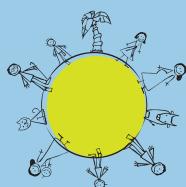
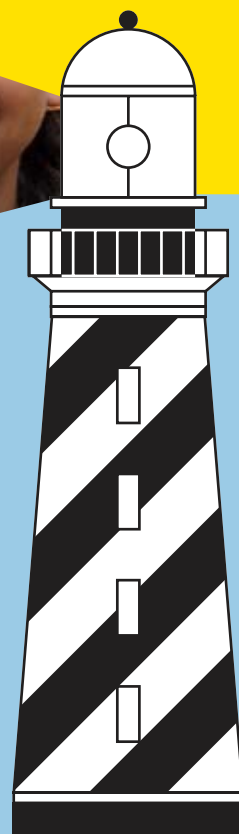


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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN WELCOME TO LIGHTHOUSE!

Welcome to Lighthouse!

The report that follows chronicles our progress throughout the past year. We have grown substantially and have also gained significant recognition.

However, one incident occurred this past year which has touched my heart in a special way. A member of the Samarpan family whose education we have been sponsoring, topped her class in her second year of medical school.

My heartfelt gratitude to all our volunteers and supporters. When obstacles stand before us, remember this inspiring event and go forward!

Love and light,

Patrick San Francesco





ABOUT

Samarpan Foundation is a charitable, not-for-profit entity, established in September 2006 in New Delhi. We work to provide global support and assistance of any kind where there is humanitarian, ecological, environmental and animal welfare need.

We are a community of outward-focused volunteers, guided by the principle of doing what needs to be done to achieve the greatest good for the greatest number.

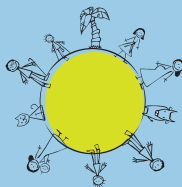
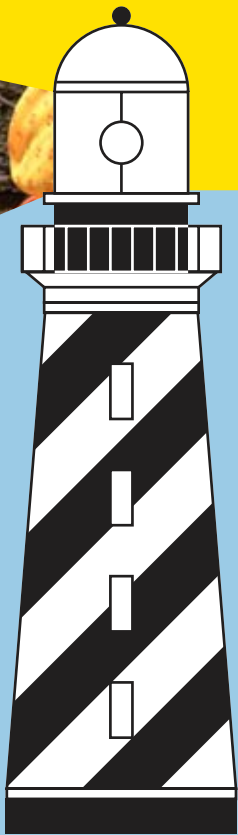
Vision - shedding light even in the darkest corners

Mission - changing universal consciousness by opening minds and hearts

Philosophy - love, peace, happiness, kindness, simplicity, clarity



PROJECTS



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BENGALURU PROJECTS

PRE-SCHOOL: BAGALUR LAYOUT

HENNUR ROAD (NEAR HUTCHINS ROAD, 6TH CROSS)

- Pre-school education is provided to 45 children every month.
- The children are given milk in the morning and lunch daily.
- The employment of a dynamic new teacher has brought positive change to the school and students.
- Teacher-parent meetings were held, with the resultant positive spin-off of improved daily attendance.
- There is a great improvement in the children's discipline, the completion of homework, an increase in interest in learning, an increase of parental interest in their children's progress and an appreciation of the education their children receive. The school is no longer seen as a baby-sitting service.
- Highlights of the past year include:
 - an excursion to the PVR Cinema to see Minions,
 - a picnic at Cubbon Park,
 - Patrick's attendance at his birthday celebration here,
 - a Christmas party,
 - the celebration of Holi.

MEDICAL CLINIC: BAGALUR LAYOUT AND PULAKESHI NAGAR

HENNUR ROAD (NEAR HUTCHINS ROAD, 6TH CROSS) AND
INTERSECTION OF M.M. ROAD AND TANNERY ROAD

- Two hundred and fifty OPD patients are treated monthly.
- A doctor and nurse's aide are always available to treat patients.
- Free medication is given to patients.
- Patients are counselled on hygiene.

- Many diabetic and blood pressure patients are constantly monitored at the clinic.
- Patients requiring hospital treatment are referred to Sindhi Hospital, Seventh Day Adventist and Bowring Hospitals.
- Highlights of the past year include:
 - the rescuing of a dazed and confused 27-year old woman found wandering the streets in July 2015. She was treated in Nimhans for a month, then moved to Spandana, a private rehabilitation centre for mentally ill patients. She was diagnosed with psychosis. Samarpan volunteers worked jointly with another NGO, Mittr Sanketa, to rehabilitate her. After five months, she recovered and is back at work at a call centre.
 - the successful treatment of a brain tumour. In August 2015, a 56-year old woman was admitted to Bangalore Hospital. She was moved to MS Ramaiah Memorial Hospital where surgery was performed to drain fluid from her brain. In January 2016, she was operated on in Nimhans to remove the brain tumour. She has recovered completely. Samarpan volunteers saw her through the entire treatment and the foundation paid for all expenses.
 - allowing a woman to die with dignity. In November 2015, a critically ill woman, abandoned by her children, was found in Pulakeshi Nagar Slum. Volunteers admitted her to St John's Hospital, where she was diagnosed with multiple organ failure. Several litres of fluid were drained from her body and she was made comfortable. She died a few days later. SF paid for all expenses.

From the **darkest night**, a
brilliant light.



We go to **all ends**,
for our four-footed friends.



