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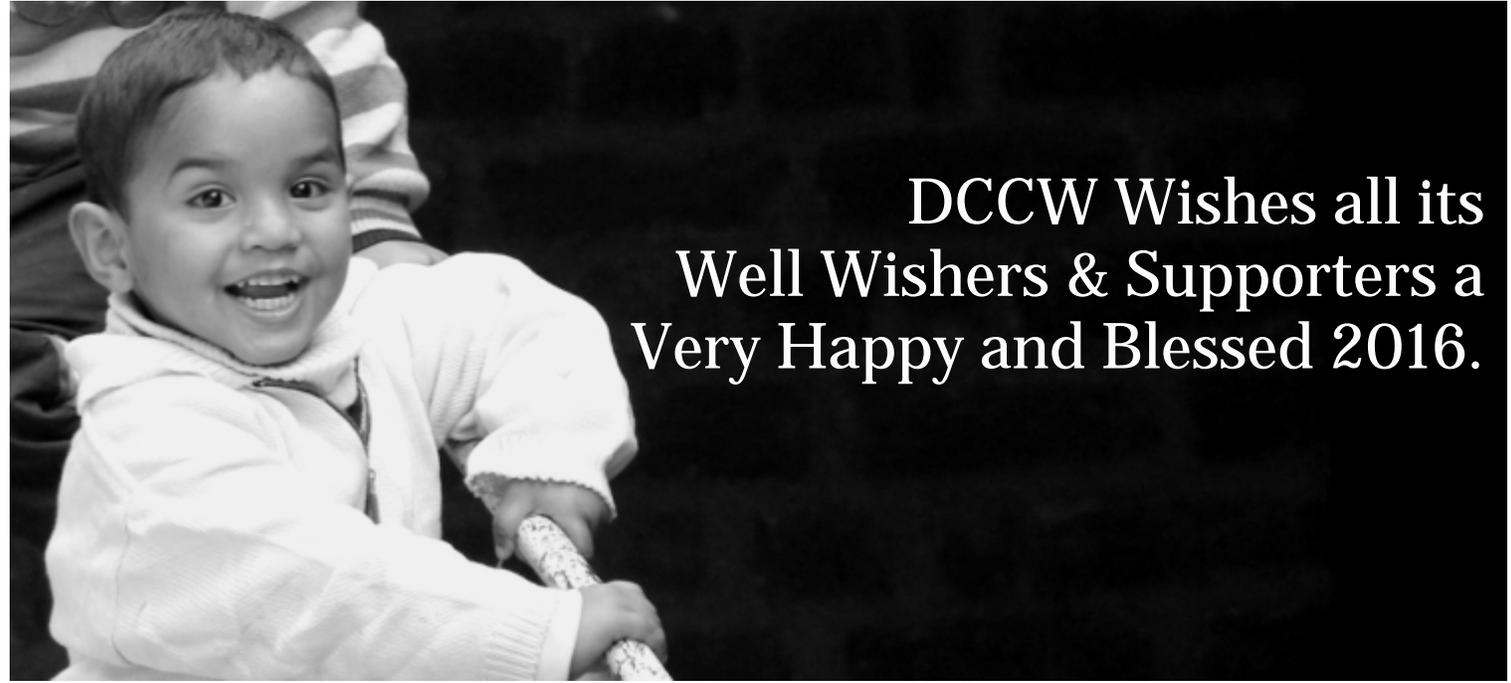
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DCCW Wishes all its Well Wishers & Supporters a Very Happy and Blessed 2016.



## Starting off 2016 with a Carnival

PALNA, our home for abandoned children, began the year with a Winter Carnival in partnership with the Rotary Club of Delhi Achievers, to help raise funds for renovating the Palna building, through sponsorships and sale of stalls and proceeds from other sales. It was a day-long carnival in the grounds of the Modern School, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi. The event was inaugurated by Ms Kiran Walia, former Women & Child Development minister, Delhi Government, and Shri N K Agarwal DGM, Bharat Electronics Ltd. It was a day full of fun and games for all. Several thousand people came out to express their support for the cause and also some took back lovely prizes from the Musical Tambola and Q&A quiz.

