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Child Help Foundation (CHF) is a pan-India non-profit organization, registered under the Bombay Public Trust Act 1950, which started in the year 2010. We aim to accomplish the objectives set by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) for global development. Child Help Foundation's principal purpose is to empower the disadvantaged holistically with some of our initiatives like Emergency Medical Support, Education, Clean Water and Sanitation, Gender Equality, Zero Hunger, Humanitarian Relief, and Village Development.

DAAN UTSAV – A Celebration of Giving *Newsletter*



DAAN UTSAV – A Celebration of Giving *Newsletter*

Child Help Foundation celebrated Daan Utsav, a week dedicated to the spirit of giving. This annual event, organized with the help of our dedicated staff, volunteers, and corporate sponsors, aimed to bring joy and support to underprivileged communities across India. The initiative has always been a wonderful way to encourage compassion and kindness, reminding us of the impact we can make when we come together to help others.

During this week, a variety of activities were carried out, including the distribution of notebooks, T-shirts, baby sleeping sacks, nutrition kits, stationery kits, blankets, and clothes. In addition, fund collection drives were organized to raise essential funds for various community support projects. The generosity of our donors and partners made these efforts even more meaningful, as we were able to reach a wider group of people in need.

Daan Utsav not only supported underprivileged families but also created heartwarming moments for our volunteers and staff. Witnessing the joy and gratitude of those who benefited from these acts of kindness reinforced the sense of purpose and fulfillment among everyone involved.

The event served as a powerful reminder of the difference we can make when we come together for a common cause, reinforcing the belief that small acts of kindness can indeed create a ripple effect.

Mr. Shaji Varghese, CEO of Child Help Foundation, shared his thoughts on the event: "Child Help Foundation was founded with the mission to give back to the community and uplift those in need. Daan Utsav is a reflection of our core values, and we take immense pride in seeing how this initiative makes the lives of the underprivileged easier. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our staff, volunteers, and corporate sponsors for making this year's celebration possible."

Just like in previous years, Daan Utsav succeeded in reaching the hearts of children and families in need across the country. Through this celebration, we were able to witness firsthand how acts of kindness and generosity can bring about positive change in society. Child Help Foundation extends its sincere thanks to all those who helped make this week a success—our staff, volunteers, and corporate partners. Your contributions brought smiles to many faces and helped us move closer to fulfilling our mission of creating a better world for the underserved. Your support continues to inspire and drive our commitment to making a difference.

Emergency Medical Support *Newsletter*



Ranveer Mahole
12 Years
Aplastic Anemia

A Father's Plea: Help Save Ranveer from Aplastic Anaemia

"It has been three years since our lives turned upside down. Seeing my son suffer each day breaks my heart. I know he is a fighter, but he needs your support to survive this battle."

Nitin ; (Father)

Twelve-year-old Ranveer was once a lively, energetic boy, but that all changed three years ago. When he began experiencing frequent fevers, his parents, Nitin and Bhagyashree, took him to local doctors. Initial tests brought devastating news—Ranveer was diagnosed with Aplastic Anaemia, a rare and serious condition where the body stops producing enough blood cells.

Since then, Ranveer's life has been filled with hospital visits and treatments. His condition has now reached a critical stage, and doctors at Jupiter Hospital in Pune, Maharashtra (12 km from Pune Railway Station) have recommended a Bone Marrow Transplant as his only hope for survival. The estimated cost of this life-saving procedure is Rs.15,00,000 (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Only), a staggering amount for his father, who works as a farmer with limited income, supporting a family of four.

Despite their struggles, Nitin and Bhagyashree are trying their best to save their son. They have exhausted all their resources, and now they are reaching out for support. Ranveer's life hangs in the balance, and with your help, his family's hopes for his future can be realised.

Every contribution brings them closer to saving their brave son.

There are many more children who need urgent treatments, and your small contributions can make a huge difference.

Please Donate!



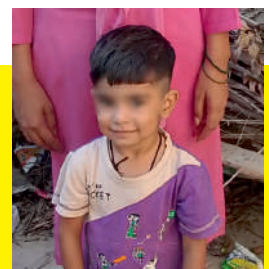
Midhul P. L.
17 Years
Accidental Injuries



Rudra Sawant
6 Months
Chronic Liver Disease



Baby of Rajni
24 Days
Premature Birth Complications



Ranjeet Singh
3 Years
Heart Disease

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K Madhavan
2 Years 6 Months
Gaucher Disease



Omchaitanya Bhue
6 Years
Heart Disease



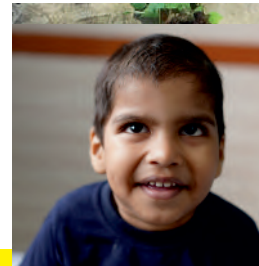
Tanaya Ughade
12 Years 3 Months
Heart Disease



Aaruhi Pardeshi
11 Years 4 Months
Heart Disease



Jennifer James
12 Years
Scoliosis.



Azlan Khan
3 Years
Cerebral Palsy



Bhavish Punith Babu
5 Months
Neuroblastoma Stage III.



Dnyanada Kajale
10 Months
Liver Disease

Success Stories

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Alina Shaikh

2-year-old Alina was taken down by pneumonia, a condition that robbed her of her youthful nature. She stopped playing and was slowly fading away right before the eyes of her parents. They needed urgent help and approached Child Help Foundation, the donors of which helped save the child from harm.

Baby of Monali

Monali's little child was born with a host of complications and needed help. He could've only been saved by timely medical intervention but the treatment came with a huge cost something that his parents could not bear. Naturally, they sought help from Child Help Foundation and they found the help that they were looking for.