BENGALURU PROJECTS

TUITION CENTRE: JAI BHEEM NAGAR

ENTRANCE OF GOOD SHED ROAD, BEHIND GOVERNMENT
VETERINARY HOSPITAL, MYSORE ROAD

- Sixty children are assisted with homework monthly at the evening tuition centre.
- The children are given nutritional snacks.
- Highlights of the past year include:
 - a visit to the major tourist attraction, Lal Bagh Botanical Gardens, on Independence Day,
 - a New Year celebration,
 - the celebration of Children's Day,
 - a field trip to Mother Sanctuary.

These field trips have helped to develop and improve the students' social skills.

ANIMAL WELFARE

- Twenty-three animals were rescued this year and 85 homeless dogs are being fed daily.
- Street dogs are sterilized and vaccinated.
- An ambulance service is provided for sick and injured homeless animals in a volunteer's car. Funds are needed to set up a proper ambulance service.
- Follow-up treatment and rehabilitation is also provided.
- After treatment at the nearest veterinary facility, street animals are released where they were found.
- Volunteers participate in animal awareness programmes to address the growing animal welfare problem.

TAMIL NADU FLOOD RELIEF

TAMIL NADU

- Crippling floods devastated large parts of the metropolitan city of Chennai and the surrounding areas in November 2015. Low-lying areas were the worst affected and the most unreachable. Water flooded hundreds of houses in south Chennai. Large-scale environmental degradation coupled with a dismal storm water drainage system, which was unable to cope with rainfall that exceeded the normal limit three times over, resulted in the city being flooded.
- With disaster management teams stretched to their limits attending frantic calls for rescue, food, water, medicines and basic amenities were urgently required. Contributions from citizens poured in - in the form of money, food, offers for shelter, medicines, water and much more.
- Samarpan's relief activity could only begin on December 3, 2015, once the rainfall slowed, and was taken forward in two stages:

PHASE ONE

- A collection centre for relief material from across India was set up in Bangalore.
- Sixteen volunteers from Chennai, Bangalore as well as Delhi undertook to manage and coordinate the relief programme.
- Clean drinking water, gas cylinders, ORS packets, biscuits, milk powder, sugar, coffee, torches, diapers, mosquito repellent, cup noodles and 525 home-made theplas (an Indian bread that does not spoil) cooked by 3 ladies in 2 days, were collected for distribution, along with other assorted items.
- Distribution of material started in Nolumbur (Mogappair), M K B Nagar (Vyasarpadi), Pillaiyar Koil Street (Vaanagaram), Kanniyappan Nagar (Vaanagaram), Amjalarai and Mudichur.
- A primary focus at this time was to provide clean drinking water to prevent water-borne diseases, which could become a major health hazard.



The **waters rose** and hopes were low. Samarpan volunteers **came to the fore**.



BENGALURU PROJECTS

- Baileys generously delivered 6000 bottles of drinking water to water-logged Chennai. Kingfisher generously donated 4800 litres of drinking water.
- Wading in water contaminated with sewage, using every possible means of transport including boats, volunteers distributed 11,000 litres of water, 4,000 cup noodles and 7,000 packets of biscuits to those marooned at various locations.

PHASE TWO

- The volunteers' efforts shifted towards the far-flung areas of Cuddalore district which, while being severely hit, had not received adequate attention due to the difficult conditions.
- Small villages were identified, the worst affected prioritised, and 1500 kg of rice was sent to 300 families in Sirupalaiyur village in Chidambaram.
- Five hundred lungis (Indian men's wear), 300 bed sheets, 200 nightgowns for women, biscuits, sanitary napkins, blankets and sleeping mats were collected.
- Coca-Cola sponsored Kinley bottled drinking water.
- Individual relief packs, each containing 5 kg rice, ladies' nightgowns, 1 dhoti, 1 bed sheet, some biscuits and sanitary napkins, were organised and distributed to these 300 families as chaotic conditions prevented families from using their BPL cards (Below Poverty Line ration cards) at government-approved supply centres.
- On December 13, a medical camp was also set up as part of the relief efforts and 7 qualified doctors along with 2 assistants were brought in to conduct a general health check for the villagers and appropriate medicines were distributed.
- On December 19, volunteers surveyed villages, to ensure relief material was distributed in areas yet untouched by relief work. Goodavalli village of Kumraj Block, Cuddalore district, was identified as one such village.
- On December 20, relief material distribution was set up at three different points in Goodavalli village. Two hundred and eighty families each received a relief pack comprising a mat, a bed sheet and a groceries

pack. A medical camp also treated approximately 500 residents.

- Volunteers distributed 50 relief packs to 20 families residing in MI Nagar (also known as Indira Colony).
- On December 21, fifty grocery relief packs and 100 sheets were distributed in another Cuddalore slum.





To the axe they **fall unsung**,
we raise multitudes of their
young.



CHENNAI PROJECTS

SARATHU KANAGAI NAGAR VILLAGE, PAMMADUKULAM
PANCHYAT, AMBATTUR TALUK, RED HILLS, THIRUVALLUR
DISTRICT

AFFORESTATION

- Samarpan's Redhills project site in Thiruvallur District, which showcases environmental, ecological and sustainable global-first initiatives, has become a source of pride for local panchayat unions. With their awareness of the need for trees, local panchayat unions now take charge of the greening programmes to benefit villages in their areas.
- Volunteers continue to monitor the planting, care and nurturing of saplings, which have been donated as part of Samarpan's greening programme.
- Working with green nutrients and organic composting has been instrumental in transforming a barren area on Samarpan's project site into a green belt.

