

## NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2021

### **ABOUT US**



Registration No: E6427 (Thane)

**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. Committed to the fulfilment of Child Rights as promised by the Indian Constitution and United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), CHF'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 and Humanitarian Relief.

CHF also works largely in bringing about a balance in society by taking care of stray animals under our Life on Land initiative and Beach Clean Up activities under our Life Below Water initiative.

Today, CHF is nationally recognized for its efforts to uplift the underprivileged in society. Our response is multi-sectoral based on reliable expertise and extensive groundwork. We have implemented multiple grassroots-level initiatives all over the country in 21 states.

Amongst many others, CHF has won various awards in 2019-20: The ET NOW -Rise with India Award for the Best NGO in Healthcare, Best NGO in Education for Girl Child, Best NGO for Cancer Prevention, Award for Dedication and Commitment from Tata Memorial Hospital, and the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Award for Benevolent Efforts in Social Welfare. In August 2021, CHF received three awards at the 7th Edition of National Awards. These awards were received for Best Covid -19 NGO for Community, Best Healthcare NGO of the Year, and Best NGO for Education for Girl Child.

We have offices in 12 cities including Mumbai, Thane, Pune, Delhi, Kolkata, Bhubaneswar, Hyderabad, Kochi, Bengaluru, Chennai, Gurugram, and Dimapur. We also have an international presence in the United States of America.

**MISSION:** Our Mission is to inspire and empower people into the culture of giving and bringing about a positive change in the lives of children and society.

**VISION:** Reaching out to marginalized children in need, empowering them, bringing smiles, and making them future-ready.



Child help Foundation helps fund the treatments of children suffering from life-threatening, non-communicable diseases like Congenital Heart Diseases, Cancer, Organ Transplants, and Preterm Babies, amongst many others. We ensure that these children get the required treatment as soon as possible, and their families get the support they need throughout the treatment.

#### Shubham Mule

Shubham Mule is a 9-year-old boy from Beed. His father, Mr. Somnath Mule works in a printing press, and his mother, Mrs. Shukantala Mule is a homemaker. Shubham is the eldest and has two younger siblings, Prajakta and Soham.

Since he was born, Shubham needed to be kept in the incubator as his body was very weak. Soon after his birth, his mother observed that his nose would bleed whenever he was being fed. He was then shifted to another hospital where he was kept under observation and had to undergo tests. Through his tests, his Anorectal Malfunction was diagnosed. Shubham had to undergo his 1st surgery just four days after his birth. His 2nd surgery was done at the age of seven.

He now has to go through his 3rd surgery at the Kalpaturu Hospital, Aurangabad. The estimated cost of his surgery is Rs. 1,00,000. His father is unable to arrange funds for his treatment and has exhausted all his savings for Shubham's earlier treatment.



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#### Husenabasha Makanadar

Husenabasha is a 12-year-old boy from Kolhapur, Maharashtra. His father, Mr. Mahebub is a daily wage labourer and his mother, Masumabi is a homemaker. Husenabasha is the eldest and has a younger brother Akbar (10). Their family consists of 4 members.

A few months ago, Husenabasha began experiencing continuous unbearable pain in his legs. He was admitted to the local hospital but the treatment did not help. He had to undergo medical tests to detect the cause of his pain. His parents' world was crushed on seeing the reports that diagnosed their son with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (Blood Cancer).

Husenabasha was shifted to the Kolhapur Cancer Center for further treatment. He was suggested to undergo 18 cycles of chemotherapy. He has currently completed 4 cycles of chemotherapy. The estimated cost of his treatment is Rs. 5,00,000. The family has sought financial help from CHF.

#### **Kunal Aher**

Kunal Aher is a 10-year-old boy from Nashik. He hails from an underprivileged family. His father Sudam Aher is a farmer, earning his livelihood solely through farming and his mother is a homemaker. He also has a younger brother.