Baby of Rajni

Rajni gave birth to a child prematurely and the child needed help. Rajni and her husband worked as cleaners and could not have raised money by themselves. However, their concern was taken care of by the donors of Child Help Foundation who went beyond to save the little angel.

Chetravika Mandala

After a long and arduous battle, Chetravika is finally free from cancer. The brave journey was aided by the donors of Child Help Foundation who stuck with her through thick and thin to make sure she recovered. Today, Chetravika is at ease only thanks to them.

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Gayatri Jumade

Being the daughter of a single mother, Gayatri was finding it difficult to deal with her disease. She had the burden of battling a heart disease that caused a host of complications. Thankfully, the donors of Child Help Foundation made sure that she had nothing to lack for and helped her recover.

Joel Jose

A single accident threatened to change the course of Joel's entire life. The crash affected his lungs and heart, he was on a ventilator for 18 days and had internal bleeding. He needed help which was provided to him by the donors of Child Help Foundation.

Rithwik Begari

Rithwik had a hole in his heart and needed urgent medical treatment but with his parents being poor it was almost impossible for him to get the necessary procedure. Luckily, they had selfless donors of Child Help Foundation by their side who helped him escape any tragic circumstance.

Samarth

Ever since Samarth was born, a moment of comfort evaded him. He was suffering from Spine Bifida with Myelomeningocele which had caused him misery for three years. However, now Samarth can rest easy as donors of Child Help Foundation helped him to recover from the painful disease.

Success Stories

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Shabudheensha

Shabudheensha was brave, but his bravery couldn't make up for the lack of support in his family. He was the son of a single mother who relied on the earnings of one of her children. Right when everything seemed bleak, the donors entered and provided a ray of hope to the family and the child got saved from the worst.

Nuha Pathan

Only a bone marrow transplant could've saved Nuha but that treatment was out of her parent's reach. Her father managed a stationery shop and never could have afforded the treatment. He approached Child Help Foundation with a faint glimmer of hope which was rewarded as his daughter is now far from harm.

Puja Mekala

Puja has finally defeated cancer and is on her way to resume her normal life. This ten-year-old's brave battle was only possible through your selfless efforts and dedication, which helped to fuel her courage. Thank you for saving such a beautiful soul and keep spreading kindness in this world

Defeating Modern-Day Ravanash: Celebrating Dussehra by Overcoming Societal Evils

Newsletter

Dussehra, aka Vijayadashami, is one of the most celebrated and awaited occasions of the year. This year, the celebrations will occur on 12th October with Ravana's effigies being burnt throughout the country to symbolise the victory of good over evil as it marks the anniversary of Lord Rama's victory over demon-king Ravana.

Dussehra signifies the defeat of evil, with Ravana being the metaphor for it. But Ravana still lingers in this world in different forms, one of which is poverty. What can be more evil than poverty which robs a human being of dignity, opportunities, and basic necessities? Millions of people struggle to afford food, clothing, shelter, and education, all of which are the basic rights of man, which we all have learned in our childhood yet seem to have forgotten in adulthood.

Evil also exists in our hierarchical society, one which can be seen in the form of gender discrimination. Is it humane to see half of the population live a subjugated life which involves them being a child-rearing machine so that the other half can live however they wish? Yet it is something we have all agreed is natural.

Is it also just to cause widespread catastrophes with fossil fuels and carbon emissions to create more and more products that inevitably cause more waste to be spilt?

Creating millions of plastic products that will exist even after hundreds of our generations have passed away, isn't that evil?

This Dussehra, Child Help Foundation invites you to defeat modern-day Ravanash and make society better for everyone. Child Help Foundation with its various programmes helps the underprivileged sections of society. Our programmes include Good Health and Well-Being, Quality Education, Zero Hunger, Gender Equality, Humanitarian Relief, Life on Land, Life Below Water and Village Development. Through all these programmes, we have helped 48,45,101 people.

To conduct these operations, we have always relied on the support of volunteers, corporate sponsors and everyday donors. Without your help, we wouldn't have been able to save even one life.

Child Help Foundation requests you to come forward and join us to defeat Ravanash that exist in our daily lives that we have accepted as byproducts of modern society. The earth is rich enough to provide for everyone.

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GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING (SDG-3) *Newsletter*

Updates of Baby Feeding Centres

- Maharashtra: The centres are currently operational at various locations, including Kalyan, Kurla, Palghar, Boisar and Pune Railway Stations, Kashimira Police Station, and several hospitals such as Cama & Albles Hospital, Urban Health Centre, Sir J J Hospital, Rural Hospital, Civil Hospital and St. George Hospital.
- Andhra Pradesh: The BFC at Vizag Railway Station has served 465 beneficiaries, demonstrating high usage and demand.
- Karnataka: Centers at C V Raman Hospital, Sir Atalbihari Vajpayee College and Metro Stations report a high number of beneficiaries, providing necessary facilities in high-traffic areas
- Kerala: Kerala hosts some of the highest-usage BFCs, particularly at the Chottanikkara Temple in Ernakulam with 1,550 beneficiaries and General Hospital with 899. Additional centers are operational at Lakeshore Hospital and Shoranur Railway Station, serving 465 beneficiaries each.
- West Bengal and Bihar: New Jalpaiguri Railway Station in West Bengal currently has a non-functional BFC, while Katihar Railway Station in Bihar has recorded 31 beneficiaries.
- Tamil Nadu: The Institute for Child Health & Hospital for Children in Egmore, Chennai, the Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Taluk Govt Hospital have seen substantial usage.

GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING (SDG-3) *Newsletter*

Arogya Sadan Mumbai, Maharashtra

Arogya Sadan is a facility dedicated to supporting patients undergoing Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) and their families by providing accommodation and care during their treatment period. This summary outlines the status and outcomes of beneficiaries under the program from September 2023 to June 2024. The program's impact is notable, with a majority of cases achieving successful outcomes.