PET BOTTLE CONSTRUCTION

- There has been a tremendous response from educational institutions to the 'outdoor laboratory' that has been set up on Samarpan's project site. The laboratory enables students to have a hands-on experience of environmental sciences including:
 - raising forest nurseries and mangroves
 - organic kitchen gardens
 - poultry farming
 - organic composting
 - production of green nutrients
- PET bottle and Nylon-6 fishnet construction.

SOLUTIONS TO CHENNAI'S FRESH WATER PROBLEM

- Feedback from government and private sources indicates that Samarpan's solutions that were presented to the civic body and general public are being implemented. Tenders have been requested for mini sewage-treatment plants on the city's waterways

as a solution to the illegal inflow of waste; tenders have been requested for rainwater harvesting on city roads.

THE RETURN OF THE MANGROVES TO CHENNAI

- Due to Chennai's extensive need for forest and mangrove saplings, Samarpan has expanded its mangrove nursery and is identifying new sources of seeds and saplings.
- Awareness programmes for the youth, the general public and fishermen on the need for mangroves in a coastal environment have resulted in institutions and corporate bodies actively supporting and promoting the reintroduction of mangroves.

MOSQUITO ERADICATION

- Samarpan has taken on an advisory role, imparting the methodology used for successfully eradicating mosquitoes using the herbal pesticide, Pyrethrum. This method is much sought after by institutions, local welfare communities and the general public.

REDHILLS PROJECT SITE RELOCATES

- Several prototype structures and buildings were constructed and infrastructure was relocated to accommodate Chennai's mangrove and forest tree nursery including:
 - access road
 - water pipes and sprinkler systems
 - overhead water tanks
 - living quarters, office, guest room, staff quarters
 - storage sheds
 - generator platform
 - public lavatories
 - poultry unit.



CHENNAI PROJECTS

RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND TUITION CENTRE: KANNAGI NAGAR TUITION CENTRE

PARALLEL TO THE OMR IT HIGHWAY

TUITION CENTRE

- The centre caters for 200 students.
- Computer training has been initiated for 8th to 10th grade students as well as tuition for Plus II students. All 20 students who sat for their exams have secured places at reputed universities and colleges.
- From numerous field trips, cultural events and celebrations, highlights were:
 - the Republic Day celebrations for 400 children from the slum and
 - the summer picnic at Vandalur Zoo for students and their families.

MEALS ON WHEELS

- Numerous requests for collection of excess food from events and celebrations have led to auto-drivers from the slum collecting and delivering the food at no cost, for the benefit of their community.

ORGANIC FARMING AND COMPOSTING AND POULTRY FARMING

- An organic crop of 10 vegetables and fruit (including bananas) are fed with organic manure and green nutrients produced on site and are distributed regularly to the needy.
- A mini shredder unit and a bush cutter were acquired to enhance the shredding process for rapid decomposition for organic composting.
- The poultry unit produces nitrogen-rich manure and eggs, which are distributed to the needy.
- Public interest has resulted in skills training in methodologies developed at the project site.

GREEN NUTRIENTS

- The programme has expanded to produce sufficient micro- and macronutrients for the forest nursery, the mangroves and organic farming.
- Demonstration units have been set up for skills training.





A foster parent we are NOT,
but a **loving mother** to this
lot.



NEW DELHI PROJECTS

HOME FOR GIRLS

MAHARANI BAGH

- Twelve girls are taken care of and provided with:
 - nutritious meals daily
 - clothing
 - medical care under a senior pediatrician and specialists when required
 - formal academic education
 - a safe and secure environment - a home.
- Recreational facilities at the home include:
 - an extensive library
 - computers
 - bicycles
 - board games
 - outdoor sport equipment.
- The girls are stimulated through:
 - educational and experiential trips to museums and historical monuments
 - fun excursions to the circus, movies, craft bazaars and the zoo
 - various art and crafts, music and theatre workshops
 - reading sessions organized by the book club
 - class picnics
 - giving back to the community
 - inviting children from another NGO to an equestrian show.
 - serving food and cake on birthdays at the school for the blind,
 - winter holiday picnics where the girls shared food with other children in the park which delightfully grew into shared community lunches
- Touching and memorable highlights from the year include:
 - an introverted girl growing in confidence so that she won recognition for the best academic performance of the year and participated in a school play and skit;
 - the strength demonstrated by an abused girl who escaped her unsupportive family and now speaks confidently at NGO gatherings on this issue and her wish to make a positive impact by working with vulnerable girls in government schools as a teacher one day;
 - the good results obtained in the All-India Olympiad Mathematics, Computers and English Aptitude Tests.



What we create from the first, for **knowledge** an **unquenchable thirst**.