Kunal is suffering from Progressive Bilateral Equinovarous Feet Deformity with loss of bladder control. In simpler terms, it is a congenital limb disorder or clubfoot (by birth the child's feet are inward), secondary to a pathology of the spinal cord called Diasatometamyelia - Diastematomyelia (occasionally diastomyelia) is a congenital disorder in which a part of the spinal cord is split.

He needs spinal surgery under advanced technology of spinal neuromonitoring along with Bilateral Feet Correction. Kunal's parents were finding it difficult to enquire through various hospitals to get it corrected. At last, he is rightly being treated in the Ashoka Medicover Hospital, Nashik. Kunal Aher's treatment and hospitalization will cost an estimated Rs 5, 00,000. His father is a farmer and is the sole earner who contributes to the family. Ever since the Pandemic, the family has been under a huge financial crisis leaving them helpless. Hence, they need CHF's help to support their child's treatment.







#### Baby Mohd. Aydin

Mohd. Aydin is a 4-month-old baby boy from Kannur, Kerala. He is the only son of Mr. Firos and Mrs. Ramseena. The baby's father is a driver and his mother a homemaker. The family consists of four members, and Mr. Firos is the only earning member.

In September, Aydin had suffered from a severe cough. On 29th September, he suddenly experienced difficulty breathing and was immediately shifted to MIMS Hospital, Kannur. Here, his treatment kept happening for a month, but he was later shifted to Amrita Institute, Kochi, for further treatment. Aydin's treatment is going on in Amrita institute. He is diagnosed with a neuromuscular disorder. He will be given ventilator support for 3-6 months along with other treatments. The estimated cost of his treatment is Rs. 6,31,000.

Aydin's father is unable to raise funds for his treatment and needs CHF's support for financial help.

#### Noor Khan

Noor is a 2-year-old daughter of Mr. Gagandeep Khan, who owns a small grocery shop, and her mother, Mrs. Sompal Kaur, is a homemaker. Noor is the youngest and has an elder brother, Alphaz Khan (8). The family hails from Punjab.

Noor was born with a heart defect which was diagnosed a few hours after her birth. The heart defect was confirmed with a series of medical tests. Doctors had advised waiting for the surgery as in some cases over-time the hole in the heart gets in its normal function but nothing happened. Unfortunately, Noor kept suffering due to her heart defect.

Currently, she is being treated at Paras Hospital, Gurgaon, and has to undergo PDA device closure and Balloon Pulmonary valvuloplasty. The estimated cost of her treatment is Rs. 2,50,000.

With a minimal income, Mr. Gagandeep cannot afford his daughter's treatment.







#### Afifa Ansari

Afifa Ansari is a 4-year-old girl from Pune, Maharashtra. She is the elder daughter of Mr. Amir Ansari (Father) and Mrs. Shavia Ansari (Mother). Her father works in a garage and her mother is a homemaker. Her younger sister Hurain is 1.6-years-old.

A few months ago, Afifa had developed red patches on her body that were mistaken to be rashes. Soon after this, her mother noticed the development of Cysts on her legs and arms. Concerned about her health, she was immediately taken to the hospital where she was given a list of medical tests by the treating doctor. Afifa's parents were expecting a good medical report but fate had its back towards them. Afifa was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (Blood Cancer).

Her treatment is going on in Bharati Hospital, Pune. Afifa has to undergo chemotherapy for her recovery. Her complete treatment would cost Rs. 9,00,000. Afifa's family is poor and has requested CHF for financial support.

#### Shreya

Shreya is a 9-year-old girl from Guttahalli, Bengaluru. Her Father, Mr. Nagesh is an auto driver and her mother, Mrs. Bhavya is a homemaker. She is the eldest and has two younger siblings.

Shreya had been suffering from Proximal Dorsal Scoliosis for a very long time. Her parents noticed her discomfort during the lockdown when they saw that Shreya had difficulty in lifting her left leg. She was then taken to the hospital for her treatment.

After several medical tests and examinations, she was diagnosed with Proximal Dorsal Scoliosis and Springel shoulder. This means that she has a curved spine and an uneven shoulder which restricts her movements.

