



# DCCW Connect



**DCCW wishes you all a wonderful Diwali.  
 Thank you for your support.**

## Music makes the world go around.

Universally, music has the magical ability to touch people's hearts, minds and bodies in wondrous ways. Our special needs mentally challenged children feel the energy of the music, and tap their feet to the beat. But when we combined music with teaching, the outcome left us quite amazed. The idea struck our special educators when they found our special needs children repeating words, rhymes and short phrases after listening to them through the musical DVDs played for them in the sessions. We exploited the singing skills of two of our special educators to compose simple tunes for the children with easy words, covering all the alphabets. The objective was to not just enhance learning but also increase vocabulary and improve picture identification. The trial run was amazing and the results have prompted us to take this further as a very effective teaching tool for our children.



In line with our focus on helping differently-abled children to lead meaningful lives, DCCW also welcomed Poonam from Aide Et Action who took disability sessions with our instructors at our outreach centres. The sessions were highly charged and fruitful as the trainer, being visually impaired herself, was sensitizing people with vision through fun and games about types of disabilities, the rights of people with disability, and how it feels to make your way using modified gadgets, sensing and identifying everyday objects by touch. All our instructors participated and at the end of the session realized how it feels and could understand the need to empathise and not sympathise.

## Spotlight - Ayush & Asha

This time we would like to share the achievements of little Ayush as well as our vocational training recent alumna Asha.

Ayush is a three-year old boy who joined our Shishu Kendra at Poothkalan on 1st April 2017. His father works as a contractor and his mother is a homemaker. His family comprises five members including a differently-abled elder sister. The family monthly income is about Rs 10,000/-.

When he joined our centre, Ayush was a very quiet child and also weak physically. He would not participate in the various activities and liked to stay aloof and not mingle with the other children. Individual attention was given to him by the teachers and counselors, and he was initiated into sitting and working in a group. Initially he refused to respond but persistence by the children and the instructor gradually motivated him to start interactions. The strategy applied was to highlight the smallest initiative or move made by him and he was appreciated for it and everyone applauded him. The change was starting to show within a couple of months and today he is very active at the centre and wants to be involved in all activities. It is wonderful to see the change in his personality and attitude as he has turned from an introvert into an exuberant little boy.

Asha joined our one-year Vocational Training programme at our outreach centre in Bawana, Delhi. She chose to enlist for the Beauty Culture course. With her hard work and dedication Asha got the 1st position in the 2016-17 batch examination. Asha belongs to a poor family and lives with her family of seven members. Her father is a tailor and her mother is a homemaker, but she helps her husband with hemming and stitching buttons etc. Asha has four brothers and one sister.

After completing her course completion Asha took the initiative to start her own Beauty parlour. She is now earning Rs. 8000/- to 10,000/- per month, which is a huge boost to the quality of life of her family. Her earnings help her parents meet their daily needs and support her siblings' education expenses. Alongside Asha has started pursuing her graduation. She is a very focused and hard-working girl, and has her sights set on making a better future for herself and her family. Today Asha is happy with the progress she has made towards her goal, and thanks DCCW for providing her the opportunity for pursuing this course and making her self-reliant. We are very proud of her.



# Quarterly Updates

The Rotary Club of Young Achievers took upon themselves the task of refurbishing the nursery wing of the Palna home for abandoned children, with new cribs, toys and all other necessary items. Their contribution is greatly appreciated by Palna.

Palna participated in the Mahila Mangal Diwali Mela at Ashok Hotel where items displayed were made by differently-abled and underprivileged girls. The items were highly appreciated and visitors purchased the items made and the girls earned a small profit which goes a long way in helping them meet their needs.

The Japanese Volunteer Group also generously donated five new cots for Palna children, as well as a new computer and printer for use in the office, which were most useful and urgently needed!

Palna has been invited for the 14th Asian Congress of Health promotion, Kumamoto, Japan in April 2018 for issues of Baby Boxes by Country.

During the last quarter many festivals were celebrated with full gusto. Prior to the celebration the children the significance of the occasion is explained to the children. This learning stays with the child lifelong.

Jaquar very generously donated uniforms for all our preschool children across 8 Palna Shishu Kendras. Alongside they also gave colouring books, crayons and other stationery items. We are grateful to them for their generosity.

DCCW was represented in the NGO handbook at the NGO Expo 2017, "Responsibility & Sustainability for Social Good – Sustainable Development Goals", at New York, USA.

DCCW held its Annual General Meeting on 22nd September 2017 at our head office. The 2016-17 Annual report was also released at the meeting. [Click to read Report.](#)



# Farewell

We bid farewell to our centre supervisor Ms. Saroj Bhatia who retired after 35 years of dedicated service to DCCW. We wish her the best in the years ahead. She will be missed.



Saroj Bhatia (cream sari) with the DCCW staff

## Visitors' Comments

Ms. Aarti Sharma, IAS

*'More beautiful and inspiring than I thought PALNA to be.'*

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