NEW DELHI PROJECTS

HOME FOR BOYS

NEW FRIENDS COLONY

- Nine boys are taken care of and provided with:
 - a minimum of 4-5 sets of clothing, including donations from Benetton;
 - medical care from a senior pediatrician and an experienced counselor;
 - education at local schools of repute;
 - experiential learning through trips to museums, heritage monuments and the zoo;
 - regular workshops on health and social issues to improve self-esteem and confidence;
 - occasional cultural workshops including music and arts-and-crafts sessions;
 - bicycles, footballs and indoor games to encourage daily physical and mental activity and stimulation;
 - simple cooking and cleaning lessons to enable them to become self-sufficient.
- Highlights of the year include:
 - maintaining the bond between siblings and different age groups despite separation of the genders into different homes;
 - the growing acceptance of the neighbours after earlier resistance to the idea of the homes - the elderly feel safer with the children around and appreciate the little ways the children help them such as by carrying their knitting home and moving their fold-up chairs into the sun;
 - the growth in strength and responsibility of a rescued boy, found severely malnourished and too weak to walk after being abandoned in a park without food and water for 10 days. He now plays for the school football team, displays love and gratitude towards his mentors and takes care of the younger children.
- Memorable events of the year include:
 - a guided tour of Red Fort where the national flag is hoisted on Independence Day;
 - breakfast at Chandni Chowk, in old Delhi's iconic eating area;
 - seeing the animals and enjoying the battery-operated car-rides at the Delhi Zoo;
 - the donation of paper quilling and weaving loom bands which have provided the children with new skills which they use in school projects, chart work, and for producing cards for special occasions;
 - movies at the cinema with popcorn and a drink;
 - being hosted at a 5-star hotel and being treated to a buffet, fun activities and a token gift which the children redistributed to others at traffic signals in order to spread some of the joy they had experienced;
 - the success enjoyed and certificates earned after participation in the All-India Olympiad Mathematics, Computers and English Aptitude Tests;
 - a talented junior winning a middle and senior



Enlightening a young mind through education is like **lighting a candle that will burn forever.**

NEW DELHI PROJECTS

SCHOOL: KISHANGARH

D9/150 KISHANGARH VILLAGE, VASANT KUNJ

- Six hundred and ninety children and 90 women benefit from the following services:
 - a crèche for the younger siblings of the students of the school and the children of the beneficiaries of the empowerment unit run by Samarpan Foundation and ILCA's production unit;
 - a primary school from class 1-5 and then the placement of class 5 graduates into mainstream schools;
 - a tuition centre from class 1-12 and then the placement into the University of Delhi Open School for bachelor's degrees. Students are also guided to attend suitable short term courses in government-recognized institutions, such as plumbing, electrician, mobile repairing, beautician, computer courses, etc. Fees are paid for those who cannot afford them and academic assistance is provided through the tuition centre;
 - adult education classes for 90 women from the community;
 - to ensure uninterrupted nutrition and all-round development, the school never closes. A winter camp was held for 2 weeks in December/January and a summer camp for 6 weeks in May/June 2015. Activities included public speaking, creative writing, mind games, sports, horse riding, indoor games and dance as well as remedial classes for senior children;
 - welfare items such as school bags, shoes and socks, uniforms, sweaters and inner thermals were distributed free of cost.
- Highlights of the year include:
 - the performances of street plays, challenging attitudes towards early girl marriages and the rights of girls to be heard and reinforcing a change of attitude in the community;
 - preventing 15 children from dropping out of education due to financial problems or being too old for their class. With the help of NIOS

(National Institute of Open Schooling), they attended the Tuition Centre every day;

- the 9th birthday celebration of Samarpan Foundation filled with song, dance and testimonies of how the foundation had changed lives, which was attended by a major donor, The Hans Foundation;
- field trips to Raj Ghat, Mughal Gardens, the zoo and the Children's Park at India Gate;
- the celebration of Republic Day and the Day of the Girl Child through song, dance and theatre;
- the Max Foundation India conducted a health check-up of the primary school children and were pleased with their state of health;
- several of the primary school children took part in inter-school competitions in Taekwondo where all received medals;
- a Sports Day was held where team games were played and every child participated;
- a special Parent-Teacher Meeting was held to talk about child marriage;
- three of the most senior girls in the Tuition Centre graduated from the University of Delhi with B.A. degrees. One girl is pursuing her Master's degree while the others enrolled in a Bachelor of Education programme;
- all six children attending the tuition centre, who appeared for the Class 12 Central Board of Secondary Education Examination (CBSE - an all-India examination equivalent to the 'A' Level) got marks ranging from 86% to 62%;
- a biogas plant was installed. It is fed with kitchen waste and the gas is used in the kitchen to cook food.



Despite odds so great,
it's never too late.

NEW DELHI PROJECTS

SCHOOL: SHASTRI PARK

YAMUNA KHADAR, UNDER ISBT FLYOVER, NEAR METRO
VIHAR, SHASTRI PARK, SHAHDARA

- Two hundred and ninety children and 30 adults benefit from:
 - schooling for 5 levels;
 - tuition classes;
 - adult education in Hindi and Urdu;
 - vocational classes such as dance lessons;
 - the provision of breakfast and a hot meal daily;
 - a crèche;
 - story-telling and reading sessions in the library;
 - the distribution of goods such as stationery, school bags, sweaters and thermals.
- Noteworthy events of the past year include:
 - the celebration of Independence Day, Jammashami, Eid, Diwali, Holi and Annual Day;
 - yoga workshops;
 - an eye camp;
 - the setting up of the library;
 - card and rakhi making sessions.
- Achievements include:
 - the growth in number of beneficiaries from 70 at inception to 320 by May 2015;
 - growing community acceptance and understanding of the benefits of music and dance classes for the children;
 - growing acceptance of the importance of mainstream education;
 - the interest now shown by children in their education;

