



# DCCWConnect



## Red FM 93.5 - Bajao for a Cause

Led by its popular RJ Raunac, Red FM batted for PALNA on its own initiative and did the most amazing fund-raising drive for the children of PALNA. With the tagline “Ab Palna Dilli Ko Hai” (Now Delhi has to Nurture), Red FM 93.5 – Bajao for a cause, RJ Raunac aroused and initiated people from all walks of life in Delhi & NCR to step forward to support the abandoned and lost children who are looked after and nurtured at PALNA.

The Red FM team went way beyond just a radio campaign. Ranuac's [video](#) of trying to abandon an infant girl at Connaught Place and a live Facebook (<http://bit.ly/2p8GHFB>) show direct from Palna, actually got people to see what our Palna Home is all about.



And they didn't stop there. Apart from raising funds, they wanted to give the PALNA kids a good time. They got superstar Mr Shahrukh Khan to sponsor a wonderful evening at Kidzania for the children – an experience they will always remember. Then singer Mika Singh did a small live Facebook song with our Palna children at his studio. The kids enjoyed singing along with him and RJs Ashish & Kishna. Playing the red nosed reindeer RJ Sachin spent a fun filled morning at Palna with the children, and RJ Heena sang and danced with the children at Palna.

It was amazing to see the citizens of Delhi NCR come forward with financial and material support for the children, filling Palna to the brim. We were truly overwhelmed by this heartwarming response, endorsing that Dilli Dil-waalon Ki Hai. Our heartfelt gratitude to the entire RED FM 93.5 team for their amazingly bountiful, extremely touching – and totally unexpected – reach-out to PALNA.



## Spotlight - Gurpreet

Gurpreet is a physically challenged young teenaged girl. She lost her father to cancer when she was very young. She now stays with her mother and paternal grandmother. The family lives in a one room and kitchen set, and they survive on the pension of her grandmother. Her mother who has been a homemaker is now looking for a job.

Gurpreet is a very jovial and talkative girl. She has hemiparesis, which means her entire left side is weak, and this impacts both her left limbs as well. She had a surgery on her left leg to improve its strength and mobility.

After the surgery she was availing physiotherapy services at our centre. She was academically very bright and while at the centre for physiotherapy, she learnt about our Educational Sponsorship program and came forward for registration.

Gurpreet is a student of Central School, Tagore Garden, and has excelled in academics. She says “I am motivated to do better as this sponsorship helps me to buy the books & copies I need for school”. In Class IX she has scored a GPA of 10 and strives to excel even more!

We are so proud of her and wish her continued success in all walks of life.



# Quarterly Updates



Mitsubishi joined hand with DCCW for empowering young girls with computer literacy at our Trilokpuri centre. The word about the new facilities spread fast in the community and today within a month we had 52 girls registered in 3 batches. The girls feel this course will greatly improve their job prospects.

Ford Foundation took up our cause for differently abled children from poor and marginalized families by supporting our BalChetna outreach centres at Nithari & Sultanpuri. Providing physiotherapy, speech therapy, special education along with basic medical and nutritional support, our endeavour is to improve the activities of daily living of these children and make them as self-reliant as possible, teaching them some skills where possible and integrating the child into school if that is an option.

Cadence Design Systems continued to be our valuable partner and also reached out to support our BalChetna centres. Earlier they had sponsored the equipment we required and now they came forward to support nutrition and medical services, besides therapy. We have had many firsts here too and are indebted to them for this support. One of the children, four year old Vaishnavi recently got operated for a cochlear implant and is steadily recovering from the surgery.

For years Palna has been witnessing differently-abled children being abandoned in the cradle at the gate of our home. Each year the number seems to increase. Today we have as many as 20 such little ones under our care. The cost of care of these children is very high and Mr Kingsman came with welcome support for them. Earlier his family has supported the renovation of our Nursery block. Truly God lives in Palna and sends his messengers to us when we need them the most.

On 8th March 2017, Mrs Jiang, the wife of the Chinese Ambassador to India visited Palna along with her team from the Chinese Embassy and generously donated to the institution. She also assured a long partnership with Palna.

## Programme Updates

The Vocational Training Program saw the annual evaluation of Stitching & Tailoring, Beauty Culture & Computer Training courses. The successful students cleared both a practical & viva-voce examination. Of the 652 girls across 13 centres, 453 successfully passed evaluation. 122 girls had not completed their course and were not ready for the evaluation while 59 girls dropped out due to relocation and marriage.

Yet another successful batch of 10 differently abled youth from Nithari area, Outer Delhi passed a baking exam. The test was taken by Chef Rajender from a local bakery. He was amazed at their skills and promised to support them when they start their self-help group. We at DCCW are now looking for donors for this small start-up which needs seed money of just Rs 75,000/- to get going. Inner Wheel Club had supported a similar start up at Sultanpuri last year and today they are making a profit by selling their products.



In 2016-17:

- ❖ DCCW's Orthopaedic Centre performed over 330 corrective surgeries for physically disabled underprivileged children, not just from Delhi but also neighboring UP & Rajasthan.
- ❖ This year Palna saw 35 children well settled into loving homes.
- ❖ From the Palna Shishu Kendra program, a total of 168 children age-appropriate children have got admission in public and Sarvodaya Vidyalayas. We are really proud that our grooming of these underprivileged children helps them excel with regular children who are not from deprived circumstances.

The BalChetna special needs children had a day of fun and games at the Genesis Foundation Splash program. They painted to their hearts content and made clay models.



Further DRDO celebrations on Science Day had our BalChetna children from Sultanpuri get a trophy and medals for their performance – a play with music highlighting inflation.

In continuance of our focus on health, DCCW partnered with the Delhi TB association and Kiwani Foundation for information, education and immunisation for diphtheria and Tetanus across all our centres. Eight volunteers were trained by the TB association for spreading awareness and one of them won a prize as the best volunteer.

## Visitors' Comments

RJs Ashish & Kishna

*"Palna, a heaven for children."*

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

