

NEWSLETTER

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A New Home for our Girls!



The excitement was palpable all around, the staff, the kids and the trustees were grinning ear to ear - We had been generously offered a new shelter home for girls, by the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC). It was bright and colourful and offered a safe and nurturing environment for girls in need.

The joyous inauguration represented a significant milestone in our mission to empower and uplift young women by providing them with opportunities for education, personal development, and a brighter future.

The new center features a spacious dormitory, a playground, and classrooms equipped with high-quality facilities. These enhancements are designed to make education more engaging and create a supportive learning environment for children receiving non-formal education within the center.

Our hearts are full and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Delhi Metro Rail Corporation for their unwavering commitment to our cause and look forward to the positive impact this new home will have on the lives of the girls we serve.

A Proud Moment

Two of our girls get selected to attend The Lawrence School, Sanawar



We are overjoyed to share that Diksha and Sanjana, two incredible, hard working young girls from our shelter, will now attend one of India's premier educational institutions - The Lawrence School, Sanawar. This prestigious institution will provide them with the tools to excel academically and grow into confident young women..

Their journey from the shelter to such a renowned school is a shining example of what can be achieved through perseverance, hard work, and the right support system. This milestone is a source of immense pride for everyone in our NGO. We wish Diksha and Sanjana continued success as they embark on this new chapter of their lives.

HOW CAN YOU HELP US?

By Volunteering With Us

<https://www.salaambaalaktrust.com/volunteers.php>

Support the Child Development Unit: Empowering Children with Special Needs

The Child Development Unit (CDU) at Aasra Children's Home offers vital care for children with neuro-developmental challenges such as autism and intellectual disabilities. We have an average of 15 Children in CDU.

Through individualized education, therapy, and vocational training, CDU equips these children with essential life skills, helping them lead independent and fulfilling lives, with your support..

Your donations will fund therapy sessions, personalized learning plans, and 24/7 care, providing them with the tools they need to thrive and make a dignified life.

Speech Therapy-Once in a week-INR700/8.33USD/6.34GBP

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National Kickboxing Championship wins!



The Salaam Baalak Trust children made us proud at the National Kickboxing Championships held in Jaipur, Rajasthan. Gaurav (PUT AGE) and Gagan (PUT AGE) from DMRC Children Home clinched gold medals with outstanding performances. Additionally, Preeti (PUT AGE) from Udaan Home not only secured a bronze medal but also made history by becoming the first girl to achieve a DAN black belt in kickboxing from our organization.

Creative Card-Making -Competition Organized by Swageazy



Swageazy recently organized a delightful card-making competition with our children, encouraging their creativity and artistic expression. The art designs created during this event will be used for Diwali greeting cards by Swageazy Corporate from Gurgaon.

This initiative not only provided a platform for the children to showcase their talents but also fostered a sense of excitement and community spirit as they prepared for the festive season. We are grateful to Swageazy for this wonderful opportunity and look forward to seeing the children's artwork featured in their Diwali celebrations.

CELEBRATION

Celebrating the 78th Independence Day



India's 78th Independence Day was celebrated with immense enthusiasm at Salaam Baalak Trust. The children showcased their talents through a vibrant and energetic dance and karate program that captivated everyone in attendance. We had the honor of hosting Dr. Navalendra Kumar Singh, Assistant Director of Women and Child Development, as our chief guest. He watched the entire program with admiration. His presence elevated the celebration.

It was a day filled with pride, joy, and excitement as we honored our nation's independence and the incredible potential of the children at Salaam Baalak Trust.

Rakhi Celebration at Our Shelter Homes



The bond between a brother and sister is sacrosanct, and this symbolic festival of Raksha Bandhan was celebrated with great joy and affection. The children came together to honor the bond of protection and love, tying rakhis and sharing sweets. It was a heartwarming occasion, filled with smiles, laughter, and the spirit of togetherness. This celebration not only strengthened the bond among the children but also created lasting memories of love and care within our community.

A Joyous Janmashtami Celebration at Salaam Baalak Trust



This year, Salaam Baalak Trust marked Krishna Janmashtami with vibrant activities. Dressing up as lord Krishna and his consort Radha, the children delighted everyone with two energetic dance performances, set to devotional Krishna songs. The celebration was made even sweeter with special snack boxes enjoyed by all the children after the performances.

Honoring Our Guiding Lights _ honouring our teachers



5th September is Teachers' Day. This special occasion allowed us to honor the dedicated educators who play a pivotal role in shaping the lives of our children. The children made cards and poured out their emotions for all the members of our staff who love and teach them through the year.

Exhibition at Kiran Nadar Museum



The girls from our shelter showcased their artistic talents at an exhibition hosted by Artreach at the prestigious Kiran Nadar Museum. Their vibrant and thoughtful artworks were on display, and were admired by all who attended. This exhibition provided a remarkable platform for the girls to express themselves through art, and the experience was both empowering and inspiring. It was a wonderful celebration of creativity and a testament to the potential of our young artists.