- the change in attitude towards politeness and cleanliness and the realization of the effect behavior and appearance have on others;

SCHOOL: HATHI BASTI

HATHI BASTI, BANK OF YAMUNA RIVER, NEAR ITO

- Three hundred and eight children benefit from services which include:
 - the Contact School with 6 levels where breakfast and lunch is also provided;
 - the Tuition Centre with 3 classes where lunch is provided daily;
 - a library which holds story-telling and reading sessions;
 - dance lessons;
 - a crèche for the siblings of the students who would otherwise be required to look after them and drop out of school;
 - medical care;
 - a biogas plant for waste management and fuel for the kitchen;
 - the distribution of goods such as stationery, school bags, sweaters and thermals.
- Noteworthy events over the year include:
 - nutrition camps and hygiene awareness activities;
 - sex education and reproductive health sessions;
 - music workshops, story-telling and numerous art and crafts sessions;
 - the celebration of Eid, Basant Panchmi, Diwali, New Year, Annual Day, Independence Day and Samarpan Foundation's birthday;
 - a magic show;
 - the annual Sports Day and school opening celebration.



Mind as **delicate as a flower**, we strive and seek to **empower**.



NEW DELHI PROJECTS

- Highlights of the year include:
 - the reconstruction of the school to ensure more productivity and to include new classrooms, the library and crèche;
 - the building of a new, clean toilet to maintain and promote a hygienic environment;
 - the change in 2 errant students who, after much counselling, have chosen education over begging.

TUITION CENTRE: LNJP

SLUM ADJACENT TO LNJP HOSPITAL (LOK NAYAK JAI PRAKASH)

- One hundred and thirty children benefit from services which include:
 - tuition and academic support;
 - the provision of snacks;
 - the distribution of goods such as stationery, school bags, sweaters and thermals.
- Noteworthy events over the year include:
 - a medical camp;
 - the celebration of Independence Day, Christmas and Republic Day;
 - fun recreational activities such as painting, colouring-in, crafts and dancing.
- Highlights of the year include:
 - the change in attitude in the community towards education;
 - the growth in student numbers from 60 in August 2015 to 130 to date;
 - being able to tap into the potential of the students and to split the group into 3 levels.

TUITION CENTRE: KOTLA

KOTLA, PREMNAGAR, KOTLA MUBARAKPUR

- One hundred and twenty children benefit from services which include:
 - tuition and a contact school;
 - the provision of snacks and prescribed calcium supplements;
 - cooking classes to enable young children to prepare food without a stove;
 - dance classes for mental and physical stimulation;
 - the distribution of goods such as stationery, school bags, sweaters and thermals.
- Events of the year include:
 - counselling sessions on personal hygiene;
 - a life skills workshop;
 - music workshops and craft sessions;
 - the celebration of Holi, Diwali, Raksha Bandhan and the birthday of Samarpan Foundation.
- Noteworthy highlights of the year include:
 - an alumnus being employed by the Civil Defence Services;
 - another alumnus being accepted for Political Science (Honours) at the prestigious Lady Sri Ram College, Delhi;
 - a student being enrolled at an English-medium school;
 - the entertaining on-stage music performance of the children at the American Centre, Delhi;
 - the shift in parental mindset and growing faith in the teachers which has led to girls beyond a certain age being allowed to continue their education;
 - the remarkable positive change in the behavior of the children and their desire now to dress neatly and to follow proper hygiene habits.



Their love of the letter
makes their **futures better.**



NEW DELHI PROJECTS

TUITION CENTRE: YAMUNA PUSHTA

KOTLA, PREMNAGAR, KOTLA MUBARAKPUR

- One hundred and sixteen children benefit from services which include:
 - a tuition centre with 4 levels;
 - remedial guidance;
- a library which also hosts story-telling and reading sessions;
- art and crafts sessions including sequins art classes;
- the provision of a hot meal and snacks daily;
- the provision of goods such as stationery, school bags, sweaters and thermals.
- Accomplishments of the year include:
 - the achievement of mainstreaming the majority of students in government schools;
 - a general improvement in behavior and more positive attitude towards life;
 - the increase in interest and motivation to study which has led to commendable academic performance, especially in English;
 - not only improved personal hygiene, but also the habit of maintaining clean surroundings and the hygienic storage of food and water.
- Noteworthy events of the year include:
 - the celebration of Raksha Bandhan, Janmashtami, Eid, Gandhi Jayanti, Diwali, Holi, Christmas, Independence Day, Republic Day, Teachers' Day, New Year and the leap year;
 - a medical camp;
 - the opening of the library

SCHOOL: MOTIA KHAN

RAEN BASERA COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, RAM KUMAR ROAD, MOTIYA KHAN, PAHAR GANJ, NEAR THE POWER GRID

- The school has benefitted 100 children by providing the following:
 - school and tuition;
 - story-telling and reading sessions in the library;
 - snacks and supplements;
 - a crèche;
 - goods such as stationery, school bags, sweaters and thermals.
- The major highlight of the year was moving from a room in a shelter to better equipped facilities which has had a positive impact in many areas, namely:
 - the attitude of the parents and children towards education with the result of some children being sent to government schools and excelling beyond expectation;
 - the hygiene habits of the children resulting in a great change in their general well-being;
 - the behavior of the children;
 - the health of the children as a new kitchen was set up to address their nutritional needs.
- Noteworthy events of the past year include:
 - a field trip to the Science Museum and India Café;
 - new haircuts and styling for the children at Geetanjali Salon;
 - sex education classes for adolescent girls;
 - mind games and puzzle sessions for mental stimulation;
 - the celebration of Diwali, Holi and New Year;
 - relocating to our new premises;
 - the establishment of the library.