- Narayan Thakur - BMT Failed
- Aryan Kumar - Transplant Cancel - Platelet Increase
- Aarav Kumar - BMT Done - Case Completed Successfully
- Aradhya Kumari - BMT Done - Case Completed Successfully
- Aman Ahirwar - BMT Done - Case Completed Successfully
- Vikrant Thakur - BMT Done - Case Completed Successfully
- Amit Kumar - BMT Failed - Returned back to their home

- Abhishek Kumar - BMT Done - Case Completed Successfully
- Akash Kumar - Transplant Cancel - Liver Enlarged
- Swati Hasanda - BMT Done - Case Completed Successfully
- Aiyen Reza - BMT Done - Case Completed Successfully
- Deep Kumar - BMT Done - Discharged from Hospital, Now in Arogya Sadan for After Care
- Aditya Kumar - BMT Done - Discharged from Hospital, Now in Arogya Sadan for After Care
- Taabis Rehan - BMT Done - Case Completed Successfully
- Harshwardhan - Pre-BMT treatment is in progress
- Ujala Kumari - BMT Done - Discharged from Hospital, Now in Arogya Sadan for After Care
- Piyush Kumar - BMT Cancel

GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING (SDG-3) *Newsletter*

Arogya Sadan's Participation in Global Digital Health Summit 2024

On October 4, 2024, Child Help Foundation (CHF) actively participated in the Global Digital Health Summit (GDHS) 2024, held at the Jio Convention Centre in Bandra-Kurla Complex (BKC), Mumbai. Representing CHF, team member Shilpa Lokhande attended the event with project beneficiary Mr. Vijay Prakash Khushwaha. Other participants from CHF were Jiji John, Sunil Pandey, Chris Shenoy, Maduri Chiplunkar and Gopi Menon.

CHF set up a demonstration stall at the summit, showcasing its innovative health interventions and digital health initiatives, which highlighted its ongoing projects and significant impact on community health. The stall drew considerable attention, offering visitors insight into CHF's efforts in leveraging digital solutions for improved healthcare delivery and access.

Additionally, Mr. Vijay Khushwaha, who was a guest speaker at GDHS 2024, received the prestigious Digital Health Summit Expo and Innovation Award. This recognition, presented in the form of a trophy, celebrated his inspiring contributions to digital health, symbolizing the effectiveness of CHF's initiatives in transforming the lives of its beneficiaries. Through its presence and participation, CHF demonstrated its commitment to advancing digital health innovation and supporting individuals like Mr. Khushwaha in their journeys toward better health and well-being.

GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING (SDG-3) *Newsletter*



Inauguration of Geriatric Ward Sir C V Raman General Hospital, Indiranagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka

Child Help Foundation (CHF), in partnership with the Commissioner of Health & Family Welfare Services at Arogya Soudha, has officially launched the newly constructed Geriatric Ward at Sir C V Raman General Hospital in Indiranagar, Bengaluru. This collaboration marks a significant milestone in providing dedicated healthcare services to the elderly, with a focus on compassionate and specialized care tailored to their unique needs. With CHF's support, the ward aims to offer high-quality services, ensuring that essential healthcare is more accessible to Bengaluru's elderly community. The official inauguration today reflects a shared commitment to enhancing geriatric healthcare and improving the well-being of senior citizens in the region.



QUALITY EDUCATION (SDG-3) *Newsletter*



Arogya Sadan Beneficiary Awarded Health Summit (GDHS) 2024

On 4th October 2024, Mr. Vijay Prasad Kushwaha, a dedicated father of a child with thalassemia residing in Arogya Sadan, was honoured at the Digital Health Summit (GDHS) 2024. As a featured speaker at the event, he shared his experiences and insights, which were supported by CHF through the provision of accommodation facilities for his child and parents near the hospital where the child is being treated. Mr. Kushwaha was awarded a trophy at the Digital Health Summit Expo and Innovation Award ceremony in recognition of his valuable speech and contributions.

World Heart Day

M S Maur and M S Koyaribigha School, Barbigha, Bihar

Child Help Foundation (CHF) celebrated World Heart Day by distributing stationery kits and CHF T-shirts to children who had successful heart surgeries with the help of CHF. This activity was conducted to felicitate these children and encourage them in their educational journey, in line with the theme of "Swastha se Shiksha tak" (From Health to Education). The remaining kits have been delivered to various locations and will be distributed to all children at their parents' convenience, ensuring every child receives the support they need to thrive both in health and education.

QUALITY EDUCATION (SDG-3) *Newsletter*



Baby Sack Distribution

Anganwadi Kendra, Gurugram, Haryana

Child Help Foundation made a positive impact by distributing baby sleep sacks at Konsiwas Anganwadi Kendra. A total of 27 sleep sacks were provided to ensure that babies can sleep safely and comfortably, promoting their health and well-being. This thoughtful gesture was greatly appreciated by the parents, who expressed their gratitude for the support in ensuring the safety and warmth of their children.

Meeting of CHF Management Team with Hon. Minister for Health and Family Welfare Karnataka

Child Help Foundation management team had a valuable discussion with Shri. Dinesh Gundu Rao, the Honorable Minister for Health and Family Welfare in Karnataka, regarding various health projects. Engaging with key government leaders like Minister Rao is crucial for driving forward healthcare initiatives. This conversation holds the potential to foster impactful partnerships and secure resources that can significantly improve the health and well-being of communities in need across the region.



