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Be the
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Life

Vision & Mission



Vision

Our vision is to promote and support welfare of those facing challenges of sustaining themselves in inopportune circumstances of an unequal society and imbalanced economy - the slum children, youth, differently abled, aged, infirm and destitute.

Mission

- To ensure the holistic development of impoverished children by providing them quality education, healthcare and adequate nutrition so as to aid their growth as an individual and resource for the society.
- To guide, train and develop skills among the youth of the country so that they can secure a job and become self-reliant.
- To provide medical services to financially backward strata of the society who are unable to afford the treatment for their ailment.
- To extend monetary support to the deprived children up to the age of 14 years suffering from chronic diseases.
- To enrich the lives of the aged people with the care and comfort that they deserve.
- To promote a healthy society by encouraging environment sustainable measures like tree plantations & cleanliness drives across the country.

Chairman's Message

Dear Donors,

It is my pleasure to introduce the 8th edition of our Newsletter "Pehal".

It has been an exciting yet challenging four years of perseverance and devotion, which has given our Foundation the strength to continue working for the society.

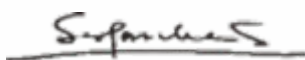
You will be glad to know in our UDAAN initiative we have been able to save the lives of 80 young souls suffering from Congenital Heart Problems. Under this initiative we have also started taking cases of children with Hearing Impairment and Cancer. In this New Year with the blessings of our supporters, we have been able to support 3 cases of Hearing Impairment Ayush (4 years), Anita Sharma (12 years 10 Months) & Swastik Pandey (7 years).

As a Chairman of the Advisory Board of Diya India, I would like to offer a special note of gratitude to our supporters from India & Dubai, they are so special to us; we would not be able to support these children & save their lives without them. We are thankful to them for their continued alliance association with us and appreciate their efforts and recognize that without their support, our Foundation would not have been able to relish the success it has achieved to date.

I also convey my gratitude to the team of Diya India. Without them, the implementation of projects would not have been possible. As our organisational network continues to grow, it becomes stronger and more united.

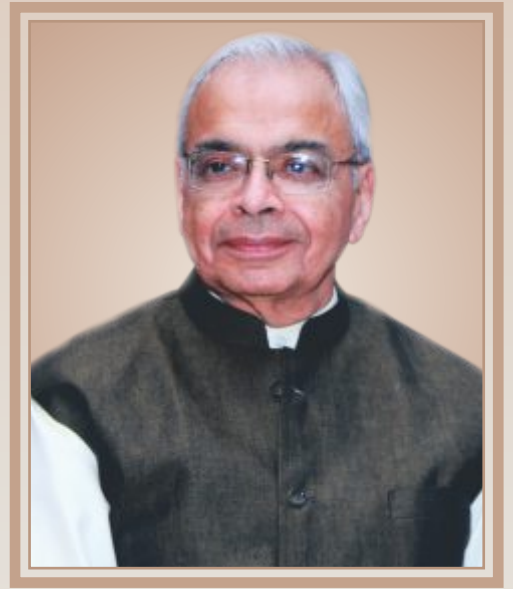
Thank you all, your efforts are highly appreciated and your support is acknowledged.

God Bless you !!



Padma Shri Dr. S.C. Manchanda

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*No Candle
loses its light
while lighting,
another candle
Never stop
sharing, caring,
and Helping others,
because it makes
our life more
meaningful*

Diya India Foundation in its Project Health on Wheels



“Aims at creating Health Awareness and Routine Check-ups by conducting Health Camps on a regular basis.”



We at Diya India Foundation believe that the greatest gift you can give to your family and to the world is a Healthy You.

India, being a developing country, is still struggling to provide better medical healthcare facilities and medical resources to all her citizens, especially to the underprivileged sections of the society. Diya India Foundation in its continual efforts in spreading awareness on healthcare has taken a step forward by collaborating with Rotary Club of Delhi Nirvana and Jungdo (South Korea), who supported Diya with a mobile health clinic to organise free health camps for the marginalized population living in the slum areas of Delhi NCR.

As we pledged, regular health camps are being organised in different remote areas, and free medicines & awareness sessions are being provided to people of different age groups.



Healthy Mind & Soul

On 28th of Sept 2018, Diya India Foundation organised a special health camp in Nihal Vihar (a slum cluster in Delhi) to screen the people with general health issues, helping them with expert advice and treatment options. Free blood tests and free medicines were provided to the needy and the reports for the blood test were given to the patients on the same day. A team of doctors and dentist gave an awareness session on oral cancer. More than 200 local residents of Nihal Vihar were benefitted through this camp.

