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### *Visit by Ms Susuka, wife of the Ambassador of Japan to India*

We at DCCW, were honoured to have Ms Eiko Susuka, wife of H.E. Hiroshi Suzuki, Ambassador of Japan, visit Palna along with a volunteer group. The Palna team introduced them to all the programmes run by Delhi Council of Child Welfare, including a short film focusing on our activities. The visitors took a tour to Palna where they spent time interacting with children and had joyful conversations with them. Children also performed a beautiful dance in which Ms Susuka and her team joined in much to their delight

Ms. Susuka was overwhelmed to see the work carried out at Palna and expressed her deep appreciation to the staff. She also extended her support to DCCW by offering to raise funds during fairs and festivals at the Japanese embassy. All the visitors were very touched by the smiles and shining faces of the children, and the caring environment where each child is nurtured with love, and receives individual attention.

Ms. Susuka's parting comment was : ***"I am so touched and we applaud your incredible work"***.





## *A Grateful Heart's Journey back to DCCW*

Recently we had the privilege of welcoming back a true inspiration, Sanjeev Kumar. In 2003, Sanjeev, a cherished member of our Bal Chetna Outreach and erstwhile Orthopaedic programmes, underwent life-changing leg surgeries at our Janakpuri centre led by Dr Madhukant, thanks to the support of caring relatives who brought him to DCCW.

At first, his family had hesitated due to the risks involved. But courage prevailed, and the transformations that followed were nothing short of miraculous!

Sanjeev's determination led to recovery progress, and most importantly happiness. Almost two decades later, Sanjeev still remembers DCCW and the impact it made on his life. Having recently begun his career as a school librarian, he came to see us not only to express his gratitude, but also to show his support by making a generous donation.

Stories like Sanjeev's fill our hearts with pride and joy; they are the fuel that keeps us going and will continue to motivate us for years to come.

## Quarterly Updates

### *An emotional farewell and a warm welcome*

On September 15th the DCCW team gathered with heavy hearts, to **bid farewell to Dr Sandhya Bhalla, Director DCCW**, who led the organisation for over 11 years with great dedication and commitment. The entire DCCW team—including the children, the staff and the Executive Committee celebrated her



incredible journey through heartfelt gestures and cherished memories. DCCW will truly miss her and we wish her the very best in the years ahead.

Alongside, we are very happy to welcome and introduce **Ms. Neeru Bhtanagar** who has taken over from Dr Bhalla as the **new Director, DCCW**. Neeru comes to DCCW from Mobile Creches, and brings 23+ years of social sector experience working largely with marginalised children. She has strong leadership experience as well expertise in training, capacity building, programme management, and developing partnerships. We wish her the very best going forward.

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**DCCW Annual General Meeting for 2022-23** for 2022-23 was held on 29th September at the DCCW head office. The Annual Report was presented at the meeting by Ms Radhika Minocha, Hony President, and the annual audited accounts were summarised by Mr Ishwinder Singh, Hony Treasurer. The Annual Report can be accessed from our website (**Click here for Annual Report**). General Secretary Asheesh Vadera discussed the massive challenges that lie ahead due to the Janakpuri centre having to be rebuilt, and the overall need for funds for our programmes

In August, a transformative workshop was conducted by **Dr S Senapati, Assistant Director, National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development**, for our pre-school educators of the Palna WeeKids programme. The session was focused on promoting holistic development through various strategies. Teachers acquired skills to nurture learning skills and gained invaluable insights into ECCE (Early Childhood Care and Education), which is essential for enhancing children's motor, cognitive and socio emotional aptitudes. The session concluded with practical exercises and group discussions.