QUALITY EDUCATION (SDG-3) *Newsletter*



Lokmat Excellence in Health Care Award 2024

Child Help Foundation (CHF) proudly received the Lokmat Excellence in Health Care Award 2024, a testament to the significant contributions to the healthcare sector. The Founder and Managing Trustee, Mr. Rajendra Pathak, was honoured to accept this prestigious award on behalf of the foundation in Mumbai. This recognition highlights the unwavering dedication and tireless efforts of CHF team in delivering essential healthcare services to underserved communities.

Quality Time with the Elderly Delhi

On 10th October, Child Help Foundation volunteers interacted with 150 elderly residents at an old age home in Delhi. The event aimed to bring joy and companionship to the seniors, fostering a sense of community and care. A special dinner was organized for the elders, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere. This initiative was part of CHF's ongoing commitment to supporting the elderly and ensuring they feel valued and appreciated.

QUALITY EDUCATION (SDG-4) *Newsletter*

Digital Skills Program

- Computer Training Centre, Amboli (Dadara Nagar Haveli): The Computer Training Centre in Amboli offers students a structured curriculum that covers foundational and advanced topics in computer usage. In October, the centre held 48 classes with a total attendance of 808 students, of which 138 were unique beneficiaries. Lessons covered essential skills in presentation software, including creating presentations from templates, editing text, managing slides, saving work, and running slideshows. Through hands-on experience, students are empowered to use digital tools effectively, preparing them for academic and career pursuits in the digital age.
- Computer Training Centre, Silvassa, Daman and Diu: Inaugurated in August, the Silvassa Computer Training Centre has quickly become a valuable resource for local students, offering 85 classes in October with a cumulative attendance of 4,017, including 428 unique beneficiaries. Students are taught basic computer applications such as Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Paint, and typing skills in English, creating a solid foundation for their future studies and professional endeavors. The curriculum emphasizes practical usage, and instructors ensure that students understand how to apply these skills in real-life contexts, bolstering their digital literacy and confidence.
- Digital Skills Project, Vikramgad, Maharashtra: Launched in May 2024, the Digital Skills Project has expanded to 15 schools within the Vikramgad block, encompassing 8 Zilla Parishad (Z.P.) schools and 7 ashram schools. In October, trainers conducted an impressive 717 classes across these schools, reaching a total attendance of 25,371 students, with 5,451 unique beneficiaries. Each session combines practical computer training with interactive learning experiences, including skits, games, and rhymes, which make the learning process engaging and enjoyable for students.

QUALITY EDUCATION (SDG-4) *Newsletter*

Mini Science Centre Inauguration

Vinval School, Palghar, Maharashtra

- The fifth Mini Science Centre (MSC) inauguration took place at Vinval School, supported by Samata Equal Footing. The event began with garlanding images of Savitribai Phule, Goddess Saraswati, and Birsa Munda to honour their contributions to education and social justice. This was followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony led by Mr. Shaji Verghese, CEO of Child Help Foundation and Mr. Pawar, the principal of Dadade School.
- Afterwards, students delivered impressive presentations using the models, showcasing their fast learning and understanding. The presentations demonstrated that the students were grasping the concepts effectively, thanks to the hands-on learning approach provided by the models. The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks by a teacher, acknowledging the efforts of all involved and the significance of the event for the school's future.
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Diwali Greeting Card Competition ZP School Gokhivare, Vasai, Maharashtra

On October 17, 2024, a lively Diwali Greeting Card competition took place at ZP School Gokhivare in Vasai, Maharashtra, organized by Child Help Foundation's dedicated student intern, Roysten. The event buzzed with festive joy, colours, and artistic expressions as 80 students showcased their creativity through beautifully crafted Diwali cards. Special thanks to the inspiring teachers, supportive school management, and generous donors who made this celebration possible. The donors' contributions of stationery supplies were warmly appreciated, adding to the festive spirit and inspiring young talents.



QUALITY EDUCATION (SDG-4) *Newsletter*

Activities at Child Care Institutions (CCIs)

CHF supports seven Child Care Institutions (CCIs) every month, providing educational support to children from these institutions, including contributions for fees, stationery, and other educational expenses. The activities organized for children in these institutions in October included birthday celebrations, Gandhi Jayanti celebrations, sports events, drawing, quiz competitions, and cultural celebrations.

- **Needs Charitable Trust**

Location: Horamavu, Bengaluru, Karnataka

Activities: Birthday celebration, Counselling program

- **Ashraya (Handicapped Welfare Organisation)**

Location: Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Activities: Celebrated Gandhi Jayanti, Drawing and Quiz competitionS, MAHAKA & UTSAHA 2024 (a sports event)

- **Khirod Basini Kanya Ashram**

Location: Dist-Angul, Odisha

Activities: Cleanliness Drive, Distribution of Ration & Stationery

- **Koel Saraswati**

Location: Katada, Dist-Angul, Odisha

Activities: Celebration of Gandhi Jayanti, Debate and Quiz competition, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

- **Charis Foundation**

Location: Thirumullaivoyal, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Activities: Celebration of Gandhi Jayanti and Diwali, Birthday Celebration

- **Special School of Joy**

Location: Kadma, Jharkhand

Activities: Celebration of Gandhi Jayanti, Durga Puja, and Diwali

- **Saraswati Anath Shikshan Ashram**

Location: Pune, Maharashtra

Activities: Celebration of Gandhi Jayanti, Yoga Classes, Diwali Lamp Preparation



QUALITY EDUCATION (SDG-4) *Newsletter*



Mini Science Centre Inauguration Government Ashram School, Palghar, Maharashtra

The inauguration of a Mini Science Centre was held at the Government Ashram School in Palghar, Maharashtra, with CEO of Child Help Foundation, Shaji Varghese and Sunil Pandey, and other CHF team members in attendance. Mr. Pawar, a representative from ITDP, was also present at the event. This new science centre is designed to benefit 1,200 students at the school, offering them enhanced resources and learning opportunities in the field of science. The initiative aims to foster curiosity and scientific understanding, empowering students with the tools they need to succeed in their educational journey.

