



# DCCWConnect



## Our Young Achievers. We Did It!

The year started with a bang with our young achievers from our pre-school preparatory programme doing it again – taking the honours and making it to the top schools in Delhi against all odds. We congratulate not only our children but also the teachers who help groom the children, building their confidence to speak and present themselves well when at these premier schools. A deep sense of satisfaction for our Instructors – cheers to them. Schools in which our children have got admissions include Heritage School, Ryan Public School, G.D. Goenka, St Xavier's, Air Force Public School, just to mention a few.

Empowering our teachers under the continued education program, an intensive 15-day training was organized on English speaking and communication skills for effective learning. This training helps the teachers make a more positive impact on the children as they learn best by example and imitation. Keeping a focus on our instructors continued skill development helps our programmes become more effective.



## Spotlight - Rashi

"The most beautiful thing in the world is to see your parents smiling and knowing that you're the reason behind that smile."

This quote acquires real meaning when we go through the story of Rashi whose only wish in life is to become a doctor to make her parents feel proud and fulfil their long-cherished dream.

Rashi is a 9-year old little girl who studies in Class IV in the MCD school in Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, and attends our Supervised Homework Scheme centre at Dakshinpuri in the afternoon. Her family comprises her supportive parents, younger brother, and loving grand-parents who live in a house which may be small but echoes with their love and laughter. Her father does a petty cleaning job while her mother is a House-Maid and together they earn just about 14,000/- per month with which to support their family of six. But their financial condition in no way comes in the way of their aspirations for their children.

When asked, Rashi's mother happily affirms that Rashi has always been a very affectionate and helpful child. She helps her brother in his studies and makes every effort to keep her mother happy. When her mother returns home in the evening, she finds the home neat and clean. Rashi even makes her a hot cup of tea when she is restless or sick.

In studies, Rashi had not been a brilliant child. When the family knew about our centre, they got Rashi enrolled here when she was in nursery and then there was no looking back. Today, Rashi is in Class IV and a peer educator at the centre which means she helps children of Class II and III in basic reading and writing. The instructor at our centre has taken a great deal of effort to bring her up from beginner level. In her first evaluation she had scored a C-grade in all subjects but today she can read confidently and can write sentences in Hindi. In English, she can read small sentences and can write words properly. In Arithmetic she is familiar with all basic operations. Apart from studies, she enjoys kitchen garden activity and seeding. Badminton is her favourite pastime which she enjoys a lot on Saturdays. She is making great effort to do well in her studies to fulfil the dream of her parents. We wish that such a lovely girl makes her dreams come true.



## Spotlight - Anju



Anju is an 18-year old girl who lives with her family of five members at Sanjay Camp, Dakshinpuri. Her father works as a helper earning around 8,000/- per month, and is the only earning member of the family, which therefore struggles to meet every-day expenses. Anju was determined to do something to help support her family's needs. She heard about our Vocational training programme for young girls, and immediately visited the centre and enrolled for the beauty course. She was apprehensive when she joined as she did not know anything about beauty culture. All she knew was that once she learnt it, it would get her a good job and income, and help her have a career.

During training, she also started to work from home as a freelancer to earn her pocket money. She not only helped her family but also paid her fees. After successfully completing the course, Anju has got a job with Lisha Beauty Parlour and currently earns around 8,000/- per month, thus doubling her family's monthly income! It is worth adding that she desires to continue her education and has enrolled with Open School to complete her Class XII. She pays her fees and meets all her personal needs. She is proud that she can support her family. We at DCCW are also proud of her achievement and wish her all the best for the future.

# Quarterly Updates

Partners Support: DCCW is highly indebted to our partners for their continued support and their concern for our beneficiaries. In this quarter, the following companies helped us by supporting our various programmes:

- \* Gateway Rail - Computer Centre at Pandav Nagar
- \* Mitsubishi Corporation - Computer Centre at Dakshinpuri
- \* Wallace Mills - Support for PALNA Pre-School

One of our donors from HHH foundation visited DCCW and met with the beneficiaries who have directly benefited from their grants. She was overwhelmed at the difference it makes in the quality of life of these children who come from all around to avail the services at DCCW.



Annual evaluation of the Vocational Training Programme saw 360 girls successfully complete the course. Most of the girls go in for employment while some look to advanced courses for training.

At the same time Bains Capital offered to further polish the girls' skills in writing their resumes and speaking confidently in the interviews by giving them personality development tips. A session which will be of great help to our girls in the long run.

Self-defence workshops by Delhi Police were held in February at Janakpuri and Pandav Nagar. Over 60 girls including our young

supervised homework scheme children attended the training and successfully completed it. The main aim of Delhi Police is to empower young girls to be able to deal with any difficult situation they may find themselves in. The girls were educated about the police helpline and Delhi Police apps especially for girls. Bal Chetna children participated in the annual creative contest organized by Special Art India Institute where our children won medals in gift wrapping, tray decoration and landscaping from waste material. They also actively participated in the Splash Event of theme painting, organized by Concern India Foundation.



Holi is always fun, but it is even more attractive when you are involved in making the natural Holi colours. Our special needs children did just that and showed that this skill comes naturally to them. It is a delight when they sell these self-made colours and take back the well-earned rewards.

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The educational sponsorship programme saw stipend disbursement to 587 children. Career counselling sessions were also held with the senior students, helping them by answering their queries and doubts, and helping them think clearly about their course selection.

Loraine Campos, (Asst Director - PALNA), and Ruchika (Counsellor, PALNA) attended the CARA training for Counsellors & Social Workers held in March in Delhi. The training focused on preparing child study reports, doing home studies, counselling parents, and addressing the past experiences / medical conditions that children have faced and how to cope with them.



Republic Day and festivals like Lohri, Holi, and Basant Panchami were celebrated with full gusto across all centres. These serve the double purpose of enjoyment as well as learning about all these festivals and occasions.

## Visitors' Comments

Ami Bundgaard Madson, Denmark (ex-PALNA child)

*“Wonderful to visit my first home, meet the children, go through my file, meet the team. A very unique experience, and I really appreciate the warm hospitality. A very big thank you.”*

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

