



# NEWSLETTER

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## 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.

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPPORT

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.



### Baby of Subi

Baby of Subi is a 44-days-old baby girl, born prematurely, in the 7th month of pregnancy. The baby's father, Praveen Kumar is a daily wage laborer, and her mother, Subi is a housewife. Praveen is the only earning member in the family.

The baby is currently admitted to the Amrita Hospital, Kochi, where the doctors have suggested the baby be kept in the NICU for more than four weeks under ventilator care. The estimated cost of the baby's treatment is Rs.9,56,500.

Being the only earning person in the family, her father is unable to bear the expenses of his baby's treatment and has asked CHF for assistance.

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPPORT



### Vaishnavi Khairnar

Vaishnavi is an 11-year-old girl of Mr. Dipak Khairnar (father) and Mrs. Manisha Khairnar (mother). Vaishnavi is the youngest and has an elder sister named Aishwariya (13). Her father is a farmer with a minimal income and her mother is a housewife.

Vaishnavi is suffering from brittle bone disease. She has undergone three surgeries of rod empanelment in various parts of her body. Her parents are worried about her illness. Her treatment is going in Ashoka Medicover Hospital, Nasik. She has to undergo a 4th surgery for the fracture in her leg. The estimated cost of her treatment and surgery is Rs. 2,50,000.

Vaishnavi's father, being the only earning person in the family, is not able to bear the expenses of his daughter's treatment. The family approached the CHF team in need of financial help.

### Anvi Mali

Anvi is a 5-month-old girl from Sangli, Maharashtra. Her father, Mr. Sambhaji Mali works as a laborer, and her mother, Mrs. Shubhangi is a housewife. The family consists of 5 members.

Anvi was born with Hirschsprung Disease. Due to this defect, her large intestines were affected causing her problem in passing the stool. The cause of this condition is a result of missing nerve cells in the muscles of the baby's colon. Anvi has to undergo regular follow-ups and treatment for bowel washouts.

She has been suggested two surgeries; Soave-Boley modification that would cost Rs. 1,50,000, followed by Proximal diversion closure which would cost Rs. 1,00,000. The total estimated cost of her surgery is Rs. 2,50,000.

Anvi's father, being the only earning person in the family, is not able to bear the expenses of his daughter's treatment.

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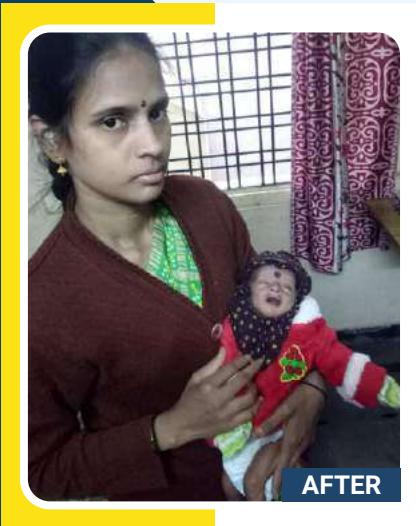
### Shravani Pawar

Shravani Pawar is a 3-year-old girl from Kolhapur, Maharashtra. Her father, Mr. Sandeep Pawar is a construction laborer and her mother, Mrs. Swati Pawar is a housewife. She is the younger daughter and has an elder sister Shraddha Pawar (5). The family consists of 4 members.

A few months back, Shravani's parents noticed a bulging of her stomach. Concerned about her well-being, the baby's parents took her to a nearby hospital. She had to undergo numerous tests to identify the cause of her condition. Little Shravani was diagnosed with Wilms Tumor - a type of childhood cancer that starts in the kidneys. The diagnosis shattered her parents. On June 28, 2021, Shravani underwent surgery for the removal of her left kidney.

She was then suggested to undergo 18 cycles of chemotherapy of which she has completed 7 chemotherapy cycles. Her treatment is going on in Kolhapur Cancer center. The estimated cost of her treatment is Rs. 5,00,000. Her family is in dire need of monetary assistance and has sought help from CHF.