Mini Science Centre Inauguration Karhe Ashram School, Palghar, Maharashtra

A new Mini Science Centre was inaugurated at Karhe Ashram School in Jawhar, Palghar. The inauguration was marked by presentations made by students, showcasing the MSC models they had created. This engaging activity highlighted the hands-on learning opportunities the centre provides. The Principal and teachers expressed their enthusiasm and appreciation for CHF, acknowledging the positive impact of the MSC project on students. They also mentioned that other projects initiated by CHF have been equally beneficial, contributing significantly to the overall educational experience of the students.



QUALITY EDUCATION (SDG-4) *Newsletter*



English Communicative Classes Inauguration and Donation of Projector Screen

St. Joseph's LPS, Cheriya Kadavu, Kerala

The inauguration of the English Communicative classes and the donation of a projector screen by the CHF Kerala Team at St. Joseph's LPS in Cheriya Kadavu, Kochi, Kerala, marks a significant milestone in enhancing the school's educational resources. These initiatives will provide students with improved learning experiences, particularly in strengthening their English language skills, which are essential in today's globalized world. This contribution underscores CHF's commitment to empowering students through quality education and modern learning tools.

Meeting with S. Madhusudan, President of the Telangana Registered Schools Management Association (TRSM)

Child Help Foundation teams in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh had a productive meeting with Mr. S. Madhusudan, President of the Telangana Registered Schools Management Association (TRSM). During the meeting, Mr. Madhusudan expressed strong support for the SFR initiative and other educational programs, offering valuable assurance and guidance. His involvement is pivotal, as government collaboration can significantly enhance the reach and impact of these initiatives. This partnership marks a crucial step forward in creating momentum for the program and advancing educational opportunities across the region.



QUALITY EDUCATION (SDG-4) *Newsletter*

Student Engagement Activity

The Cathedral and John Connon School
Mumbai Suburban, Maharashtra

On October 5, 2024, a collaborative Student Engagement Activity was conducted between Child Help Foundation (CHF) and The Cathedral and John Connon School at Mashacha Pada School No. 19. The activity, aimed at fostering hands-on learning and creative expression among students from the 7th, 8th, and 9th standards, included engaging interaction sessions, team-based science model creation (such as a volcano model), greeting card preparation, Lazim (a traditional Indian dance), and various indoor games. The Cathedral and John Connon School generously provided breakfast and lunch for all participants. At the conclusion of the event, geometry boxes were distributed to students from MBMC (Mira Bhairdar Municipal Corporation) School as a token of appreciation, further encouraging their interest in education and learning.

GENDER EQUALITY (SDG-5) *Newsletter*

Life Skills Project (ARSH Initiatives) – METROPOLIS

In October 2024, Shilpa Lokhande, a CHF project team member, visited Karhe Ashram School and Kundacha Pada Village in Maharashtra on October 16th and 25th to implement a tree plantation drive as part of an action plan under the Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health (ARSH) initiative. The drive successfully planted 400 saplings across various locations, symbolizing an enduring commitment to sustainability and environmental consciousness in tandem with empowering adolescent girls with life skills.



POSH Act Training for School Health Project Teachers

Vikramgad, Maharashtra

On October 1, 2024, a Training of Trainers (TOT) session was conducted in Vikramgad to educate teachers from Child Help Foundation's School Health Project on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (POSH) Act. This training aimed to equip teachers with comprehensive knowledge and tools to address and prevent harassment, fostering a safer and more respectful environment for all. Through interactive discussions and case studies, participants gained practical insights into handling situations effectively, ensuring that POSH guidelines are upheld within their school communities.

GENDER EQUALITY (SDG-5) *Newsletter*

Invisible Girl Project

The Invisible Girl Project (IGP) aims to raise awareness about gender equality and issues affecting young girls.

- **Maharashtra:** The target for beneficiaries was successfully met in September, and a plan for the subsequent months was developed. Content for sessions was updated to make it more engaging and relevant to the target audiences, including teachers, communities, and students.
- **Haryana:** In October, the Haryana team conducted a total of 40 sessions—15 in Gurugram and 25 in Rewari. The goal was to reach 9,000 beneficiaries, and the team reached 8,680 beneficiaries, with 4,602 in Rewari and 4,078 in Gurugram. Some schools rescheduled their sessions to November due to Diwali holidays.
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POSH & POCSO Training (1/10/2024)

A training session on POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment) and POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) was organized under the School Health Program at the Government Ashram School in Maan. The training was conducted in two parts:

POSH Training: Led by Ms. Mary, this session focused on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment Act, emphasizing the importance of creating a safe environment for all, especially in educational institutions.

POCSO Training: This session covered the POCSO Act, including the effects of sexual offenses on children, the legal framework, and the role of teachers in identifying and supporting victims of such offenses.

GENDER EQUALITY (SDG-5) *Newsletter*



ICC Quarterly Meeting Powai, Mumbai, Maharashtra

On October 3, 2024, a quarterly ICC (Internal Complaint Committee) meeting was held at the Nirali A.M. Naik Charitable Healthcare Facility in Powai, Mumbai, Maharashtra. The meeting focused on establishing and finalizing the Internal Complaint Committee, dedicated to addressing workplace grievances and ensuring compliance with the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) Act. Five members participated in this essential formation process, marking a step toward fostering a safe and respectful work environment.



POSH Act Training for SUPPORT NGO

Santacruz, Mumbai, Maharashtra

On October 4, 2024, Child Help Foundation organized a POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment) Act training workshop for staff members of SUPPORT NGO at their office in Santacruz, Mumbai. The workshop focused on raising awareness about preventing workplace harassment and equipping participants with essential knowledge and guidelines to foster a safer, more respectful work environment. This training underscores CHF's commitment to promoting workplace safety and empowering organizations with best practices in compliance and employee well-being.