Stand straight, dry your tears, together we shall banish fears.



The blind eye of justice did not see, that you the innocent victim be.



NEW DELHI PROJECTS

WOMEN'S SHELTER: REGARPURA

MAHILA EVAM BAL GRAH, 100 QUARTER CHOWK, JAG JIVAN NIWAS, GALI NO. 3, REGARPURA, KAROL BAGH

- Forty women and 20 children benefit from the following services offered:
 - education for young children;
 - medical assistance;
 - 2 hot meals daily;
 - sanitation and an infirmary;
 - the distribution of goods such as stationery, school bags, sweaters and thermals.
- Highlights of the year include:
 - the continuous growth in confidence of the women who now seek guidance and intervention from the dedicated volunteers;
 - the considerable improvement in health of the inhabitants through medical assistance and nutrition support;
 - the increase in academic achievements of the children due to the stimulation provided by art days, excursions and educational intervention;
 - the library being set up in the educational centre for the children.
- Events of the year include:
 - an excursion to Birla Temple;
 - the celebration of Lohri, Holi, Ramnavmi and Diwali

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TIHAR JAIL, TIHAR VILLAGE

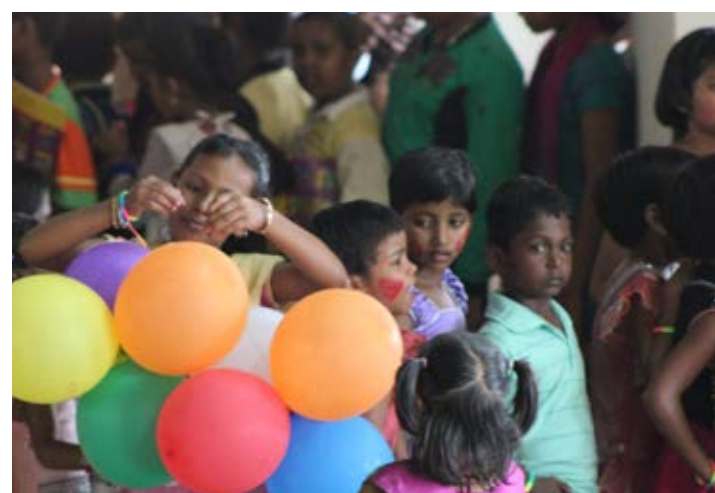
- Approximately 450 beneficiaries from 110 families and 6 jails in Tihar are offered the following services:
 - nutritional support for the family;
 - medical and educational support for the family if required;
 - eye camps for inmates and their families;

- vocational classes and activities for the inmates.
- Highlights from the year include:
 - a beneficiary, after doing a guitar course, auditioning for vocal training at the famous Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Institute and modelling at Select City Mall, Delhi;
 - 2 diligent, young teenage brothers achieving academic excellence and supporting their single mother, unaware their father is an inmate;
 - the provision of a loan and support to enable a former inmate to set up a vegetable stall to eventually become financially independent;
 - the relocation of another former inmate to Goa where he currently works as a barber, using the skills he acquired through the vocational programme;
 - a quilling workshop bringing out a surprising gesture of gratitude – a thank you card for the teacher quilled by one of the inmates;
 - the touching poems of gratitude written by inmates at the annual quiz.
- Noteworthy events of the year include:
 - highly successful quilling workshops;
 - an outing to Adventure Island for the students of Samarpan School, Kishangarh, who volunteer for the IJOJ programme on a monthly basis;
 - the Annual Inter-Jail Quiz in Central Jail 2, supported by a cheering audience of about 200 inmates, with participants from 9 central jails. The participants and winners received certificates and prizes and were motivated and encouraged to keep abreast of events outside of the jail;
 - an enjoyable talent hunt in Jail 7 hosted by the volunteers.





We stand by you, hand in hand, till on your own can firmly stand!



GOA PROJECTS

SUPPORT FOR ORPHANAGES AND CHILDREN'S HOMES

TUITION CENTRE: CHIMBEL
INDIRA NAGAR, CHIMBEL, TISWADI

- Free books and stationery required by the local school curriculum. School uniforms are provided to children whose families cannot afford them.
- Children with special needs are enrolled into the best schools in Goa.
- Volunteers provide the children with excursions and new experiences. Day trips have included visits to the beach where the children were treated by one of the volunteers to new culinary experiences by buying unfamiliar local street food for the delighted children.
- The children's party is always an annual highlight. All beneficiaries of the project gather for a day jam-packed with activities, including games and arts and crafts; entertainment, including clowns and a DJ; delicious snacks and drinks as well as gifts and prizes.

