

YOUTHREACH BUZZ

A QUARTERLY BULLETIN: PART 8

Youthreach, a Delhi-based non-profit organisation, has been working for more than 25 years with disadvantaged children, youth and women through interventions such as education, health care, skill training, livelihood support, water and sanitation. Currently, we work in six states, covering more than 600 villages, and have reached out to 80,000 children and youth, and 10,000 women. We have also placed over 18,000 volunteers with our 114 NGO partners across India.

We are delighted to present the 8th edition of our newsletter, Youthreach Buzz, which details some of our achievements during the last few months as well as gives an exciting glimpse into the future of our organisation. We invite you to join us on this journey of transformation and empowerment so that, together, we can make a lasting difference within our community.

A Glimpse of our activities from August 2023 - January 2024

Integrated Community Development Programmes at Youthreach (ICDP) – Highlights

Youthreach has been working with companies and businesses under their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programmes to help them identify their CSR interests and implement projects to address the community's evolving needs. We have been working in the areas of Education, Health, Sanitation, Skill Development, and Women Empowerment with our long-standing partners Asahi India Glass Ltd., Chanana Welfare Foundation and Unipatch Rubber Limited. We are also immensely delighted to welcome on board Avitech Nutrition Pvt Ltd., DMI Finance Pvt Ltd., PolymerLink India Pvt Ltd., and Sona BLW Precision Forgings Ltd. as our new corporate partners. Our Integrated Community Development Programme is being implemented in Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

Digital Literacy Programme

Our Digital Literacy Programme continues to make significant strides in reaching marginalised communities. In the last quarter, we have expanded our reach to more than 600 children, giving them access to essential digital skills. Apart from the existing centres, with support from our new corporate partners, we have also established new centres in Gurugram, Manesar and Rewari (Haryana).



School Bus Service Programme

Our School Bus Service Programme continues to provide safe and secure transportation for pick-up and drop-off to 558 girls from rural villages of Bawal (Haryana) and Roorkee (Uttarakhand).



Remedial and Dropout Prevention Education Programme

Over the past quarter, we have extended our remedial educational support to 930 students in more than 30 centres across four states. Through this programme, we provide supplementary support to students focusing on Mathematics, English, Science, Gujarati and Hindi to enhance their academic performance and foster their overall development.

In the last quarter, we have reached out to more than 130 students through professional guidance and support to reintegrate them into mainstream education.



Primary School Education Programme

Our commitment to quality education has led us to extend our support to government schools by placing dedicated and qualified teachers. In Bawal (Haryana), we have placed teachers who teach at seven primary government schools impacting 726 students. In Patan (Gujarat), our teachers are teaching in eight villages impacting 827 students. By collaborating with local education authorities, we ensure that our teachers complement existing programmes, contributing to a harmonious and effective learning ecosystem.



Tailoring and Cutting Programme

Our initiative to empower women through skill development has impacted over 200 women and girls with valuable skills in tailoring and cutting. The programme's impact extends beyond skill acquisition as it directly contributes to the economic independence of women in our communities.



English Speaking Programme

This programme was initiated in October at the Unnati English Speaking Centre, Bawal (Haryana). We are currently training 30 students, empowering them with English-speaking skills to excel in diverse social and work environments.



Life Skills Programme

Our Life Skills Programme addresses a wide range of skills such as communication, problem-solving, and emotional intelligence. Through this programme we aim to empower participants to navigate life's challenges with resilience and confidence. The programme runs at the Government Senior Secondary School, Bithwana in Haryana with 95 students participating actively in the sessions.



School Sanitation and Hygiene Programme

More than 5400 students have benefitted from our School Sanitation and Hygiene Programme, an initiative committed to creating a clean and healthy environment for students. Our commitment to fostering a culture of hygiene extends beyond infrastructure improvements. We have conducted educational workshops for students, teachers, and parents, focusing on the importance of hygiene practices and their impact on overall health.



Beautician Training Programme

Amongst our new initiatives is a Beautician Training Programme. Participants are being trained in a wide range of skills, including skincare, haircare, makeup application, and salon management. We are proud to announce that 20 participants in rural Gujarat are attending the training sessions regularly, marking a significant milestone in their journey towards becoming skilled beauticians.



Donations

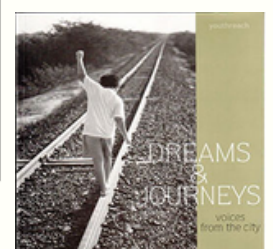
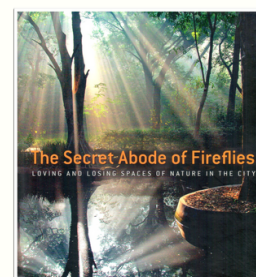
We are proud to share that we were able to help our partner NGOs, several slum communities and shelter homes through material donations which were generously given by our friends and supporters. Be it sponsoring a child's education, or meals, participating in fun games in the park, or donating laptops, footballs, books, and clothes in the last few months a large number of our friends and family came forward to bring joy to many children's lives.

We express our gratitude to Sharika Sharma for sponsoring five library sections at our education centres in Bawal (Haryana). We thank Amit Bhalla, Anjali Capila, Anshu Khurana, Bina Singh, Deepak Sood, Gitanjali Chopra, Kanan Kapur, Kiran Modi, Kumkum Mongia, Kunal Sehgal, Leena Labroo, Malvika Halwasia, Nandini Mohindra, Poonam Sood, Sangeeta Khullar, Sanjay Labroo and Sunil Modi for their generous donations.



