

# Youthreach Buzz 3

## A Quarterly Bulletin

Youthreach seeks to instil in each one of us a sense of collective responsibility in addressing social issues. We believe that our lives are deeply interconnected with others around us and with our environment; that the world we live in is of our own making. The underlying ethos of Youthreach is the belief that we, as individuals, greatly enrich our lives by giving back to the larger community and the environment we live in and draw from so abundantly. Keeping this vision of Youthreach in mind, our last three months have been dedicated to giving and sharing with all our partner NGOs. Thanks to our friends and families we were able to reach many children in the last quarter and bring joy in their lives.

### A Glimpse of our activities from August 2021 - December 2021

#### 1. Library

Youthreach and The Apeejay Group collaborated to set up a brand new library in the Government Girls Senior Secondary School in Bawal, Haryana which falls within the Youthreach Integrated Community Development Programme. A Government Girls College is located on the same premises and girls from the college are also able to access this library. The Library is stocked with books with a special focus on middle to higher secondary school students of all streams (Science, Commerce and Arts). The books in the Library have been donated by The Oxford Bookstore which is the the Apeejay Group's Bookstore chain.



Youthreach is extremely grateful to the Apeejay Group and in particular to Priti Paul, for setting up this Library in the loving memory of their brother Anand Paul, in one of the largest schools of the area. This Library has benefitted approximately 1500 girls from both the Govt. Girls Senior Secondary School and the Govt. Girls College, Bawal.

## 2. Self Help Groups (SHGs) and Enterprise set-up

A total of 436 SHGs have been set up in Roorkee. These SHG's enable people from the community to build their capacities, generate savings and give financial help to each other for their domestic needs as well as funds for initiating or consolidating an existing income-generating activity.

In the last three months, 24 new enterprises have been set up of which 21 are through AIS ICDP Project and 3 have been set up by taking loans from SHGs.



## 3. Integrated Community Development Programmes at Youthreach

Teachers from our educational and vocational centres have ensured that students do not miss out on their education. During these months, our teachers continued with online education through Whatsapp groups, and also mobilized students in the villages for attending classes in Unnati Educational Centres, where students were engaged in activity-based learning to build their foundational literacy and numeracy skills.

To equip rural youth with advanced computer skills for employability, classes at Unnati Computer centre in Bawal, are also fully functional.

Classes for Computer Education as well as for Cutting and Tailoring were held online at our rural locations of Bawal, Roorkee, Nalagarh, and Patan.

In Patan, Gujarat, besides the online classes, Mohalla classes are also fully functional.

In Nalagarh, Himachal Pradesh, 21 students were enrolled in the Digital Literacy Programme, and 22 women have been enrolled in tailoring and cutting centres during the second quarter.

Under the Omni Skill Development programme, trainers continued to take classes and shared tyre technology videos, notes and slides with the students through the online platform. A total of 179 students are covered in this period. Under the agriculture programme, we reached out to 5335 farmers in 33 villages, for training in natural farming.



## 4. Donations

We are proud to share that our organization was able to help our partner NGOs, several slum communities, and shelter homes through material donations which were generously given by our friends and supporters.



We are thankful to Anjali Khosla, for donating sets of stationery, water bottles, lunch boxes, and food to Aman Biradri Khushi Rainbow home.



We are grateful to the family of Mrs Rani Kapur for donating Blankets to Udayan Care and sets of school bags, stationery and notebooks to Divya Chhaya Trust.



We would also like to thank the Jindi Khosla family for providing sets of blankets, stationery and notebooks to Jamghat.

We would also like to thank Shaila Sondhi and Payal Vir for donating TVs to the Computer Centre in Nalagarh, and Roorkee, respectively. We will also like to take this opportunity to thank Shireen Khamboj for donating sewing machines for our integrated community development project.

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We are extremely thankful to Blackberry, a clothing brand, who as part of their CSR, reached out to our partner NGO, Spread A Smile India, on the occasion of Diwali and organized a lovely lunch for 100 underprivileged children. The entire team of Blackberrys interacted, played games, conducted quizzes, and made hand puppets with the children. The Blackberry team also gave a wholesome lunch to the children at Jamghat.



Our Deepest gratitude to Shaunali Nanda for her donation with the help of which we were able to provide classroom furniture for Grade 3 – 5 at the SDMC Pr. School, Andrews Ganj. We would also like to thank Abhishek Dutt for making this happen.



We would like to thank a friend of Youthreach for feeding more than 700 Elderly people at Earth Saviours.



Thank you Leena Labroo for organizing lunch for the children at Udayan Care.



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