TUITION CENTRE: CHIMBEL

INDIRA NAGAR, CHIMBEL, TISWADI

- The tuition centre offers vital services to children from the Chimbel slum. The centre provides:
 - daily meals and free books and stationery required by the local school curriculum
 - care for children with special need as well as counselling sessions
 - medical care and healing sessions
 - legal assistance and counselling sessions for parents
 - empowerment for mothers by ILCA (Institute of Learning, Culture and Art, an associated trust).
- The focus on daily survival is the main preoccupation of slum residents and volunteers have made great progress this past year in getting students and their families to value education, health and self-empowerment:

- at the centre, children are exposed to English, which is rarely spoken in the slum - their fluency has noticeably improved.
- medical care and improved nutrition has greatly improved the physical health of the children.
- some mothers have started contributing to the running of their households.
- Celebrations have included parties on volunteers' birthdays and that of the founder's birthday - these are fun-filled events including music, games and snacks. The founder's birthday also gives the opportunity for the children to meet and interact with children from all across the state.





Share my bread, I say to you, of you so many, of me so few.



KOLKATA PROJECTS

COMMUNITY KITCHEN: CHAR BASTI

BESIDE THE RAILWAY LINE, NEAR PARK CIRCUS RAILWAY CROSSING, RIFLE RANGE ROAD, BALLYGUNGE PARK, BAL-LYGUNGE

- Lunch continues to be provided for 130 needy children daily. These children are very appreciative and show love and happiness more readily.
- They have also learnt how to share with and care for each other.
- The highlight of the year was the celebration of the Samarpan family's 9th birthday. The children received sweets, gifts and toys. This joyous occasion was celebrated with dancing and fun.

TUITION CENTRE: LOVE LOCK SCHOOL

BHAI BHAI SANGH CLUB, 39B BELTALA ROAD, GARCHA, BAL-LYGUNGE

- Twenty-six children receive tuition at the tuition centre.
- It has been gratifying to see how the children have become more disciplined and aware of the needs of others.
- They are more open to showing love and happiness.
- They have also learnt how to share with and care for each other.
- Highlights of the year include:
 - The celebration of Hygiene Week – Alipore Ladies Circle No.3 distributed buckets and toiletries for daily use.
 - the celebration of Children's Day – an outing to Sunshine Carnival at Laskar Memorial, where gifts were distributed, was extremely successful and enjoyable.
 - painting lessons – in September, the Kolkata International Women's Club visited us and gave the children painting lessons. The children participated enthusiastically and their work was later displayed at an exhibition at the Hyatt Hotels.

- the celebration of Samarpan's birthday – the children celebrated the foundation's 9th birthday and received sweets, gifts and toys. This joyous occasion was celebrated with dancing and fun.
- the celebration of Durga Puja – the children participated in a dance programme at the Puja Pandal. They received sweets and new clothes.
- the celebration of Diwali – the children celebrated the Festival of Light with crackers.

INJUSTICE OF JUSTICE: MIDNAPORE CORRECTIONAL HOME

MIDNAPORE

- Inmates' families are provided with rations.
- Educational support is provided to inmates' families through the provision of social grants.
- The highlight of the year was an increase in the number of families receiving aid, from ten to fifteen.





Teaching young couples to see, how **adoptive parents** to be.



PUNE PROJECTS

SPARCC (THE SAMARPAN PROGRAMME FOR ADOPTION RESEARCH COUNSELLING CONSULTANCY & CARE)

GERA GARDENS

- SPARCC was set up in October 2015 to rehabilitate and resettle children without families through adoption, to provide crisis counselling to children and families, to provide training and consultancy to childcare organizations as well as to improve standards of child care and knowledge about the legal, procedural and emotional aspects of child rehabilitation through adoption.
- SPARCC offers a range of services to support the security and well-being of disadvantaged children and deprived families, including vulnerable women, particularly unwed mothers. SPARCC has specialized services for families created through adoption and provides consultancy services to organizations working to rehabilitate children through adoption.
- The SPARCC team consists of qualified experienced professionals from the fields of social work, law, and paediatrics, who have been relentlessly providing their support services.
- Highlights from the past year include:
 - The active sponsorship of Sant Gadge Maharaj Vidyalaya, an English-medium primary school that provides quality education and recreational activities for children from deprived circumstances. SPARCC supports recreational activities for the children and ensures good quality education by sponsoring salaries of qualified teachers. The school has brought tremendous change in the way these children perceive their future and ambitions.
 - Partnership with the Rainbow Home for Street Children. This loving home provides for the needs of disadvantaged children in the form of material support, nutrition and educational support. The dedicated staff have brought the children a long way from severe malnutrition, lack of care and shelter, and begging in streets since birth.
 - A training session on different aspects of inter-country adoption that was conducted for Pakhar

Sankul, a specialized adoption agency in Solapur. Post-training, the agency has successfully placed 1 child in the inter-country adoption and is in the process of placing 4 other children. The training helped the agency to organize themselves to handle inter-country adoption and to understand various aspects of inter-country adoption and to deal with the procedure in the most efficient and timely manner.

- Celebrations and events included SPARCC celebrating the daughters of the Rainbow homes with a common birthday party which was enjoyed by 25 daughters of the home. SPARCC organized a Christmas party for the children of Sant Ghadge Maharaj Vidyalaya in December 2015, at which children were gifted sports equipment.
- SPARCC was honored with the visit by Chairperson and Mentor of Samarpan Foundation, Patrick, to the school Sant Ghadge Maharaj Vidyalaya and SPARCC's office at Gera Gardens, Pune.



