

DCCW Connect



Palna Shishu Kendras live up to their promise

Palna Shishu Kendras, which we started in 2014, with a vision to help children from underprivileged backgrounds get school education by preparing them for school and helping the parents through the admission process, has more than lived up to our expectations. The children have proved that given the right environment and grounding, they are at par with other children when enrolling in mainstream public schools. Hard work and a year or more of fun-filled learning has these little ones stand out across elite public schools in Delhi.



Jaquar Foundation added a helping hand to this programme by gifting bright yellow polo shirts with navy-blue track pants, colour books, notebooks, pencils, erasers and crayons to all the children across all the ten such kendras that we run in Delhi, much to the excitement of the children as well as their parents!

We are proud to list some of the schools that our children have got admissions into:

Air Force School, Aman Deep Public School, A.S.N. Public School, Central School, Dasmash Public School, Evergreen Public School, G.D. Goenka School, Hansraj Model Public School, Heera Public School, M.S. Model School, N.C. Jindal Public School, Red Rose Public School, Satya Sai Public School, Seth Beniprasad School, St Xavier's School, Sarvodaya School, United Public School, Victoria Girls Sr Sec School, as well as several MCD & NDMC schools.

This is a very satisfying moment for the council ... a mission accomplished by giving these children a fulfilling childhood.

Spotlight - Kirti

Kirti is a young teenage girl. She lives in Delhi with her uncle and aunt. Her uncle works as a casual labourer, and her aunt is a housewife, but they have supported and encouraged Kirti to pursue her education. Kirti is a very hard-working girl and after completed her Class XII, she decided she wanted to help her family financially.

So Kirti was enrolled in our vocational training programme in Beauty Culture at our Janakpuri centre, which is one-year course. As soon as she completed the course, by her own efforts and perseverance she got a job a well-known beauty parlour in Rajouri Garden, New Delhi, starting at an initial salary of Rs 4000 per month, plus incentives. She is working as a therapist in the Salon. She is expert in mehendi and nail art.

Kirti is parallely pursuing a B.A. degree also. She is a highly motivated as well as an affectionate girl, and is looking to achieve her dreams while also improving the quality of life of her family members. Her employer appreciates her sincerity as well as hardworking nature.

Kirti makes us truly proud.



Quarterly Updates

Dentists from Safdarjung Hospital and Ophthalmologists from G.B. Pant Hospital took time out from their hectic schedules to ensure a complete check-up along with follow up treatment for our PALNA children at their respective hospitals, with time given exclusively for our children. Taking this further to the children we serve across Delhi through our centres in resettlement colonies and slums, a schedule for doing the same for them has been drawn up by the team. Our heartfelt gratitude to the doctors.

Quarterly Updates



Celebrating their success after completing a grueling year of skill training, the full batch of over 350 girls who were undergoing vocational training in different areas, enjoyed a fun filled day of dance and music at their Annual Day. Our donors gave away the prizes and certificates to the girls, and appreciated their performance. The girls are now ready to take the first step towards pursuing their vocation leading to financial independence.

We have installed an innovative artwork at our Orthopaedic centre in Jankpuri, inspired by a similar one in Bennington, Vermont, USA, which is the brainchild of Polly van der Linde, a piano teacher. The design was adapted by Asheesh Vadera, Member, Executive Committee, DCCW, by adding the actual footsteps of our special needs children at the Janakpuri centre, which involved them by making them an intrinsic part of the piece. The artwork integrates the compass symbolizing all the directions, surrounded by piano keys which symbolize music, and the footprints of the children around them. The following article in the Bennington Banner talks about this collaboration across the continents: Click to Read article. <http://bit.ly/2tWPZIO>



C Corporate Partnerships

- ❖ PALNA found another well-wisher in the Ad Global 360 India Pvt. Ltd. team who conveyed their appreciation for the work done by DCCW by giving a generous donation towards the welfare of our children. They also made a poster about the PALNA children captioned poster “A smile that will melt your heart”. A big thank you to the team.
- ❖ The Barclays Bank team organized an in-house fund-raising drive and their contribution will go a long way in towards caring for our children. Our sincere thanks to them for promoting our cause.
- ❖ YES Bank in its partnership with NGOs through GiveIndia, have provided DCCW the services of two young professional interns Apoorva and Pragati, who have helped make a short ten minute documentary film on PALNA. This would not have been otherwise possible for us. The film will help us reach out to spread awareness about PALNA. The film can be viewed on YouTube: at: <http://bit.ly/2t05Bup>
- ❖ The interns are still with us helping us create success stories and case studies of children across our various programmes to showcase our activities.

V Visitors' Comments

Anita Khosla, Delhi

“Wonderful work, great team, privilege to have come here.”

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

