

Youthreach Buzz 4

A Quarterly Bulletin

It is 25 years since Youthreach first started its social impact journey, and we can say with great pride that we have achieved what we set out to do ...and much more! Starting with 3 partners in 1997, we now partner with 114 non-profit organizations across 8 states in India, and

Bhutan, working with disadvantaged children, youth and women through interventions in education, health care, skill development, livelihood support, and water and sanitation. This year our community outreach programme has reached out to more than 80,000 children, 20,000 women, and 7 lakh community members in more than 500 villages. During these last 25 years, hundreds of organizations, corporations, businesses, non-profit organizations, foundations, volunteers, and friends have worked with us to make a difference. Thank you so very much to all those who have partnered with Youthreach, towards this deeply felt mission.

A Glimpse of our activities from December 2021 - April 2022

1. Rehabilitation of Child Beggars

One of the first impressions we get of our National Capital is the number of families, particularly women and children, living under flyovers or around traffic signals. It is a sad fact that nearly 70,000 children live on the streets of Delhi. Of these, more than 40,000 children are engaged in begging, rag picking, and selling items on the streets. These children need our support, not our pity, so that they can get the rights envisaged in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, to which India is a signatory.



In Picture: Anurag Kundu (Chairperson, DCPCR), Nandita K. Baig (Executive Director and Founder Member, Youthreach), A K Tiwari (Executive Member, SBT), Salam Khan (Sr. Consultant, DCPCR), Sabeeha Singh (Associate Manager, Youthreach)

Keeping in mind our vision of looking after the critical needs of disadvantaged children, Youthreach has partnered with The Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) with the objective of rehabilitating 10,000 child beggars on the streets of Delhi over the coming year.

The project aims to elevate the lives of street children by identifying and providing educational, financial, and guardianship support to street children. The setting of residential schools by the Delhi government will further strengthen this project's efforts.

We have divided Delhi into 10 districts and have been able to raise funds for 2 districts in Delhi. To implement the project in the South and Southeast Districts of Delhi, we have collaborated with Salaam Baalak Trust. Subsequently, the remaining 8 districts will also be covered.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to Leena Labroo for her support towards this project. Grateful thanks to AIS Glass Ltd., AVL India Pvt. Ltd., Krishna Group, Jai Springs, Kema Foundation, Sir Sobha Singh Trust, Avitech Nutrition Pvt. Ltd., and Ramni Nirula for their donations towards this project.

We request you to please join us in our effort towards bringing a change in the lives of these children, taking them back to school, and helping them exercise their basic right to education, health, and other amenities. Let us come together and make Delhi, the city we all love dearly, free of children begging on the streets.

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2. Integrated Community Development Programmes at Youthreach - Highlights

(a) Education

Teachers from our educational and vocational centres have ensured that students continue their education through offline classes in our Unnati Educational Centres, Adult Literacy Centres, and Mohalla classes. We were able to reach out to approximately 1000 students in all our rural locations at Roorkee, Bawal, Patan, and Nalagarh, during the last quarter.





To equip rural youth with advanced computer skills for employability and digital literacy, classes at Pragati Computer Centre in Bawal and Ujjawal Computer Centre at Nalagarh were fully functional. A total of 22 students enrolled in digital literacy programme affiliated to NIIT in Bawal, and 22 students enrolled in Nalagarh.

(b) Skill Development

Under our Omni Skill Development Programme in Nalagarh, trainers continued to take classes and were able to train 129 students who were enrolled during these months.

Regular classes for Cutting and Tailoring were held at our rural locations of Roorkee, Patan, Bawal, and Nalagarh and we were able to reach out to approximately 130 students.

In this quarter, under our youth employability programme, we collaborated with BRS College in Gujarat, and started our life skills programme. To date, 48 students have enrolled themselves and attended three sessions per week based on our life skills curriculum.



(c) Sanitation and Health

Following the WASH Initiatives over the years, Youthreach has been partnering with Government schools and reaching out to school children in Roorkee and Bawal and helping in constructing and maintaining toilets.



(d) Agriculture

Youthreach works intensively in implementing government schemes, organizing training sessions, and conducting awareness activities related to agriculture in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendras in Nalagarh. Through the Public-Private Partnership model and bridging the gap between the government and the farmers, Youthreach is also involved in Dairy Farming Programme, wherein milk collected from our Chetna Milk Collection Centres is sold to HP Government Milk Federations.



(e) Other Activities

As part of the Covid-relief programme, Youthreach also provided financial support to a family in Gujarat, that lost the sole earning member due to Covid. This donation will support education of three children in the family.



For empowering women, and providing financial facilities to rural women, we have been running a Self-Help Group programme, and a total of 55 women have been able to set up their own enterprises by taking loans from SHGs.

To encourage people to have healthy eating habits, our Kitchen Garden programme in Roorkee, and Bawal enables more than 100 families to set up kitchen gardens and grow their own vegetables, thereby saving on expenditure on buying vegetables.



3. Support to our Partner NGOs

We are proud to share that Leiner Shoes, a leading footwear brand, collaborated with Samparan Foundation, our NGO partner, to extend support to women refugees, to get skilled and avail employment opportunities by providing them resources and training. With this support and training, many women are able to start their own enterprises.

Youthreach, with the help of its donors and partners, has been providing financial, educational and material support to children at Jamghat. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Kavita Bhartia for supporting the education, food, shelter and clothing of 4 children at Jamghat.

Youthreach has done extensive work over the last 5 years in the area of youth employability to identify the factors that undermine the chances of disadvantaged youth finding jobs. The two major gap areas were identified namely life skills and spoken English curriculums were developed for both and training was conducted to bridge the gap. We are delighted to share that, as part of our youth employability programme, we were able to place two girls at Faces Beauty Salon.



We are happy to support children at Udyam Trust school in Gautam Nagar by providing them with furniture which children are using for studies.

Youthreach has provided scholarships to two orphan children in Roorkee so that they can complete their education.

4. Material Donations

To bring warmth to the lives of underprivileged people living on the streets of Delhi, we organized a Blanket Donation Drive and we are extremely grateful to the family of Rani Kapur, Om Foundation, Pragya Tiwari, Jitendra Jha, Avitech Nutrition Pvt. Ltd., Adita Bhaskar, Neesha Singh, Devapriya Roy, and Rymn Massand for donating these blankets.



We are thankful to Kegg farms for their continued support for providing eggs to our partner NGO Arushi in Gurgaon. The girls are delighted with their nutritious breakfast.

We are grateful to Amit Bhalla for feeding 500 people, and to the family of Pramila Modi and Ranjana Rohatgi who made material donations to the people at Earth Saviours.



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