Publications

We conceptualized and edited three major books at Youthreach. *'If I Were Rain'* explores the lives of children in India who live at a disadvantage and celebrates their spirit. *'The Secret Abode of Fireflies'* is an amalgamation of perspectives on ecology and environmental issues in the country. *'Dreams and Journeys'* is a collection of stories of 60 young people who came to Delhi to realize their dreams and what Youthreach made possible for them to achieve. **To order your copy, please contact ritika@youthreachindia.org**



NEW PARTNERSHIPS

New partnerships are integral to Youthreach as they provide us with an opportunity to be associated with large number of corporates and implement a wide spectrum of critical social issues in the community.

We welcome on board the following new corporate partners and look forward to a long and fruitful relationship with them: -

- **Avitech Nutrition Pvt Ltd.:** A remedial education centre is now fully operational in Roorkee, sponsored by Avitech Nutrition Pvt Ltd.
- **DMI Finance Pvt Ltd.:** Enrollment of students is currently underway for a digital literacy centre in Rewari, Haryana, which is being sponsored by DMI Finance Pvt. Ltd.
- **PolymerLink India Pvt Ltd:** A Digital Literacy and Life Skills Programme, sponsored by PolymerLink India Pvt Ltd., is now fully functional in Rewari, Haryana
- **Sona BLW Precision Forgings Ltd.:** Youthreach is setting up two digital literacy centres – one each in Gurgaon and Manesar sponsored by Sona BLW Precision Forgings Ltd.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our new corporate partners.

Rehabilitation of Child Beggars Project

Youthreach partnered with The Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) and Salaam Baalak Trust (SBT) to rehabilitate child beggars on the streets of Delhi.

To date:

- **3695 children** have been identified, for whom the process of rehabilitation has been initiated.
- **1205 school enrolments** have been completed
- **884 Anganwadi enrolments** have been completed
- **1588 Aadhar cards** creation process has been initiated
- **813 Bank accounts** have been opened

For making this possible, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to Asahi India Glass Ltd., Avitech Nutrition Pvt Ltd., AVL India Pvt Ltd., DMI Alternative Pvt Ltd., DMI Capital Pvt Ltd., DP Halwasiya Foundation, Jai Springs, Kema Foundation, Kema Services Pvt Ltd., Krishna Group, Kuval Sehgal, MGF Mall Management, Padminivna, Rajan Dhameja, Ramni Nirula, Sir Sobha Singh Trust, Sona BLW Precision Forgings Ltd. and SRF Welfare for their generous donations towards this project.

Life Skills Training

Youthreach has worked extensively over the last few years in the area of youth employability, by identifying areas that undermine the chances of disadvantaged youth finding jobs. From our experience of working with partner NGOs and from Youthreach's own experience of offering placement assistance to such youth, two gap areas were identified. One was Life Skills and the other was spoken English.



In the last few months, thanks to the kind donation from Sir Sobha Singh Charitable Trust, we were able to hold Life Skills training in all our locations. The main objective of these sessions was to empower individuals with practical skills that are crucial for success in various aspects of life, including relationships, career, and overall mental well-being.



Volunteers at Youthreach

Promoting the spirit of volunteerism and creating volunteering opportunities to build a community of volunteers, has been a core function at Youthreach. We match the skills and interests of volunteers with the needs of our partner NGOs thereby engaging dynamic young people from society to connect with grassroots organisations through imparting skills.

In this quarter, we have placed volunteers with our partner NGO Jamghat. The volunteering experience includes understanding the programmes and initiatives being undertaken by the organisation while interacting with the children who are the direct beneficiaries to realise the impact of social change.

To sign up to volunteer, please log onto www.youthreachindia.org

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have volunteered with us in the last quarter.

GRATITUDE

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have volunteered and to corporates, NGO partners, and individuals who have supported Youthreach, without whom we would not have been able to implement our projects and programmes. We deeply value our national and international partners who have enabled us to work across the country over a spectrum of issues, volunteers who have contributed their time and energy as well as those who have mobilised material and funds for our beneficiaries and our organisation.

Our grateful thanks to Asahi India Glass Ltd., Avitech Nutrition Pvt Ltd., Chanana Welfare Foundation, DMI Finance Pvt. Ltd., PolymerLink India Pvt Ltd., Sir Sobha Singh Charitable Trust, Sona BLW Precision Forgings Ltd., and Unipatch Rubber Ltd. for being our partners in supporting our current programmes and projects. Special gratitude this quarter to Amit Bhalla, Anjali Capila, Anshu Khurana, Bina Singh, Deepak and Poonam Sood, Gitanjali Chopra, Imran Baig, Jayati Chatterjee, Kanan Kapur, Kumkum Mongia, Kuval Sehgal, Leena Labroo, Malvika Halwasia, Nandini Mohindra, Payal Vir, Priya Kapur, Rajan Dhameja, Sangeeta Khullar, Sanjay Labroo, Shashi Singh, Sharika Sharma, Sunandan Kapur, Sunil and Kiran Modi, Sunjay Kapur.

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