Her treatment is going on in Bhagwan Mahaveer Jain Hospital, Bangalore. She has to undergo bilateral posterior Instrumentation and deformity correction surgery. The estimated cost of her treatment is Rs. 2,80,000. Her father is an auto-driver with minimal income and is unable to raise the money required for Shreya's surgery.

## **SUCCESS STORIES**







#### Sagar Jana

Sagar Jana is an 11-year-old boy from West Bengal. His father Mr. Panchanan Jana is a daily wage labourer and his mother, Mrs. Dali Jana is a homemaker. In December 2020, Sagar started suffering from persistent vomiting. Concerned about his health, his parents consulted several doctors. After various tests, he was diagnosed with End-Stage Renal Disease, for which he was being treated at the CK Birla Hospital, Kolkata.

The doctors suggested he undergo a kidney transplant. His mother Mrs. Dali is his donor. The estimated cost of his treatment is Rs. 11,78,000.

Being a daily wage labourer, Mr. Panchanan was unable to bear the cost of his treatment. Sagar Jana got admitted to the hospital on 28th May 2021. His surgery was performed successfully and he was discharged on 29th November 2021.

#### P. Jecintha

P. Jecintha is a 7 -year-old girl from Thirunelveli, Tamil Nadu, who was diagnosed with heart disease at the age of 4. She is the only child of Mr. Ponraj Nadar and Mrs. Jaya Mary. Her father works in a store, and her mother is a housewife.

In the year 2018, Jecintha underwent two surgeries in Mumbai. Her father used to work in Mumbai before the pandemic. But he lost his job, and the family had to travel back to their hometown. Jecintha required one more surgery as a part of her treatments at Amrita Hospital, Kochi.

She needed heart surgery, the estimated cost of which was up to Rs. 3,50,000 to Rs. 4,00,000. CHF helped her family to raise funds for Jecintha's treatment and her surgery was performed successfully. She was discharged from the hospital on 6th November 2021.





## **SUCCESS STORIES**







#### **Twins of Sheela**

The babies of Sheela were 16-days old boys when they were admitted for treatment. Their father, Mr. Satish Satyawana works in a factory and their mother, Mrs. Sheela Satyawana is a homemaker. Mr. Satish lost one of his arms in an accident while working in the factory.

Being born in the 7th month of pregnancy, the twins were diagnosed with low birth weight and mild respiratory distress. They were admitted to the NICU in Neo Clinic, Jaipur, for two months.

The estimated cost of their treatment was Rs. 7,50,000.

CHF helped the family to raise this huge amount of money and supported the family throughout the babies' treatment. They were discharged on 11th November 2021.











Child Help Foundation believes that every child in India has the right to create a bright future for themselves. Our team has been working towards helping these children achieve the best for themselves for the past decade.

Under our Scholarship Support Program, we are always ready to help those children who want to study but unfortunately cannot afford education.

- 1. In November, Child Help Foundation received a request from Ms. Dimple asking for help to pay her children's school fees. CHF supported the children by paying an amount of Rs. 27,440 for the same.
- 2. Ms. Meena Lokhande, Senior Manager Resource Mobilization at Child Help Foundation, visited the Mini Science Center (MSC) in the Government Secondary High School, Sakhare, on 12th November. She interacted with the school and the MSC Coordinator to ensure smooth functioning. The Students and the Principal were positive about the setup.







- 3. On 23rd November, ATC executive officer IAS M.B.Warbhuvan visited the Sakhare Ashram Shala for a surprise inspection of the night school classes that are conducted by CHF.
- 4. The CHF Team visited the Bhopoli Ashram Shala, Palghar, on 24th November. The Center for Excellence Program at Bhopoli Ashram Shala is being conducted in partnership with Nutanix Technologies, wherein 78 students are benefitting from it. Our team spent time with the children and the teachers to note their feedback regarding the program, to make its functioning more efficient.







5. On 24th November, members from CHF visited the Sakhare Ashram Shala, Palghar, for a routine visit to ensure smooth functioning. The students of the school made several science models under the Mini Science Center Program which were displayed for our team. We also gave out survey forms for the students to note the feedback given by them.