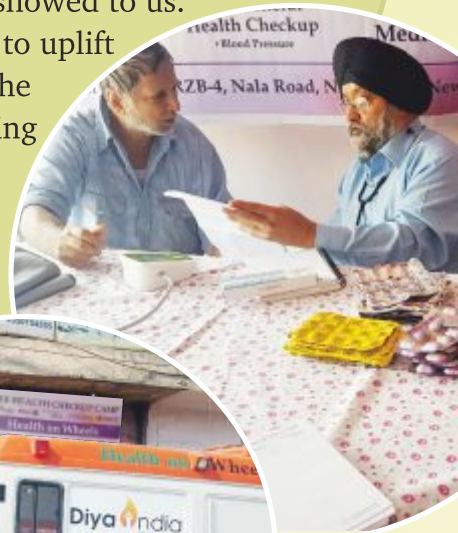


Healthcare is a Right of every Human Being

"Life's Most Persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for Others?"
- Martin Luther King Jr.

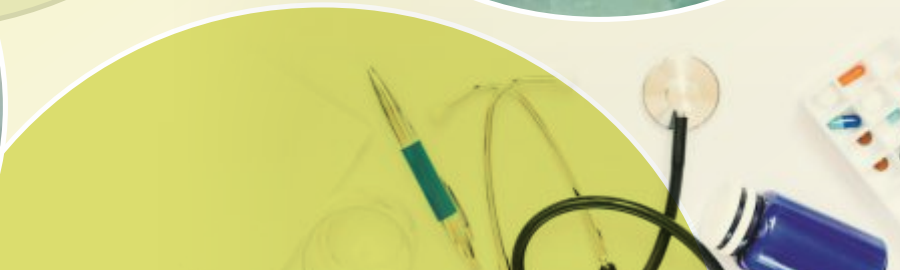
Millions of young kids are deprived from the basic necessities of life including healthy food, good nutrition, health care facilities and education. Beside these children, there are many elderly people who are neglected by their families and left alone in this world where no one is there to take good care of them. Diya India Foundation have identified these grieved elderly living in miserable conditions and provided them with daily necessity items, organised free health camp for them and distributed free medicines. We were overwhelmed with the blessings and love that they showed to us.

We will continue our drive to uplift the weaker section of the society by doing everything possible.



Good Health for our Little Souls

A healthy mind resides in a healthy body. We at Diya India believe that the physical well-being is the most important aspect of a healthy lifestyle. Free Dental & General Health Check-up Camp was organised for the students of Chetan Vidya Mandir (a school supported by Diya India Foundation) on 1st December, 2018 in association with Manmohani Kaul Healthcare & Diagnostic centre. A special session on how to remain healthy was given by the doctors to the students.



Independence Day Celebrations

On 15th of August 1947 India got freedom from the British Empire and the day has been declared as the National Festival viz. Independence Day. It was not so easy for India to get freedom from the Britishers, however, various great people and freedom fighters of India made it a truth. They have sacrificed their lives in attaining freedom for the future generations without worrying about their comfort and rest. The 72nd Independence Day of India was celebrated by the students of Chetan Vidya Mandir and Chetan Playway like any other festival with full enthusiasm and joy remembering the sacrifice of our soldiers and freedom fighters. Students decorated the schools with Tri Colour Balloons, sang national anthem and raised the National Flag of India. We believe that children from every generation should remember the heroes from the past and respect the rich cultural heritage and golden history that the country has witnessed.



Children's Day Celebration

"Every child is a different kind of flower, and all together they make this World a beautiful garden"
-Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru

On 14th November India celebrates the birthday of the first Prime Minister of independent India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru who believed that if we nurture children with quality education and good values then they will grow to become a good citizen and will build a strong nation. Children's Day was celebrated at Chetan Playway and Chetan Vidya Mandir (schools supported by Diya India Foundation) Children Reminisced the values by Jawaharlal Nehru. Little angels dressed exquisitely like Jawaharlal Nehru and decorated schools. They all sang patriotic songs and pledged to become a good citizen.



Diwali Celebrations

The festival Diwali illumine our minds, enlightens our heart and strengthens the human bonds. The true essence of this festival can only be found by celebrating it together & bringing joy to everyone. The students of Chetan Vidya Mandir and Chetan Playway celebrated an environment friendly Diwali where the schools were adorned with Diyas and children made beautiful handmade cards for teachers and the supporters, who brought smiles on their faces and enlightened their path that lead to a bright Future.

Eid Mubarak

Eid is the day of blessings, buying new clothes and distributing sweets to friends & relatives. The day is celebrated to commemorate the birth of the Prophet Muhammad. Eid-ul-Milad was celebrated by the young children of Chetan Playway who were dressed beautifully in the traditional Muslim attire and learnt about the importance of Eid.



