



DCCW Connect



Learning outside the classroom

Recognising the importance of extra-curricular learning, we at DCCW try to find opportunities to help our children have a holistic education. We would like to highlight two of our recent endeavours in this direction.

“Wall–O–Books” library came to DCCW and offered to set up libraries at our outreach centres, for the benefit of the children who are part of our Supervised Homework Scheme, to help them discover the joy of reading for pleasure. They have set up libraries of 100 books each at seven of our outreach centres.

The books contain simple short stories, easily understood and enjoyed by young children. The children helped the staff in the process of setting up the libraries, thus giving them a sense of ownership of their library.

Further the children are in charge of issuing the books and ensuring their return, along with maintenance of the books. A wonderful gift for them, and we hope to keep adding to the collection.



T op Story



Children's Day Out : The children of PALNA went on a visit to the National Bal Bhawan, which was a live learning experience for them. Not only were they excited by the animals and birds, but they also thoroughly enjoyed and were amazed by the magic mirrors, and the puppets and the animal cutouts used in story-telling. They learnt traffic rules in the section housing a life-like model of a road with traffic lights. The museum showcased interesting archaeological artifacts of the cultural heritage of different states of our country. The main attraction of course was the beautifully decorated toy train with a very real whistle, which took them around the boundary of the institution, showing railway stations of different states of the country on the way.

The children were thrilled with the novel experiences that added to their pool of knowledge. The visit was followed by a lunch at Nathu's in Bengali Market where they relished the dishes of their choice and in the process of exchanging with each other, they also learnt to share in a public place.

S potlight - Nidhi

Nidhi is a 16-year old girl who lives in Madipur village with her parents and three siblings. Since birth, her knees were bent inwards causing great pain as well as difficulty in movement, and resulting in frequent falls. Her parents were not in a position to afford the surgery suggested by the doctors.

A close friend informed her about the vocational training courses offered at our centre where she could learn specialised skills, after school. She immediately registered for the Beauty Culture course,

envisioning that it would help her earn money and she could lend support to her family. She was a quick and keen learner. She even started offering some services at home while attending the course, and earned some pocket money.

During one of the regular health checkups that we do for all our vocational trainees, our doctor advised Nidhi and her parents to visit our Orthopaedic Centre at Janakpuri and take the advice of the specialists there regarding the issue with her legs. They did that, and Nidhi was advised surgery and also informed that besides the token registration cost there was no other cost involved. Nidhi's surgery was done at our Orthopaedic Centre in September. Today post-surgery and the subsequent bed rest, Nidhi can stand and walk straight without pain. Even during her convalescence, once she was allowed to move around, she continued her work at home. She is now back at the centre to complete her training. Nidhi's life, as well as her family's, has been transformed.



Quarterly Updates

Our effort to sensitise our society towards children with disabilities got a real boost when a young visually impaired girl associated with our partner organization Aide–et–Action, who has made this her mission, visited Palna. She strongly believes that an impact on young minds stays with them for a lifetime. She had an enriching experience at our various centres and was impressed with a question put by a young child “how do you do your work when you can't see”? It was really heartwarming as she narrated her own personal experience and was hugged by the children!



Priyanka Chadda, a UK-certified Makeup Artist has enriched our Beauty Culture Vocational Training program across all our centres. After learning about our activities she decided to enrich these young eager underprivileged girls with several sessions on skills and techniques used at high-end salons which gives them an edge over others in the field, whether they work from home or at a saloon. The girls as well as the regular trainers were thrilled to have this opportunity and have benefitted greatly from the same. Our thanks to her for joining hands with us.



Yet again the Indian Dental Association partnered with DCCW in their endeavour to reach marginalized and underprivileged children associated with us through our various programs. Their goal is healthy oral hygiene to minimize illness. Their interactive sessions with children was very well received as through dance and music they teaching the importance of hand washing, brushing techniques and dental care after meals. They reached out to over 800 children and gifted each one a tube of toothpaste and a toothbrush.

Sahapedia, a think tank and an open online encyclopaedia on the art, culture and history of India, held a vintage sari exhibition and sale. They donated the proceeds from the sale to DCCW to be used for the benefit of our children's home PALNA. More details on the event can be seen at this Link. <http://thewire.in/58288/in-giving-new-life-to-old-saris-sahapedia-hopes-to-keep-indian-handloom-tradition-alive/>.

A big thank you to Sahapedia from the Palna family.



A big thank you from the entire DCCW team to Mr & Mrs Kingsman, who live in Switzerland, for giving our PALNA children a completely refurbished building with all new facilities, especially a big indoor recreation room.

The Annual General Meeting of DCCW was held on 20th Sept 2016 at our head office in Qudsia Bagh, Civil Lines. It was unanimously decided by the committee members that the current governing board members continue for another term. The members accepted the same.

The DCCW team wishes all our friends, partners and well-wishers the very best in this festive season – you make the work at DCCW possible! Here are some celebratory images of our children across various programmes...



V isitors' Comments

Anusuya, who was at Palna many years ago, came back to visit and said:

"Thank you for the emotion and opportunity you gave me, and my home. A great spiritual experience"

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