GENDER EQUALITY (SDG-5) *Newsletter*

POSH Act training for Nirali A.M. Naik Charitable Healthcare Mumbai, Maharashtra

On October 7, 2024, a POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment) Act training session was held for the team at Nirali A.M. Naik Charitable Healthcare Facility. The training emphasized fostering a workplace culture rooted in gender equality and mutual respect. Organized with strong support from hospital management, the session included 25 women participants who received essential knowledge to contribute to a safer and more respectful work environment. This initiative reflects the facility's commitment to promoting workplace safety and empowering staff through awareness and education.

Walk for Freedom Nalasopara, Maharashtra

On October 19, 2024, Ms. Mary Vanmali had the privilege of representing Child Help Foundation at the impactful Walk for Freedom event in Nalasopara, Maharashtra, aimed at raising awareness about human trafficking. Accompanied by CHF's dedicated student interns, the team joined forces with 18 other organizations under the Palghar NGO Forum, creating a powerful network of support and solidarity. This inspiring event showcased the strength of NGO collaboration, with participants standing united against human trafficking. As a core member of the Palghar NGO Forum, Child Help Foundation extends heartfelt gratitude to all who made this meaningful event a success.

GENDER EQUALITY (SDG-5) *Newsletter*



POSH Act Training

**Nirali A.M. Naik Charitable
Healthcare, Mumbai, Maharashtra**

On October 24, 2024, a POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment) Act training session was conducted for a team of 18 participants at the Nirali A.M. Naik Charitable Healthcare Facility. The training aimed to cultivate a workplace culture centred on gender equality, respect, and safety in line with the POSH Act. Participants gained essential knowledge on preventing workplace harassment, understanding reporting procedures, and upholding employee rights, reinforcing the facility's commitment to a respectful and secure work environment.

Training Women to Lead Support Groups with Mumbai Smiles NGO

Ambernath, Maharashtra

On October 25, 2024, Child Help Foundation (CHF) conducted a training session for women beneficiaries of Mumbai Smiles NGO in Ambernath, Maharashtra. As part of an exposure visit and picnic, the session focused on "Understanding Support Groups and Leadership to Combat Gender-Based Violence in Communities." The training aimed to empower the women with the knowledge and skills needed to lead support groups, identify gender-based violence, and actively contribute to its prevention within their communities, fostering a safer and more supportive environment for all.



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Plog Run Event: Swacchata Rally by Mira-Bhayandar Municipal Corporation (MBMC)

Velankanni Beach, Maharashtra

The Plog Run organized by Mira Bhayandar Municipal Corporation on October 1st was a resounding success, drawing significant participation from the local community. Among the participants was Child Help Foundation, which mobilized a team of 50 dedicated volunteers. These volunteers enthusiastically engaged in "plogging" — a combination of jogging and picking up litter — covering the stretch from Maxus Mall to Golden Nest Circle. As they ran, they collected plastic waste, highlighting their commitment to environmental sustainability.

This event not only raised environmental awareness but also fostered community involvement in creating a cleaner, healthier environment. The event concluded with a thank-you speech by IAS Officer Mr. Shripatrao Katkar, who expressed deep gratitude to all participants and emphasized the power of collective action in driving positive change for a sustainable future.



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Nukkad Natak at the Star Ranking Award Ceremony Mumbai Suburban, Maharashtra

On October 1, 2024, CHF volunteers performed a Nukkad Natak (street play) at the Lata Mangeskar Natyagruh during the Star Ranking Award Ceremony. The play focused on social issues and was met with applause from attendees and officials from Mira Bhaindar Municipal Corporation (MBMC), reflecting the foundation's dedication to raising awareness through creative performance.

Water Tank Cleaning Bhubaneswar, Odisha

In Bhubaneswar, hundreds of thousands gathered along the banks of the holy Bindu Sagar lake near the historic Lingaraj Temple to perform Shraddh, a ritual offering for ancestors during Mahalaya Amavasya. However, with such a large influx of people, the area saw a significant accumulation of waste, threatening the sanctity and cleanliness of the surroundings.

Recognizing this, Child Help Foundation's dedicated team in Bhubaneswar took it upon themselves to clean a designated section of the holy waterbody's banks. By doing so, they not only helped restore the purity of this sacred site but also set an example of environmental responsibility.



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Swachhata Diwas at Shri Abhiram Paramahansa Ved Vedanta School Baripada, Odisha

Child Help Foundation supported the Shri Abhiram Paramahansa Ved Vedanta School in Baripada, Odisha, an institution dedicated to providing education and care for orphans, children of single parents, and those from marginalized communities. This initiative was part of observing Swachhata Diwas, where students and staff took a pledge to maintain cleanliness and work toward a cleaner environment. The students and staff committed to upholding this pledge weekly, with regular updates on their progress and activities. This initiative not only reinforced the importance of cleanliness but also empowered the children with the values of responsibility and community service.

Meeting with Sri Uma Shankar Pandey, a Social Worker

Founders and Managing Trustees of Child Help Foundation, Rajendra Pathak and Sunil Varghese, had the privilege of meeting Sri Uma Shankar Pandey, a renowned Padma Shri awardee and celebrated "Water Warrior." Known for his outstanding contributions to water and environmental sustainability, Sri Pandey launched the pioneering "Khet Mein Med, Med Par Ped" (Trees on Weirs in Farms) campaign in 2005, aimed at conserving water through the construction of bunds in agricultural fields.

His exceptional work in water conservation earned him the prestigious Padma Shri award in 2023.