The Results of the Survey Analysis are as follows:

- 2 students 'feel very good' about MSC
- 2 students 'learnt new things' from MSC
- 3 students 'felt good ' about MSC
- 5 students 'Liked' MSC







6. On 24th November, the CHF team visited the Project Officer's Office at Jawahar, Palghar, to discuss the workshop on "Prevention of Suicide among Children". Aayushi Singh (IAS), the Project Officer, and Mr. Anil Sonawane, Assistant Project, conducted the meeting, wherein ten other NGO representatives were present with our team representative.

It was decided that a helpline number for the Prevention of Suicide will be established, and teachers from the schools in tribal areas will be given the training to avoid suicides among children. A committee was formed and Ms. Sendra D'Souza will represent CHF for this cause.

7. Ms. Meena Lokhande, Senior Manager - Resource Mobilization at Child Help Foundation, conducted an online session on The Prevention of Sexual Harassment Policy (POSH). There were 60 beneficiaries from the PO office in Jawhar, Palghar District.

## **EVENTS - Children's Day**





- 1. On the occasion of Children's Day, CHF volunteers distributed ITC's B-Real fruit juices to 45 little children at the MBMC School, Mira Road, Mumbai.
- 2. We celebrated Children's Day at Happy Feet Montessori, HBR Layout, Bengaluru, on 12th November. Out of a total of 21 beneficiaries, 5 children are on the spectrum and 1 child is visually impaired. CHF volunteers distributed chocolate, and a wide range of fun activities were conducted for these children. Happy Feet Montessori caters to children with special needs and children who are physically impaired.
- 3. Under our Education Support Program, we support many Child Care Institutions throughout the country. On the occasion of Children's Day, CHF celebrated with the children at the 7 Child Care Institutions across India. We conducted drawing, singing and dancing competitions, encouraging students to pursue their creative skills. The most creative drawings were given awards as prizes. Dry snacks were also distributed among children who participated.

Sr. No.	Name and Location	No. of Beneficiaries
1.	Special Joy of School, Jharkhand	20
2.	Koel Sarawasti Shishu Vidya Mandir, Odisha	30
3.	Khirodi Basini, Odisha	25
4.	Ashraya Children Home, Odisha	48
5.	Saraswati Anath Shikshan Ashram, Pune	40
6.	CHARIS Foundation, Chennai	30
7.	Needs Charitable Trust, Bangalore	27

## **EVENTS - Diwali Celebration**









- On 3rd November, with the support of one of our generous donors Ms. Khushi, Child Help Foundation conducted a distribution drive among underprivileged children of the Jangid Estate, Mira Road. On the occasion of Diwali, with the aim to spread joy and light, we distributed dry snacks, chips, fruits, and cupcakes, to 35 beneficiaries.
- 2. On 3rd November 2021, CHF participated in the Rangoli Competition, as part of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan 2021 activity conducted by the Mira Bhayander Municipal Corporation (MBMC). Volunteers and Staff that represented CHF included Mr. Jiji John (Executive Director), Ms. Neha Singh, Mr. Sachin Nair, Ms. Sendra, Mr. Hindol Das, Mr. Ashish, and Ms. Jaswanti.

## **EVENTS - Vaccination Drive**









To add to India's vaccinated individuals, on 13th November, Child Help Foundation conducted its second free vaccination drive for our volunteers, at Shalom Hospital, Mira Road, Mumbai. In this global battle against COVID-19, we believe it is necessary for all citizens to come together, understand our responsibility, and get vaccinated.

## **EVENTS - CHF's 11th Anniversary**











On 19th November, Child Help Foundation completed 11 years of social service. All our staff and volunteers across several offices throughout India celebrated this day together via Google Meet. Everyone followed a dress code related to CHF's logo (i.e., blue, yellow, red, and white). Every office was decorated with balloons and posters, and a cake was cut.

Our founders and members from the management gave a motivational speech and thanked the entire CHF team for consistently working towards Bringing Smiles and Transforming the Lives of the underprivileged.