WORKSHOP

Empowering Our Staff: Computer Training Organized by Salaam Baalak Trust



To keep up with the times and stay abreast of the best teaching practices, Salaam Baalak Trust organized a comprehensive computer training program for our staff. This initiative aims to enhance their digital skills and ensure they are equipped to utilize technology effectively in their work.

The training covers essential computer applications, digital communication, and data management, empowering our staff to improve their efficiency and productivity. We believe that investing in our team's skills is vital for the continued success of our mission to support and uplift vulnerable children.

Workshop on Eco-Friendly Practices by Dustyfoot



Dustyfoot Productions an organisation that is recognized for high quality films, communication strategy, education and outreach work on wildlife, environment and social issues. Recently organized an insightful workshop focused on using environmentally friendly materials. This workshop aimed to educate participants about sustainable practices and how to incorporate eco-friendly options into their daily lives.

The session included practical demonstrations and discussions on the benefits of using sustainable materials, encouraging everyone to make conscious choices for the environment. We are grateful to Dustyfoot Productions for facilitating this important initiative and empowering our community to embrace greener practices.

A Memorable Visit from Norwegian Delegates



Former Prime Minister of Norway, Erna Solberg, and former Finance Minister, Ine Eriksen Søreide, along with other members of the Norway Embassy, did the Citywalk, our reputed activity where street children walk tourists through the lanes of areas around the New Delhi Railway station and weave their stories of grit and survival into it.

The walk ends at our centre and people have an incredible experience interacting with the children from GRP and Praveen Centre.

The delegates were deeply impressed by the personal stories shared by our guides, highlighting the resilience and determination of the children. They provided positive feedback about Salaam Baalak Trust and expressed their admiration for the work we do in supporting vulnerable children. This visit not only strengthened our international ties but also inspired everyone involved, reinforcing the importance of our mission.

Rotaract Club event



The Rotaract Club organized a fun event at the Kishalaya Centre, near Hanuman Mandir in Connaught Place, where 50 trees were planted. This initiative brought together children from SBT Kishalaya and enthusiastic volunteers from the Rotaract Club, fostering a spirit of teamwork and environmental stewardship.

The event not only contributed to greening the community but also provided an invaluable opportunity for the children to learn about the importance of trees and conservation. The collaboration between the Rotaract Club and our children highlights the commitment to creating a healthier environment for future generations.

Community Outreach Program: Plant4Mother



Children from our mobile school bus participated in the community outreach program, Plant4Mother, organized by the staff of Shyam Lal College. Together, they planted trees in the community and educated local residents about the importance of tree plantation.

The event was not only a hands-on experience for the children but also an opportunity to foster community awareness and involvement in environmental conservation. Teachers distributed gifts and snacks to all the children who participated, adding to the day's joy. The Principal of Shyam Lal College expressed heartfelt gratitude to Salaam Baalak Trust for their collaboration, which contributed to the program's success.

Success story

A Journey of Resilience: From Rag Picking to Higher Education



In 2014, we welcomed a young boy Dharmesh into our program whose story reflects the challenges faced by many. Coming from a difficult background, his father worked as a tobacco seller, and he had four sisters to support. The family's financial struggles forced him to start rag picking, and ultimately, he had to drop out of school.

However, with the support of Salaam Baalak Trust, this determined young man was able to turn his life around. Through our guidance and resources, he has successfully enrolled in **Zakir Husain College**, where he is now pursuing a BA in Political Science.

His journey exemplifies the transformative power of education and the resilience of the human spirit. We are proud to support him as he strives to achieve his dreams and create a brighter future for himself and his family. He want to become government officer.

STAFF STORY

Honoring 25 Years of Service: The Journey of Olive Kanil at Salaam Baalak Trust



As we prepare to say goodbye to a cherished member of our team, we take a moment to honor the remarkable journey of Olive Kanil, who began her career with Salaam Baalak Trust on October 1, 1999, as a Social Worker in the Arushi project located in Uttam Nagar. She was instrumental in pioneering initiatives aimed at empowering young girls.

After a decade of unwavering dedication, Olive transitioned to being a teacher at the Drop-in Centre, where she played a vital role in nurturing and educating children. In 2010, the Drop-in Centre relocated to the DMRC Children Home, and Olive continued her meaningful work there, also managing the responsibilities of accounting and stationery.

In 2011, she took on the role of coordinator at Aarushi Home, and by 2013, she broadened her impact further by becoming the coordinator at the Akanksha Centre in Pratap Nagar, a community-based program dedicated to supporting local children and families.

Olive's journey continued at the Pragati Centre in Mansarovar, where she has been a driving force since joining in August 2019.

With an extraordinary 25 years of service characterized by dedication, compassion, and excellence, Olive has profoundly impacted the lives of countless children and families. As she approaches her retirement this month, we celebrate her invaluable legacy and the lasting contributions she has made to Salaam Baalak Trust.

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