The meeting, which also included a representative from the Government of Uttar Pradesh, was an excellent opportunity to explore potential collaborations with both the Government of India and the Government of Uttar Pradesh. During the meeting, Rajendra Pathak presented the CHF Annual Report to Sri Anant Nath, Executive Editor of Delhi Press, further strengthening ties and discussions

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Clean Up with Swachhata Abhiyan with Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC)

On Sunday, September 29, 2024, Child Help Foundation Vizag participated in a beach cleanup activity organized under the Swachhata Abhiyan initiative by the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC). The event, held in collaboration with the GVMC Commissioner, brought together various community and institutional groups committed to environmental sustainability. Teams from INS Vishwakarma and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) also joined forces with CHF VIZAG to clean up the beach and promote cleanliness, demonstrating a collective commitment to preserving the environment and creating a cleaner, healthier community.

Certificate of Appreciation From MBMC

Child Help Foundation (CHF) Mumbai received a Certificate of Appreciation from an official of the Mira-Bhaindar Municipal Corporation (MBMC) for its significant contributions to beach cleaning activities in Mumbai. Additionally, CHF has been awarded the Centre of Excellence Project for three schools under MBMC. This recognition is for CHF's efforts to improve the quality of education and digital learning. Shri Aniket Manorkar, the Additional Municipal Commissioner of MBMC, personally handed over the signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to CHF, marking a significant step in their partnership to enhance educational



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Tree Plantation Drive

Palghar, Maharashtra

To celebrate the impending 14th anniversary of Child Help Foundation, a tree plantation drive was organized on October 16th and 25th, 2024, at Karhe Ashram School and Kundacha Pada Village. Led by CHF team member Shilpa Lokhande, the campaign successfully planted 400 saplings across these locations. This effort not only contributes to environmental sustainability but also aligns with CHF's mission to enhance ecological health in communities.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (SDG 8 & 10) *Newsletter*



Village Cleaning Rewari, Haryana

On October 2, 2024, the village of Dhaliawas in Rewari, Haryana, celebrated Gandhi Jayanti with a special event under the Swachh Bharat Mission, echoing Mahatma Gandhi's vision for a clean, self-reliant India. The event took place at the Harijan Choupal, the village's central gathering place, and brought the community together in a shared commitment to cleanliness and hygiene.

The villagers expressed heartfelt gratitude to Child Help Foundation for its ongoing support and impactful contributions to local cleanliness and development efforts. The Foundation's initiatives have inspired the community to integrate cleanliness into their daily lives, creating a healthier, more sustainable environment for all.

During the celebration, villagers collectively pledged to keep Dhaliawas clean and pollution-free, a promise that reflects their dedication to preserving the environment for future generations. This pledge serves as a lasting reminder of their commitment to maintaining cleanliness as a core value in their

Meeting of Management Team with Dr. Heeralal, a renowned IAS officer of Uttar Pradesh

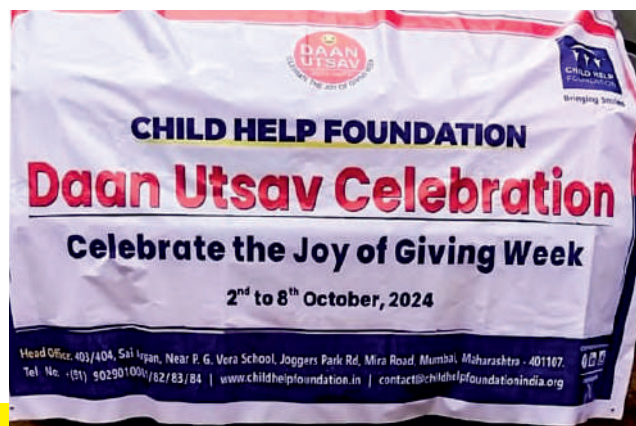
Child Help Foundation had the privilege of meeting Dr. Heeralal, a renowned IAS officer from Uttar Pradesh, at the RCF Guest House in Chembur, Maharashtra. During the meeting, CHF presented its Annual Report and engaged in a meaningful discussion regarding the concept of a model village that is green, sustainable, and child-friendly. The conversation highlighted potential opportunities for collaboration between CHF and Dr. Heeralal, aligning with their mutual interests in community development. Dr. Heeralal graciously accepted an invitation to visit the CHF office, paving the way for future initiatives that could benefit communities.

Humanitarian Relief (SDG 11,13 & 17) *Newsletter*



Blanket Distribution Odisha

On Mahalaya, a day celebrated for its emphasis on giving, Child Help Foundation (CHF) team in Odisha at Bindu Sagar went beyond their cleanliness drive to distribute blankets and offer support to those in need. Their compassionate gesture not only helped maintain a cleaner environment but also provided warmth and comfort to those awaiting assistance. This act of kindness highlighted the team's dedication to making a real impact, embodying the true spirit of generosity and compassion.



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Daan Utsav – Joy of Giving

The beginning of Daan Utsav, also known as the "Joy of Giving Week," marks a celebration of kindness, generosity, and community spirit. This week encourages people across India to give back in whatever way they can—whether through donations, volunteering, or simply spreading joy among those in need.

Daan Utsav with IIFL – Thane, Maharashtra

As part of Daan Utsav, IIFL extended the Wish Tree initiative to multiple locations, including three offices in Andheri and one in Thane. Employees enthusiastically participated by picking wishes from the tree and donating towards the cause. Their generous contributions helped fulfil the needs of underprivileged children, significantly impacting their lives and bringing hope to those in need. This initiative not only highlighted the spirit of giving but also fostered a sense of community within the organization, making a meaningful

Daan Utsav with IIFL – Mumbai, Maharashtra

As part of Daan Utsav, IIFL organized a collection drive at multiple locations, including DN Nagar and Ghatkopar (Govandi) Quarters. Employees and residents enthusiastically participated by donating clothes, ration supplies, toys, and stationery for underprivileged children. These generous contributions will directly support the children's needs, providing essential items that promote their well-being and growth. IIFL's dedication to the cause highlighted the power of community involvement, making a meaningful impact in the lives of these young children and helping them access resources that will support their education, health, and overall development.