## **EVENTS - Health Camps**









CHF organized eye check-up and blood check-up camps for autorickshaw drivers of the SR Layout, Bangalore. These camps were organized in collaboration with BNS and the Rotary Club. We were able to successfully reach 86 beneficiaries.

## MENSTRUAL HYGIENE MANAGEMENT (MHM) PROGRAM











1. Under our Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) Program, the CHF Team at Pune distributed sanitary napkins to around 150 beneficiaries. This distribution happened in partnership with Nagari Vikas Foundation, Pune, on 15th November 2021.

The MHM program encourages women to adopt hygienic menstrual practices and to spread awareness on illnesses caused due to improper safety and hygiene.

- 2. On 11th and 12th November, CHF conducted distribution drives in several villages in Odisha, namely Sahapur, Jaleswar, Balasore, Tandimunda, and Dhenkanal. We were successful in reaching out to 37 beneficiaries, encouraging young girls and women to adopt safer menstrual hygiene practices.
- 3. The Child Help Foundation team in Assam reached out to 65 girls studying in the Buniyadi ME School, Bongaigaon, Assam. Due to Covid-19 protocols, classes were scheduled on alternate days. Our volunteers distributed N-95 masks as well as sanitary napkins among them.

## **HUMANITARIAN RELIEF**









To help individuals, all over the country, who have lost their jobs due to the pandemic, and have no means to support their families, Child Help Foundation has been working since the beginning of the pandemic to provide some relief to these individuals.

Unemployment has been on the rise and many families, with single breadwinners, are struggling to make ends meet. Our team has been working towards reaching out to as many families as possible. These families have expressed gratitude as CHF has been one of the first NGOs to support communities that are usually difficult to reach out to.

Our team has reached out to families living in Mumbai, Thane, Airoli Sector 19/20 (Maharashtra), Delhi, Odisha, Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh), and Bengaluru (Karnataka).

In the month of November 2021, dry ration kits were provided to 1,305 beneficiaries. Apart from this, in collaboration with Roti Ghar, CHF provided cooked, nutritious meals to 1,800 individuals daily.

## **HUMANITARIAN RELIEF**











- 1. On 13th November, volunteers from Child Help Foundation distributed Ration Kits to 410 beneficiaries from Kummanoor Village, Thiruvallur District, Chennai Metropolitan Region, Tamil Nadu. The residents of the coastal regions in Tamil Nadu are finding it difficult to make their ends meet because of the disruptive floods and bad weather conditions. By distributing these kits, we wish to help lessen their suffering and provide them with the nutrition they require.
- 2. The COVID-19 lockdown protocols and low tourism had immensely impacted the lives and businesses of the rickshaw puller community of Puri, Odisha. To support their livelihoods, CHF conducted a distribution drive on 22nd November. Ration Kits were distributed among the community members to 700 beneficiaries.
- 3. On 13th November, volunteers from Child Help Foundation distributed warm, nutritious, ready-to-eat meals to 150 beneficiaries from Thangal Perumbulam Village, Thiruvallur District, Chennai Metropolitan Region, Tamil Nadu. The residents of the coastal regions in Tamil Nadu are finding it difficult to make their ends meet because of the disruptive floods and bad weather conditions. By distributing these meals, we wish to help lessen their suffering and provide them with the nutrition they require.
- 4. Child Help Foundation distributed ready-to-eat meals during Flood Relief at Aaladu Village Thiruvallur District, Chennai. We were able to reach out to 150 individuals who benefitted from the same.
- 5. Child Help Foundation team in Kerala provided 50 Ration kits at Kallupara Panchayat, Mallapally, Kottayam, Kerala. We were able to reach 200 beneficiaries.

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## **LIFE BELOW WATER**







CHF Volunteers conducted weekly Beach clean-up activities, thereby contributing to saving the environment. MBMC workers/staff also provided their support to the event. Many people from surrounding localities involve themselves as volunteers. During our beach clean-up activities, several college students had come forward to volunteer with us. Around 27,500 kgs of plastic waste was collected in the month of November.





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