SUNDERBANS PROJECTS

HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CLINICS

BALI ISLAND, BIJAYNAGAR 9

- The project's goals to provide health care to the people of Bali island by creating awareness and education on sanitation and vaccinations and to ensure that the primary, emergency and OPD facilities are made available to all were not only achieved but surpassed:
 - A total of 79 clinics were held as against the set target of 60, thus achieving 132% of the target.
 - Marked reductions in new complications were a direct result of interventions during the grant period.
 - Women's health was a major focus and children were treated for various ailments and also given vaccinations as a preventive health measure.
 - In addition to Bijaynagar, Bali Island, medical services were extended to a nearby village, Ramgopalpur, with Samarpan Foundation providing five clinics between December 2015 and April 2016.
- With the availability of affordable healthcare, the Sundarbans people showed improved concern for their health and consulted doctors, thus preventing future health complications.
- Despite working in excessively hot conditions which added to operational challenges, the team stayed focused and met set targets.
- Greater participation in the economy by a healthier people resulted in overall prosperity of the region.

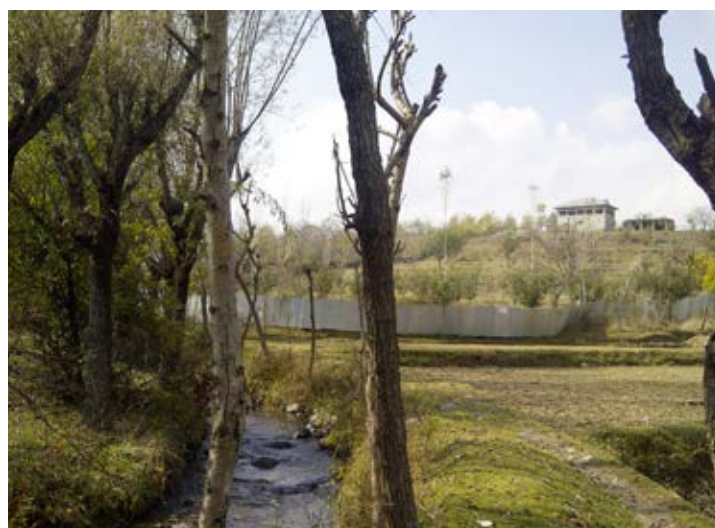


Your health to me, I hold
so dear, your cry for help I
hear so clear.





When the weak can't cope,
opening avenues of hope.



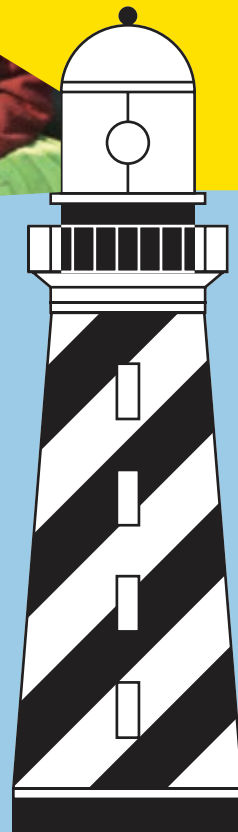
KASHMIR PROJECT

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT: SRINAGAR

YARIKHAH VILLAGE, KHAN SAHAB, BUDGAM DISTRICT

- This project is managed by the Hills and Dales Foundation, a not-for-profit Section 25 Company associated with Samarpan Foundation. The primary objective of this project is to create employment and empowerment for Kashmiri women whilst promoting Kashmir as a primary dairy-farming destination. Top quality milk will be used to produce export-quality cheese and chocolates.
- The project will empower the women to become skilled and financially independent. Economic resurgence will enable them to affect positive social change for their families and community.
- 15000 Sq. meters of land has been secured in Yarikhah, Badgam district for the pilot project. Cow sheds, pens and equipment sheds have been constructed and fodder and hay cultivated to create a buffer stock of fodder.
- The Austrian Pinzgauer breed of cow has been identified as being ideal for the climatic conditions of Kashmir since the breed can withstand temperatures of up to minus 18 degrees with no effect on milk production. It is therefore not necessary to move the cows out of the valley during winters. The cows will be imported in batches of 4 to create a sizable herd within a span of 3 years. Over the past year, the import licence for 8 cows was issued by the DGFT (Directorate General of Foreign Trade).
- Initially, the milk will be packaged and marketed to high-end hotels and restaurants until such time as the quantity justifies setting up a dairy factory and cheese production unit.
- Additional employment will be created through contract farming of high quality fodder, maintaining silos, malting of grain, delivery of fodder and milk, production and bailing of silage and maintenance of cowsheds.





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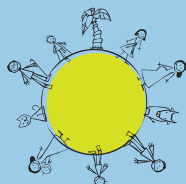
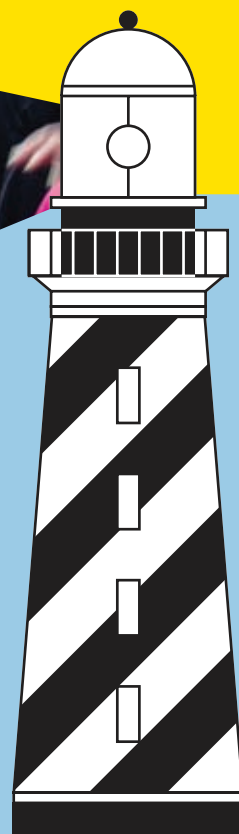
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