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As we keep re-iterating, it is our partners who make all the work at DCCW possible, be they individuals, institutions or organisations. One such valued partner over the last several years has been Cadence Design Systems, a software company based in Noida. Cadence employees have supported many of our programmes, including supporting abandoned children at our home PALNA, sponsoring surgeries for physical disabled children from under-privileged families, rehabilitation of special needs children and helping give them special nutrition, getting us much needed medical and therapy equipment, inviting our children to their campus for a day of games and fun, etc. They have helped in so many ways.

Over the last one year they have focused on our Bal Chetna program for special needs children. DCCW runs four such day-care centres across Delhi where the children receive special education, physiotherapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, special nutrition, medical checkups, focus on health and hygiene – whatever each individual child's need is. After visiting our centres, Cadence decided to first support complete nutrition at one centre, and after seeing the results of that programme, went on to support the Sultanpuri centre fully for 6 months as well as providing specialised therapies, nutrition and health check-ups to all the children at the New Seemapuri Centre.

The benefits of the many therapies that are available is going to be further increased with the new equipment the employees are sponsoring through funds collected by organizing an employees' Marathon. This includes replacement of existing old equipment as well as some new equipment, both of which were beyond our reach otherwise. Cadence employees just reinforce our belief in the essential core of humaneness in people, and we truly value our partnership with Cadence and all its employees.



Spotlight - Manisha & Monika

This time we focus on Manisha and Monika, two young girls who epitomize the objectives of our Vocational Training Programme. Manisha & Monika live in Trilokpuri and successfully completed a 1-year certificate course on Beauty Culture at our Trilokpuri Vocational Training Centre, securing 1st & 2nd positions in their class. After finishing the course, they started working at a beauty parlour in Mayur Vihar, earning a monthly salary of Rs 4000/- each. After working there for a few months and learning first-hand how such an establishment operates, they decided to venture into business by starting a parlour of their own. They worked out the entire cost necessary for space, equipment and materials. Their small savings were insufficient to cover their needs, and so they went ahead with a loan application to the bank, which was granted. They set up the parlour at a rented place in Trilokpuri itself by the name of "Alive Ladies Beauty Saloon", offering all the services from manicure / pedicure / hairdressing / massages / bridal make-up/ mehendi etc. Soon the local community started using their services, not just because they were local girls, but because the services offered were good and at a reasonable cost. Clients started increasing as their reputation grew by word of mouth. Today they not only provide services but also train young girls who want to learn these skills.



Their earnings today cover not just the monthly installment on their loan, but also their rent and materials required for the services. Over and above this they make about Rs 5000/- each. We are really proud of their determination and their entrepreneurial spirit, which have been key to their success!

Quarterly Updates

We are proud to share that the wonderful work done by Dr Madhu Kant, our surgeon for Orthopaedic Sugeries, has been deservedly recognized by the Indian Medical association, who have awarded him with the Community Service Award.

The Bakery Unit saw the first batch of 15 differently abled children successfully clear their exam taken by Amit Bakery, showing off their skills of baking cakes; pizza; biscuits; bread & patties. They were given a warm send off by and a small gift as a token by our member Mrs Nina Puri at Janakpuri. Today they are readying themselves for the next phase for



The regular Vocational Training courses of stitching, beauty culture & computer saw the annual valedictory and passing out of the batch 2015-16. The girls put up brilliant performance of dance & music wearing dresses they had tailored themselves and doing their own make-up... all set to take on the next phase of employment or self start-up. The English Speaking & Soft Skills trainings is underway and was held at 6 centres. The benefit is increased confidence in speaking and improved presentation skills of girls. Such skill development has definitely helped 9 girls who were selected by Air India SATS for internship in their office. Empowering girls further, DCCW also organized Self Defense training for girls at Trilokpuri by the Gender Resource Centre of the government. This empowers girls to deal with any untoward incident anytime and anywhere.

The International Yoga day was celebrated with much enthusiasm and gusto across all centres. It was really noteworthy to see our Special Needs children perform with such ease. In fact this is part of their routine morning assembly, prayer and exercise regime. It benefits the children as it helps in releasing tightness, stiffness in limbs, all done under supervision to prevent any adverse effect.



Health being a priority area for DCCW, we continuously endeavour to reach out with information, education and services to the beneficiaries on various aspects. DCCW along with the TB Association of Delhi held camps at Janakpuri & Trilokpuri 1 & 2. The basic aim was to focus on prevention and also identify any case, if present. The Indian Dental Association also held a camp at Janakpuri. Oral health is very crucial for general well being and staying healthy, a fact often overlooked and not understood. Follow up treatment for identified cases too are done by them at no cost. Further Kiwani Foundation continued the immunization follow up for the 2nd dose of DPT & diphtheria at Dakshinpuri & New Seemapuri & Trilokpuri.

DCCW organized a Story Telling workshop for all the teachers. The trainer, a teacher from Delhi Public School, did not just enact stories as examples but got each participant present to do so, breaking their inhibitions. It was a very good session and we propose to have a follow up session later in the year. DCCW organized two camps during the quarter, one at Najibabad and the other at Mewat, identifying cases for corrective surgery and referral to our centre at Delhi. Many children have benefitted from this and today are successfully using the aids & appliances provided to them.



As part of a CSR partnership, Kajaria Ceramics have donated floor and wall tiles at no cost for the Palna building which is under remodeling & renovation. We are deeply grateful for this very generous gesture.

Members of Young FICCI Ladies Organisation have initiated the process to renovate our Gadipur Centre which will get a complete facelift, and provide our children with a brighter and better environment. The Inner Wheel Club of South Delhi renovated and refurbished the entire Beauty Culture section at the Dakshinpuri centre, also providing raw material required by the trainees. The trainees put up a small event in their honour which was well received & appreciated.



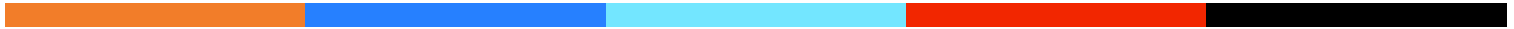
The Raunak Academy held a workshop at Janakpuri on latest hair styles for the trainees. Likewise, Avon company held a workshop on makeup for the trainees. Such workshops enrich not just our program but also open up opportunities for employment for our girls when they finish their courses.

The Centre for Cultural Resources & Training organized art & craft workshops at various DCCW centre. The children and trainees participated and learnt new skills. 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

Rupika Saxena (a Palna child who came to visit after two decades along with her husband)

"Feeling awesome, once again after 24 years, it's a lovely place where I got my heaven; thanks to Palna for giving me such a beautiful world"



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