In July, **Tirath Ram Shah Charitable Hospital**, during their CSR camp, connected with Palna. Their highly trained and experienced team of experts including behaviour therapists, psychologists, speech therapists, and special educators, conducted assessments of the children under the supervision of a pediatrician. Parents of the students enrolled in Palna WeeKids (PWK) and Supervised Homework Scheme (SHS) programme participated in counselling were greatly benefited. A special thanks to **Mrs Parul Arora** and the outstanding team for their tireless dedication towards helping the children,

ROAAAARRRR!!! The young tigers of Palna roared as they celebrated **International Tiger's Day** with the **Rotaract Club of Dayal Singh College**. The team planned a great story-telling session about the significance of tigers' lives and the importance of preserving their natural habitat. Inspired by the main character of the story, "Tiger Tippy", children eagerly made tiger masks, scared one another by mimicking the tiger's roar, and laughed hysterically!



Palna also had the honour of hosting a visit from **Bank of Baroda** team on 8th September, led by the Regional Manager Mr. Priya Ranjan. They had an insightful tour to Palna. The team contributed essential electrical appliances and devices to support the daily operations of Palna. DCCW extend a sincere gratitude to the entire team of Bank of Baroda for their enduring support over the years

**Educational Sponsorship** disbursement was conducted successfully in August, with 669 students collecting their stipend. All of them came prepared with their documents along with some creative artwork so that their sponsors receive proper information. In addition to the stipends, students received yearly gifts to enhance their motivation and performance.

DCCW is grateful for the support of our sponsors and partners, who share our vision and are working with us towards a brighter future for these students



**Arjun** visited us with his mom and sister. He took a nostalgic walk down memory lane, exploring his former home. He fondly remembered the splash pool that he had loved. Arjun's mom recalled their first meeting when he ran into his sister's arms. The joy in their eyes was unmatched, knowing their family was now complete.

Arjun has found his forever home, filled with love. We wish him a future filled with endless possibilities!

**Rashmi Sharma Pamphilion**, adopted in 2009, also visited recently with her family. Memories of her early days flooded back, especially those with her caregiver, Munni didi, with whom she would spend most of her time. She remembers how the children would be treated to ice cream, and that fondness for ice cream has remained! "I feel grateful", she said, for having a loving family and a joyful life. She is still in touch with some of her Palna friends and meets them at least once a year. She was happy to visit Palna and hopes to come back soon



## Celebrations and Outings

**Independence Day** was celebrated with pride at all our centres. From hoisting the flag to singing the national anthem, the children's enthusiasm was unmatched. Raksha Bandhan was also celebrated at all the centres. The girls adorned tikas and tied colourful rakhis, and the boys vowed to safeguard their sisters. It was an absolutely adorable sight to watch them engaged in the traditional rituals and see their faces light up with joy on receiving their gifts.

Palna children had an outing to the **National Rail Museum** and were super excited to enjoy a ride on the Joy Train, hooting "Choo-Choo" whistle noises all the way!

On the occasion of **Teachers Day** on 5th September, children recited poems and presented colourful cards to their teachers with messages filled with gratitude and love.



# Picture Gallery





As always, your messages of support mean a lot to us.

**Pooja Bellati:** *I want to thank all the people who work here. Thank you for giving me a second life and I am sure that all the children here are very lucky to have you as support. Lots of love.*

**Raika Arora:** *I created great memories to my very first place, Palna, I felt like home. Special thanks to the team for remembering me and loving me till today.*

**Amrita Jhamb:** *A wholesome and beautiful visit after 24 years of being adopted from DCCW. I was very young when I was adopted but now experiencing this with my parents was a wonderful feeling. Hope to visit again very soon and help in whatever way I can to my first home. With lots of love.*

**Rashmi Sharma Pamphilon:** *I really enjoyed coming to my first home and seeing how much it has changed. I liked seeing so many kids here who are being cared for in a great environment. Thank you for helping me find my forever family.*

**Sahil Siddiqui:** *The council is dedicatedly working for children in need. Despite of some of the children suffering from severe disabilities, the staff are much dedicated. It is a home for these children away from home.*

**Hanie Dhanna:** *Happy Janamashtami :-). Please keep doing what you do the best.*

**Navodita Sharma:** *You are doing a wonderful job. The future will be thankful to you.*

**Rejo Mathew:** *Hopeful that this small contribution will bring a smile to all the lovely faces in PALNA.*

**Amit Srivastava:** *Thank you for all the work that your team is doing!!!*

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