



DCCWConnect



The DCCW FAMILY wishes all of you health and happiness in the new year!

Partnering with Schools

Top schools in Delhi-NCR partner with us for student visits to PALNA and some of our centres. It gives a chance for our children to interact with school children and exchange experiences and stories. Some school children were heard asking the PALNA children if their “Ma'am was strict”! During the visit they play games and do art and craft activities together. This quarter the Genesis Junior School students along with our children decorated PALNA for Diwali, and had a wonderful time doing it. It was not just buntings but paintings and posters and diyas everywhere. As one little child from the school said “PALNA children are just like us, no difference, we are one”. It was really heartening to hear such beautiful words from a young Class V student, pure in thought and vision.

In December, through our partnership with the crowdfunding platform Fueladream, the Class XII children of Delhi Public School, Gurgaon, raised a substantial amount for supporting the care of children in PALNA.

We hope to continue to work with other schools in partnership with Fueladream in the coming year also. This venture serves a double purpose – sensitising school children about children in a home like PALNA and the concept of adoptions, as well as generates much-needed funding for running PALNA as a top-class home for children.



Spotlight - Educational Sponsorship Alumni

Since its inception in 1979, DCCW's Educational Sponsorship programme has benefited over 40,000 children, enabling them to continue with their school education, and counselling them on a career path aligned with their interests. Year after year we celebrate Educational Sponsorship Day to felicitate young children who have excelled not just in academics but also in other skills like art & craft, music & dance. The cultural show put up by the children showcases these skills. A celebratory day for the children as well as their parents, and an inspiration for other children to emulate and excel. This year the annual function was organised on Children's Day, 14th November.

In our Spotlight column this time we highlight some of the alumni from this year.



Kiran comes from an underprivileged, broken family, with her father deserting the family when she was just eight years old. Thereafter her mother found it extremely difficult to continue Kiran's and her sibling's education in the local private school where they were studying. Working as an Anganwadi worker she struggled to support her family single-handedly, despite the fact that they lived with their maternal grandparents, who were pillars of strength for all of them. Kiran enrolled in our Educational Sponsorship programme when she was in Class IV, which eased the burden on her mother. Despite all odds, Kiran was determined to excel in her studies as she saw it as the one way forward towards becoming independent, and her efforts bore fruit as she scored 93 % in her class with no extra tuitions. She has also been awarded a one-time financial assistance to prepare for the School Service Commission examination, to help her pursue her dreams.



Charu lives with her family of four members - her father is a helper in a shop and mother a homemaker. Charu was a very active child and good in studies. She enrolled in our Educational Sponsorship programme when she was in Class IV. She regularly participated in all extra-curricular activities in school as well as in our annual Sponsorship Day.

Career counseling got her thinking about various options other than graduation. She explored all possibilities while preparing for her board examinations, in which she scored 88%. Then she opted for a Graduate Vocational course in Tourism Management from Delhi University, where she has successfully cleared the entrance exam and secured a seat.



Nishta's father is a tailor and her mother is a homemaker. She was a bright student since the beginning. She enrolled in our programme in 2008. During stipend disbursement she was counseled by our Executive members to study hard as well as focus on extracurricular for overall development. This really inspired her and she decided to do something which would make her family proud. In her boards she scored 86% and simultaneously cleared the DIET, the 2-year Teacher Training program of the government.

We have supported her with one-time financial assistance towards her professional course. We are proud of all of them and wish them the best for a bright future.

Quarterly Updates

PALNA Day was held after a gap of several years on 23rd November, and it was a fun-filled evening with music, dance, food and a lot of fun! About 40 ex-PALNA children came together with their families to celebrate together at their first home. All the children planted trees in the garden that has been returned recently, after completion of the Metro construction.

The musical Groove Gully turned it into a grand musical evening enjoyed by both children and parents. The children listened with rapt attention and enjoyed playing the traditional musical instruments, trying to imitate the professional musicians. Two of the children – twins! - enthralled everyone with their performance on the tabla. A big thank you to our PALNA parent who made this possible!



“Is Education Important and especially for the Girl child?” was the theme for young school children enrolled in the tuition support program of Supervised Homework Scheme across all 14 centres of DCCW. The teachers saw amazing points raised by the children in support of education, which ranged from equality, employment and an informed and healthier next generation. Give children a blank canvas and they produce the most amazing picture which is truly from the heart.



To add our bit to the fight against pollution, DCCW too took up tree plantation in a big way. Big FM 92.7 joined hands with us and our PALNA children to not just plant trees but also talk about the effects of pollution in their live-on-air program “Hava tight hai”.

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On 21st December, we held a fund-raiser Footprints of Hope which brought together corporate members and other society influencers to join hands for supporting the cause of serving the underprivileged children in and around Delhi, and giving them the childhood they deserve. The event was made possible by the generosity of Mandira, part of the extended PALNA family, who made the venue, as well as the lunch that followed the program, available to DCCW.

The objective of the event was to create awareness about the activities of DCCW and the impact they have made in the last 60 years. The program concluded on an emotionally high note with Mandira giving a beautiful flute recital, and Priya Srinivasan – another PALNA alumnus - a riveting Bharatanatyam performance. Both spoke movingly about PALNA before their performances. Altogether a memorable day for DCCW - and hopefully, for all those who were present.

Photo Gallery



Educational Tour



Storytelling Session by Zariyaa



Christmas Celebrations



Educational Sponsorship Day

V isitors' Comments

Deepa Bos, Holland (ex-PALNA)

"Thanks for the files. It is very nice to have something from the start of my life. I will safely take it back with me. Thank you"



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

