritious hot lunch and then gets guidance in his homework and lessons. Despite his tough circumstances, Rozid is an excellent student and always gets good marks in his class.

He shows the determination necessary to overcome difficulties and make a success of his life. He makes us proud.

Quarterly Updates

A basic foundation course in computer literacy was organized for the children of Palna by Bal Bharti School, Pusa Road. They conducted 12 training sessions spread over 3 months on Saturdays from December 2015 to March 2016.

The children gained hands-on experience in the practical classes held at the computer laboratory of the school. The sessions were followed by a test of concepts learnt and felicitation. It was an enriching experience for the children as they learnt the basics of handling and working on computers.



Concern India Foundation organised a fun-filled day for special needs children, who were given an open field to express their talents for art, painting, poetry and clay modeling. Our children from Bal Chetna Outreach had a wonderful day. Such events help raise these children's self-esteem as well as teach them how to socialize and communicate with others. The students of Indian School, New Delhi continued their support for DCCW by contributing towards a necessary surgery for a child and many items like school bags, biscuits, books, paints and crayons, book shelves etc. for children at Palna and our Outreach centres.

As always, in January DCCW felicitated the Young Brave Hearts of India (the National Bravery award winners), who are role models for the country. We salute them for their selfless act in saving lives of their friends or people they don't know, rising and standing tall above us all. DCCW also organized a 1 day workshop for Leadership and Confidence Building among students for our Instructors, in partnership with Shriram College of Commerce. This is helping DCCW spot talent among the youngsters.

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The Kiwani Foundation supported DCCW in spearheading immunization for Tetanus & Diphtheria at Trilokpuri, Dakshinpuri & New Seemapuri, reaching out to over 366 children over 10 years of age, and their families.



The Food & Nutrition Board, Ministry of Women & Child Development, Govt of India has continued to support DCCW's effort with young adolescent girls with regard to a healthy and nutritious diet with a workshop that they conducted, which was attended by over 200 girls and local Anganwadi workers.

Continued Education of our team at DCCW is an integral part of our ethos. An English Communication Workshop for our Instructors was held, focusing on not just grammar but how to develop confidence, enhance memory skills, and to connect with all children in the class.



Physiotherapy is an integral part of DCCW, not just for special needs children but also for all other children who are received at Palna. Our team learnt new skills for motor control which helps better trunk balance, helping upper and lower limbs. This enriches our effort towards the needs of our children for a better future.

The DCCW Anganwadi Training Centres along with Delhi State AIDS Control Society reached out to over 720 Anganwadi workers across Delhi, sensitizing, informing & educating them about HIV/AIDS, its prevention, transmission, care & support.

Each one took back valuable learnings to not just spread the message but also to clear all myths and doubts people have with regard to HIV/AIDS.

As has been mentioned in earlier newsletters, much-needed major renovation of the Palna building is currently going on. Work on half of the nursery wing and the boys' & girls' rooms has been completed so far.

This is a long project as it is being done with the children in residence, and so can be done only in slow steps by vacating a couple of rooms at a time.

V isitors' Comments

-Nalini Thyagarajan

"The most valuable & wonderful experience with children ... will come back again"

Delhi Council for Child Welfare (DCCW) is a Registered NGO (Non-Governmental Organization), established in 1952 to care for children who had been displaced during the riots that took place after the partition of India. Since its inception over 50 years ago, DCCW has grown, its services expanding and diversifying to keep pace with the changing needs of Delhi's less fortunate children. Today, DCCW provides a range of services for underprivileged children living in and around Delhi, in