We at Palna are grateful to all the people who came from across Delhi to lend support. All proceeds will go towards our building renovation and program activities for under privileged children. We appeal to all to donate for helping us meet our cost of bricks & mortar, as each brick added helps raise the wall. The building renovation has already been started. Palna held a small in house "Puja" prior to starting the renovation with the first brick being put by our own Palna child and the President along with other Executive members and the Palna team.



# P rized Partnerships

DCCW has been going full steam in strengthening old and forging new partnerships with donor agencies, corporates, institutions and individuals, for improving our services to the children through the various programs at our outreach centres across Delhi. Each partnership addresses specific programs. Here are some highlights – we are truly blessed to have them as our partners:

- ✦ Indian Dental Association (IDA): DCCW's partnership with Indian Dental Association (IDA) goes back to 2013 when the first check-up camp was organized for our children as well as the community. This was followed up every quarter with treatment services. IDA developed a very close relationship with our programme for rehabilitating mentally challenged children, Bal Chetna, as well as the Working Children's program. They went on to sponsor a special lunch once a month and started donating items required at the centre. They donated a mixer, grinder & juicer for the centre. Thereafter they decided to give the children special uniforms comprising shorts, T- shirts, track pants and full sleeve warm jackets. The doctors and children have developed a very close bond and now and the children don't shy away from any check-up or treatment. The IDA team celebrates all festivals with our children at the centre.
- ✦ Aide et Action for Supervised Homework Scheme; doing a child centric assessment and making a plan for improving academic skills.
- ✦ Capgemini for Vocational Training of young girls, including reaching out to people with disability through training for a Bakery course and adding value through Soft Skill Training & Conversational English for all vocational programme trainees.
- ✦ Cadence Design Systems India for supporting Nutrition and Services for differently-abled children at our Bal Chetna Outreach centres.
- ✦ Amicale Internationale d'Aide, Luxembourg for supporting our Palna Classroom program.
- ✦ Karin Lodin, Sweden for supporting the Palna Shishu Kendra Program at Madipur for preparing underprivileged children for school.



## S potlight - Vishal

Vishal is 9 years old and joined our Bal Chetna Outreach centre for rehabilitation of special needs children, in February 2014. At the time of admission he used to drag himself to move, his speech was unclear and he used to cry the whole day long. He only waited for his mother and felt that by throwing a tantrum at the centre his mother would withdraw him from the centre. He had no concept of any form of academics or any association with books. To minimize the tantrums Vishal was involved in group therapy sessions, starting with assembly, music and exercises.



Gradually he started taking interest and listening to what was being told to him. He enjoyed music the most - so the therapist tailored a plan for teaching him the concepts of counting, colors, fruits, vegetables and money using music and songs. Thereafter he started cooperating in taking speech therapy sessions and physical therapy sessions. Today he is able to walk, his speech is audible, his receptive language is very sound and he is able to express himself quite clearly. Further he involves himself and assists in all activities at the centre - in the morning assembly he helps others to form queues and later helps other children to eat their meals. Going forward he will definitely be able to work along with his mother in making and selling artificial flowers. He has already taken the first few steps towards this! We are proud of the tremendous progress he has made!

# Quarterly Updates

- ✦ This was a quarter of many festivals which were celebrated with fun and festivities at all our centres with all the DCCW children.
- ✦ Palna was blessed to see its own 2 little girls Meera Domir & Aadi Miglani return to their first home and meet the team that cradled and nurtured them. Both well settled and forging ahead in academics and the professional sphere. DCCW wishes them all the best and prides itself on these shining stars across the world.
- ✦ The DCCW Director & Program Coordinator attended a 3 day workshop at Chennai, organized and felicitated by Aide et action for giving a complete and comprehensive picture of Project Enlight – focused on girl child education, where DCCW is the Delhi partner.
- ✦ DCCW organized an English Grammar workshop for all Supervised Homework Scheme Instructors – making grammar fun to learn and understand, felicitated by Mrs Saraswati Rihkey, English Teacher, Mother's International school,. This cleared not only doubts but also helped learn simple strategies to make learning a fun activity.



## Visitors' Comments

Disha Mehra

*"A wonderful place, awesome to see what is being done is from the heart"*

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

