



# DCCWConnect



## Sprucing Up Our Centres

This quarter we have focused on long-delayed and necessary renovations and refurbishments of our centres. Mitsubishi Corporation supported the complete refurbishment of our Trilokpuri-1 centre, making it a bright and clean place for the children, with a new roof and refurbished washrooms, and a complete paint job. The place was further brightened up by the Indian School Citizenship program with colourful child-centric paintings on the exterior walls at the entry of the centre giving it a very welcoming look. The citizenship program aims to instil values of ownership among those who use any facility, and we are proud of the team from Indian School and hope our little ones imbibe the same values. Our deep gratitude and appreciation to the Mitsubishi Corporation for making this entire renovation possible.

Members from FICCI have taken up the cause of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and are facilitating the complete redevelopment of the washrooms at DCCW outreach centres, starting from Gadipur to Trilokpuri to Nithari. We are delighted with the support as it reinforces our mission on the health and hygiene of children.

The Delhi Government too has given a complete new makeover to our centre at the Community Centre at Sultanpuri. The freshly painted walls and fresh new tiles make the centre bright, giving a happy feeling to the entire team and the children, pushing them on despite their disabilities to enjoy the ambience and keep it clean.



# Spotlight - David Hammarberg



David Vivek Erik Hammarberg, was born in September 1987 and came to Palna soon after. In 1988 he was adopted by a loving family from Sweden. This is what he has to say:

“My father came to India to take me home to Sweden (photograph of baby David with his father at Palna in 1988) and took care of me and loved me for the rest of my life. My sister was adopted from Calcutta.

I never knew my real Indian dad, but I never had the feeling that I have to find him because the greatest father of all had found me in Palna!

Recently, I lost my father, Jan Erik Hammarberg, who died after a few months of sickness and bad

health, in April 2018. So my Mum, sister and me told all our family and friends that instead of sending us flowers, please donate to Delhi Council for Child Welfare, Palna. We felt it was the right thing to do and it would make our Dad proud. To lose a parent has been the biggest tragedy in my life and I wish that all children have parents like mine. I thank Palna for giving me the best family and wish the same for all children.”

## Quarterly Updates

Post the Vocational Training valedictory, many girls have gone into formal employment. DCCW thanks the Magic Bus Foundation and BK Welfare Foundation (NGO), who worked towards orienting our girls for formal employment.

It was a final thrust from our end to give our girls the edge when appearing for an interview.

Adding another dimension to stitching was painting on fabric with Pidilite. The workshops organized by the company were very welcome and well attended.

The girls went on to design their t-shirts, kurtas and even saris, apart from tablemats, cushion covers, bed spreads and bags.



# Quarterly Updates

All the children at our PALNA Shishu Kendras who got admission into schools celebrated at the party held for them before they left our centres. The goodies and a token farewell gift to all graduating students delighted the little ones.

Continuing our endeavour for good health of our beneficiaries, TB awareness camps along with Dental Camps were organised across several centres. Any treatment thereafter was followed through at the Dental College, Faridabad.

We had a partner visit by Head of Capgemini, Mr Anurag Pratap at Bawana, Karala and Sultanpuri centres. He and his team had a good interaction with the beneficiaries and their parents across the Vocational Training, Supervised Homework and the Bakery Trained Youth with Disability. A very fruitful and enriching day for DCCW.



Our endeavour to empower girls to be self reliant in difficult situations is an ongoing partnership with Delhi Police. It is very well received not just by girls but also young students of our supervised homework scheme participants.

Sessions on English Speaking and Personality Training are being done on a regular basis for empowering girls across all centres.

This year again we have partnered with the YES FOUNDATION for Media for Social Change Fellowship and have six enthusiastic interns working at DCCW for six weeks helping with documentation of success stories, taking photographs of all our centres, making videos of our programmes in action, as well as working on enhancing our presence on social media.

We launched our updated and much-improved new website in May, to ensure up-to-date information availability of our activities and maintaining contact with our well-wishers. We have received very good feedback on it and invite you all to visit it at [www.dccw.org](http://www.dccw.org) and share your feedback.

## Visitors' Comments

Sunitha Srinivasam, Coordinator, Navy Wives Welfare Association, Delhi

*"A huge pat on the back to all for the amazing work done at Palna. Was wonderful meeting the dedicated and committed team. Thank you for the great work done by all."*



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 the fields of health and medical care, educational support and rehabilitation.

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