

DCCWConnect



We Wish You a Happy New Year.

Airtel Delhi Half Marathon – Run for a Cause

Sumeet Agarwal, an employee of our partner company Cadence Design Systems, Noida, has been a well-wisher and supporter of our programmes for several years now. He found a new way to champion the cause of PALNATM, our home for lost and abandoned children, by running the 21 k.m. Airtel Delhi Half Marathon (ADHM) to raise funds for PALNATM. He raised Rs 1 lakh and while doing so achieved yet another feat of improving his own best timing to 1 hour 50 minutes. To quote Sumeet, “it has been a fantastic experience of running and fund raising as a Silver Care Champion in ADHM. I encourage all to take up a cause and spread love. Philanthropy is a market for love and people are yearning to make contributions. The social sector needs this investment and I shall be back again next year”.

Sumeet's decision to run for PALNA inspired the DCCW team, and many of them took up the challenge and ran the 6 km Delhi run. Such was the impact that DCCW team members have already committed for the marathon next year.

Thank you Sumeet!



Spotlight - Qareena

Qareena is an 18 year old girl. She belongs to a poor Muslim family comprising her parents and three siblings. Her father sells artificial jewellery by the roadside and her mother does some stitching jobs at home. Her brother does air-conditioner repairs. Tall this put together, the total monthly income of the family is Rs 10,000/-. The family lives in a small room of their own with an attached verandah. The verandah has been covered to serve partly as a kitchen as well as a place for her mother to do her stitching. Qareena's parents and brother manage their daily expenses with the meagre sum they earn, but they give importance to education and see that as the road to a better future for the family. Qareena's eldest sister is a graduate and the other sister is pursuing graduation.



Qareena is a very bright student and has always scored well in her examinations. She is one of the brightest students under our Educational Sponsorship Programme. The sponsorship stipend helped her to take extra tuitions in her higher classes and to purchase stationery as and when required. Qareena was awarded a certificate and a mobile tablet from National Islamic Forum for securing 80% marks in Class X. She takes interest in social causes like Cancer Awareness and she received a certificate of appreciation for collecting maximum donation from her neighbourhood for this cause. She secured 85% in Humanities stream in Class XII examination. She is pursuing DIET (Elementary Teachers Course) from a government institute. We have given her one time financial assistance for her admission. We salute Qareena and her family for their broad and enlightened outlook!



Quarterly Updates

Diwali Melas: The vibrant vocational skill unit of the Indian School has been very supportive and forthcoming in enhancing the skills of our trainees and equipping our trainers. They taught the girls the use of designed silicon mould for making fancy candles along with colours and scented tealights which were in great demand at the Diwali melas and stalls organized by DCCW at their own centres, as well as at Birla Ultratech Cement Ltd, Random House India Ltd & Modern School. Individual orders for the designer candles were plenty and it was a challenge to cope with the demand!

At our own centres, the staff and children decorated the centres and organized melas where the community participated and enjoyed the eats and games, all set up exclusively by the children. A different flavour of the Diwali Mela was seen at our Janakpuri centre where our differently abled children showcased their skills at making gift items, diyas, candles and simple artificial jewelry items. Adding to this was the self-help group Roshini from Sultanpuri who have set up a small bakery unit and are making biscuits, nankhatai, muffins, cakes and patties. All their items sold and they made a good profit. All this proved to us yet again that determination can help overcome disability and be a part of mainstream society.



Quarterly Updates



Our Gadipur centre was refurbished with support from FICCI FLOW members. The facelift of the centre included new educational aids, and desks & chairs for the children, besides bags, bottles and new lunch-boxes. The new colourful environment is a motivator for not just for the enrolled children, but also for the parents of prospective students.

Our differently abled children showcased their learning and put up a show as a mark of respect for their teachers and therapists who enable them to reach their full potential. They also participated in a sports meet and competed with one another, winning medals and trophies for themselves and their centres. Watching them was a sheer delight for the audience present.

Mitsubishi joined hand with DCCW to set up a computer training centre at Trilokpuri, a boon for young girls in the community.

Programme Updates

- ✦ Our computer training centre at Trilokpuri saw the first batch of students pass out. As a mark of appreciation for Air India SATS which enabled this centre, the students put up a small cultural program for the visitors who further advised them on how these skills could be put to practice for their professional growth and development.
- ✦ DCCW has received accreditation by the National Institute of Open Schooling, for its Vocational Training course of Beauty Culture & Stitching & Tailoring at the Janakpuri centre. This will enable the trainees to apply for government jobs.
- ✦ During the period April-December 2016 our Orthopaedic Centre has performed 370 corrective surgeries on physically disabled under-privileged children and also distributed over 1000 aids and appliances to children who needed them.
- ✦ So far in this financial year, 27 PALNA children found families through adoption, while 7 were restored to their natural parents.
- ✦ The Educational Sponsorship Program which reaches out to children from under-privileged homes, helping them pursue their education saw brilliant performances from children across all centres. Not only had they excelled academically but they also displayed their skills in singing, dancing and oration, through poetry and plays.
- ✦ DCCW is blessed to have long-serving team members. This quarter we bid goodbye to one of our Supervisors, Mrs Sharda Uppal, who served the Council with complete dedication and commitment for over 35 years.





Visitors' Comments

Over the years PALNA seems to consistently draw back the children for whom it was once their home. Frida Poonam K Meyer who lives in Denmark and is now 15 years old, came back to PALNA on a visit recently. She had this to say:

“Thank you for having me and my family and letting us see where we started from. It's beautiful.”



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