Christmas Day Celebration

Christmas is the festival of joy and happiness, the cold winter days of holiday brings nothing but excitement amongst everyone, especially the children who eagerly wait for Santa Clause to come and bring gifts for them. Students of Chetan Vidya Mandir and Chetan Playway celebrated Christmas day and New Year with full enthusiasm. The little kids were dressed beautifully like Santa Clause and presented a beautiful skit showing the importance of Christmas and how Lord Jesus came into this world and helped the human kind for good. The School principal distributed gifts and snacks to the children and the spirit of Christmas was celebrated with fun and frolic.



Jungle in School

Chetan Playway School organised an event for school students wherein the kids were dressed like animals. Kids enjoyed their day at school and also learned about different animals and their habitat. The idea behind this event was to let the kids have fun and educate them at the same time.



Let's Dress like Vegetables

There are countless benefits of eating vegetables and what's better than dressing up like one to know the advantages of each vegetable. The students in Chetan Playway were introduced to different vegetables and what they are rich in. Teachers chose a unique way of making students understand the value of eating a healthy diet and leading a healthy life.



Support to Differently Abled

Diya India Foundation supported Physically Handicapped Welfare Society for visually impaired in Rohini with groceries and medicines. The homage home is a home for a group of 15 visually impaired people who are studying and learning in order to get a job. The school has computer centre where Diya India donated a printer along with other accessories to make them a step closer to become self-sufficient.



Visit to Triveni Kala Sangam & Kiran Nadar Museum

Students of Chetan vidya Mandir were invited to Triveni Kala Sangam (A well known art and cultural centre in Delhi) and Kiran Nadar Museum of art for a visit where they witnessed adorable paintings sculptures and breath-taking sculptures. There was a separate painting session where they drew beautiful motifs and showcased their talents. Students were exuberant about this trip and learnt about the beautiful culture and art forms of incredible India.



War Against Hunger !!

As a part of our Project 'War Against Hunger' drive we ensure that no one sleeps hungry. Diya distributes free ration every month to 20 families of Nihal Vihar (A slum area of Delhi) who are living below the poverty line . We are grateful to MCKS Food for Hungry Foundation for helping us and being an angel for these deprived families.



In Fond Memory of Ayushi

In the memory of Ayushi, daughter of our respectable donor Shri. Rajiv Mathur, the students of Chetan Vidya Mandir decorated the school board with art & craft and paintings. The school board is dedicated to her as she was extremely fond of art & craft.

Healthy Body Healthy Mind

Diya India Foundation has started regular Yoga Classes in Chetan Vidya Mandir. Yoga will help children to cope with stress and thus, contribute positively to balance in life, well-being, and mental health. Our mission is to empower the students to be agile physically and mentally.



Celebrating 70 Years of Indian Republic

Happy Therapy for our Elderly

Besides Providing monthly support to the elders living in Geeta Mandir, old Age home at New Rajinder Nagar. We believe that spending quality time with the elders contributes significantly to their emotional & mental well being. On Republic Day, Diya India Foundation took the initiative of making the elderly happy by having interactive sessions and organising activities like relaxation therapy and pottery competition to rejuvenate the elderly and bring smiles on their faces. This later ended with patriotic songs sang by the elders.



Plantation Drive

Tree plantation is beneficial for the environment. The growing amount of air pollution caused by the smoke emitted by vehicles and factories can be controlled only if we plant more and more trees. Students of Chetan Vidya Mandir took an initiative of planted plants in order to make their surroundings a better place. The students learned the importance of cleanliness and benefits of a green neighbourhood.



Meet our Goodwill Ambassador Milanpreet Kaur (Miss India Washington)

Milanpreet has studied BTech in computer science in Patiala and got campus placement as a Software Engineer in Microsoft, Seattle, U.S.A. Just one year in the US and Thapar University, Patiala, pass-out Milanpreet Kaur has won laurels for both the countries. She was recently crowned Miss India Washington, USA 2018. Diya India Foundation is honoured to announce Milanpreet Kaur (Miss India Washington 2018) as our Goodwill Ambassador. We are humbled by her initiative of giving back to the society and her esteemed vision of supporting Diya India's projects.



Bidding Adieu to the Little Bundles of Joy

Diya India Foundation bids goodbye to another batch of Vth Class students. The students at Chetan Vidya Mandir loved being part of the school and as much as we want them to stay, it's time for them to groom and bloom for the better.

These students have cleared exams for 5th standard and now will be enrolled in 6th standard by the Foundation to the nearby schools. We celebrated the farewell party where the kids danced, ate and loved every moment. We are nostalgic to see these faces grow, these little angels have finally learned to fly and we wish them all the best for their future endeavors!