Daan Utsav with IOCL – Mumbai, Maharashtra

From October 2nd to 8th, we partnered with IOCL to conduct a donation drive across several petrol pumps, including locations at CBD Belapur, New Panvel, Ghatkopar, Poisar, and others, along with an extension of this initiative in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. People visiting these petrol pumps generously donated to support underprivileged children, contributing towards essential items and resources that make a meaningful difference in their lives. The enthusiastic support from donors highlighted the community's commitment to bringing hope and joy to children in need.

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Sanitary Pad Collection Drive - Mumbai, Maharashtra

As part of Daan Utsav, Child Help Foundation (CHF) held a pad collection drive at our Child Help Foundation office. This initiative aimed to address the hygiene needs of adolescent girls by collecting sanitary pads. Support came not only from the CHF team but also from individuals across different offices in the building, who generously participated and donated pads. This collective effort promotes better health and empowers young girls with the essential resources they deserve, fostering a supportive community spirit and ensuring that they have access to hygiene products that contribute to their well-being and dignity.

Daan Utsav with Standard Chartered Bank

As part of Daan Utsav, Standard Chartered Bank extended the Wish Tree initiative across multiple locations, including Delhi, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana and Haryana. Employees enthusiastically participated by selecting wishes from the tree and fulfilling the needs of underprivileged children. The overwhelming response from the bank's staff demonstrated their strong commitment to making a difference. Through their generous contributions, children received much-needed supplies, creating a positive and lasting impact on their lives. This initiative exemplified the power of community involvement and collective action in supporting those in need.

Daan Utsav - Wish Tree in Odisha

On October 7, 2024, CHF Cuttack organized a Wish Tree activity near the Phulnakhara NH 16 Indian Oil petrol pump in Odisha. The event aimed to bring the community together in the spirit of giving, aligning with the values of Daan Utsav and spreading joy to children in need.

Joy of Giving - DLF Cyber City, Gurugram, Haryana

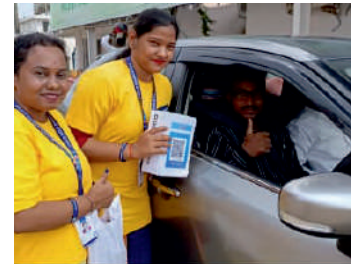
The "Joy of Giving" fundraising event, held on the 15th and 16th of October at DLF Cyber City, was a resounding success. The event engaged a total of 80-100 employees, who actively participated in raising funds for a meaningful cause. The initiative fostered a sense of community and social responsibility, allowing employees to contribute to the well-being of others while strengthening their bond with the organization's charitable goals. This event played a pivotal role in supporting the foundation's mission to make a positive impact in the lives of those in need.

Daan Utsav - Blanket Distribution - Bhimbhoi School for the Deaf and Blind, Bhubaneswar, Odisha

On October 5, 2024, as part of Daan Utsav, a blanket distribution event was held at Bhimbhoi School for the Deaf and Blind, Unit-9, Bhubaneswar. The event provided 30 beneficiaries at the school with blankets, offering warmth and comfort to those in need. This gesture not only supported the children at the school but also demonstrated the spirit of giving and community support, in line with the values celebrated during Daan Utsav.

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Meeting with Mr. Subhas Chandra Rai, CSR Head at NPCI

On 22nd October, Child Help Foundation (CHF) had the privilege of meeting Mr. Subhas Chandra Rai, CSR Head at NPCI, at their Bandra Kurla Complex office in Mumbai, Maharashtra. During this meeting, CHF had the opportunity to present CHF's Annual Report and highlight initiatives across various domains, including Emergency Medical Support, Education, Healthcare, WASH, Environmental Sustainability, Skilling, and Gender. CHF discussed the positive impact of CHF's interventions nationwide and explored potential avenues for collaboration with NPCI. The meeting provided valuable insights on how leveraging NPCI's resources could help expand and enhance the ongoing efforts.

Employee Engagement Program at Anthology International Pvt. Ltd

The employee contribution event at Anthology International Pvt Ltd for the Digital Learning Program exemplifies the power of collective action in driving meaningful change. With over 200 employees actively participating, the event not only showcases their commitment to supporting digital education but also emphasizes the company's strong dedication to giving back to the community. This initiative reflects the positive impact that corporate social responsibility can have when organizations and their employees come together for a shared cause.



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Diwali Celebration

SRCC College, Delhi

Child Help Foundation (CHF) celebrated Diwali at SRCC College in Delhi with a special focus on enhancing social awareness and providing support to underprivileged children. The event, attended by 50 to 70 students, included activities that promoted the values of kindness, compassion, and social responsibility. The celebration emphasized the importance of giving back to the community, especially during the festive season. Students participated actively in the program, reinforcing CHF's mission to uplift the lives of marginalized children and spread joy during the Diwali festivities.

Durga Pooja Celebration

Saket, New Delhi

Child Help Foundation (CHF) had the honour of being represented as a judge at the 46th Durga Puja celebration in Saket, New Delhi. During the event, CHF actively participated in a donation collection drive aimed at supporting underprivileged children. The celebration also served as a platform to raise awareness about CHF's mission and vision, with the organization's commitment to improving the lives of vulnerable children highlighted throughout the festivities. The event saw a footfall of 800 people, contributing to the success of the initiative and furthering CHF's reach within the community.

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