Appreciation from the Beneficiaries

From Sondara Gurukulam, Maharashtra

Diya India Foundation carried out a blanket distribution drive for the little souls of Sondara Gurukulam, Domri, Beed, Maharashtra. The objective of the initiative was to provide shield to these less privileged little souls. The beneficiaries were 200 students of Sondara Gurukulam.



To,

Diya India Foundation,
New Delhi

7th December, 2018

Namaskar,

We are delighted to experience the smiles and warmth brought to the children in Gurukul by your esteemed organisation. Your good judgement and prompt actions helped us to receive 200 blankets just in time before the start of the cold winter. Since the temperature has been dropping with every passing day, the blankets are really making a difference in life of children especially for those who have single parents or are orphans with financial limitations. We can see the happiness and gratitude in their eyes.

Also, we are happy to share that engaging our children in the process has not only helped them to receive blankets but they have imbibed values of gratitude and generosity.

We believe quality education cannot complete without value education and events like these are the opportunities to learn it. Hence, we are thankful your foundation for this opportunity and generous contribution of the blankets.

We would love to invite your team to visit our school and spend some time with your new extended family in the Gurukul. We strongly feel that our children and staff will definitely benefit from your presence in our school.

We look forward to a long and meaningful association.

Best Regards,

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A NOTE OF THANKS

We, in the Department of Pediatric Cardiology and Surgery, at the Fortis Escorts Heart Institute, New Delhi are so grateful for all the help provided by Diya India Foundation to help these infants and children with Congenital Heart Disease who are so financially deprived. I got a special Thank you message from the people of Kashmir for helping these deserving kids who would have otherwise not survived without treatment. They want this to be conveyed to Diya India Foundation. Suddenly they see a bright light of hope for their children suffering from heart disease especially so when facilities for their treatment is not available in their home state and for many who find it so difficult to afford it. They were so appreciative of Dr. Surabhi who has handled this situation so sensitively during interactions with her caretakers.

I hope this wonderful work would continue and we can keep on interacting in future with a sole aim to help these children

Please also convey our heartfelt gratitude to all the "silent" sponsors who are trying to help without any questions asked. Please do tell them we will never make wrong use of their compassion towards this goal

Regards,
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From Fortis Escorts, Heart Institute, New Delhi

Diya India Foundation received acknowledgment From Fortis Escorts Heart Institute, New Delhi on behalf of grateful Kashmiri Parents of the little souls who were supported for congenital heart ailments.

With the help of our supporters Diya India sponsored surgeries of 3 children under its initiative 'UDAAN'.



Yasir
(14 years)



Humaira
(1 year)



Burhan
(9 years)

Our New Initiatives

Empowering Women for a Better Tomorrow- Singer India

Women are the real weavers of society and they need to be empowered. With the support of **GMCKS SURU** and **SANGANEE Family**, **Diya India Foundation** and **Singer India** collaborated to provide vocational training to underprivileged women of our society.

Singer India has supported Diya India Foundation with 18 sewing machines- the initiative works to uplift women from the weaker sections of society. The genesis of this endeavour is to create a larger footprint as we want to go deeper and not just broader when it comes to change!

It is a step towards building a better India where the economically backward sections of the society, especially women are skillful enough to secure better employment and lead a better life ahead. Here, women will learn essential skills like tailoring, embroidery, and dress designing to grab better job opportunities and become self-sufficient.



Support to Little Souls suffering with Hearing Impairment



Ayush
(4 Years)

Young Ayush, who was unable to respond to normal sound stimuli due to hearing loss since birth and because of this problem his overall development was delayed.

With the kind support & blessings of our supporters the hearing aid was provided to Ayush and his speech therapy sessions have started which will help him to cope with the delayed language development. Though the battle is not yet over since he has to learn and adjust to the new sounds which he is going to hear for the first time but the smile that you gave to this child and his family is Priceless!

We are writing to express our deepest thanks to all our supporters for their generous and moral support to Anita. With the kind support & blessings of our supporters the processor of Anita's Cochlear Implant has been replaced. Now she will be able to hear again. There is no way to express our gratitude for your kindness. We at Diya India are continually inspired by your dedication and blessings.

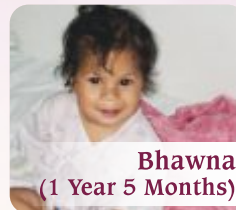
Anita Sharma
(12 Years 10 Months)



Swastik Pandey
(7 Years)

Learning at school can pose a number of different challenges for any student, but for a child with hearing loss, that number can be even greater. Our heartfelt thanks to all our supporters who whole heartedly extended their support for providing hearing Aid to Swastik. The perseverance of working incessantly is only made possible by your support and trust in what we do.

Ready to take the UDAAN



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