## SUCCESS STORIES

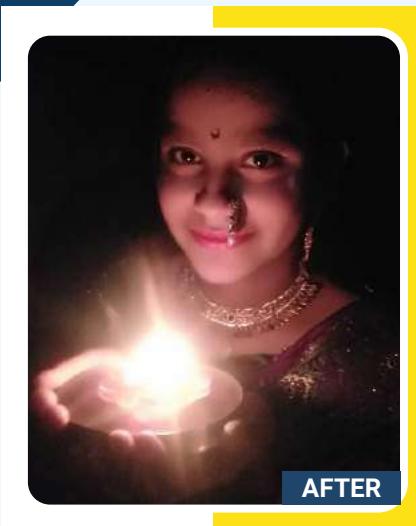


### Baby of Manjula

The baby of Manjula is a baby boy who was born in the 8th month of pregnancy. Baby's father, Mr. Sagar works as a Driver and his mother, Manjula is a housewife. Sagar barely earns enough to support his family of four. Their baby had a low birth weight of 1.5 kgs and was suggested to be kept in the NICU for recovery. The cost of the baby's treatment was Rs. 6,96,500.

The family was not able to manage the expense of their child's further treatment as all their savings had already been drained for his treatment. The baby needed further treatment for which Sagar had requested Child help Foundation for help.

CHF was able to support the family in their hard times. The baby has now recovered and was discharged on 28th October 2021.



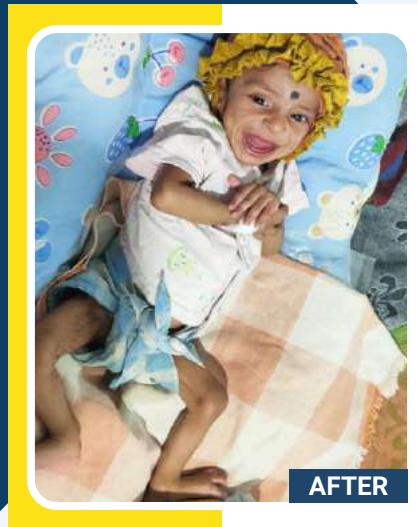
### Aditi Waghmare

Aditi Waghmare is a 12-year-old girl from Solapur, Maharashtra. Her father, Mr. Pramod Waghmare works as a daily wage laborer, and her mother, Mrs. Reshma Waghmare is a housewife. Aditi is the eldest child and has 2 younger siblings.

Aditi was born with a congenital heart defect which was not noticed by her family until she was a few days old and would cry constantly. She was taken to the hospital where she was diagnosed with a heart defect. She was given medication by the doctor and was suggested to undergo surgery for her heart defect which would cost Rs. 3,72,000.

Aditi's father has been out of work due to the pandemic and was finding it very difficult to arrange finances for her surgery. He then contacted Child Help Foundation for support. CHF helped them raise funds for Aditi's treatment which went successfully. Aditi was discharged from the hospital on 29th October 2021. She is now gradually recovering.

## SUCCESS STORIES



### Baby of Priya

Baby of Priya is a 3-month-old baby boy from Andhra Pradesh. His father, Mr. Bhanu Chenna is a farmer, and his mother, Mrs. Priya is a housewife. This baby is their only child.

He was born with a heart defect and also had very low weight. The little boy also suffered from respiratory issues. Worried about their baby's health, his parents took him to the doctor. Through multiple tests, his heart defect was diagnosed leaving his parents distressed. The child was suggested to undergo open-heart surgery and was shifted to the Rainbow Children's Heart Institute, Hyderabad. The estimated cost of his treatment was Rs. 3,50,000.

Baby's father is the only breadwinner for the family and had urged CHF for support. Our team helped the family to raise funds for their baby's treatment. His surgery was performed successfully on 5th October 2021.

## EDUCATION SUPPORT



### 1. Bhatsa, Maharashtra

Child Help Foundation partnered with Khushiyaan Foundation to support the Digital Classroom for students from the Adivasi communities from Bhatsa Village, Maharashtra. On 30th October 2021, we visited the children at this Digital Classroom and distributed Educational Kits to 98 beneficiaries. These kits consisted of a school bag and stationery like pencil boxes and colors. Along with this, the children are also given education about Basic English and phonetics.



### 2. Abhinav Shikshan Mandal, Bhainder

- Child Help Foundation was invited to celebrate the felicitation of Mr. Eknath Borse, principal of Abhinav Shikshan Mandal, Bhainder, on the occasion of his birthday celebration and Retirement Ceremony.
- Child Help Foundation supported 27 children from Abhinav Vidya Mandir, Bhainder, with scholarship support. The children supported are from a poor economic background.

## EDUCATION SUPPORT



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### 3. Palghar, Maharashtra

- On 21st October 2021, a training session was conducted in the Sakhare Ashram Shala for the coordinators of the Mini Science Center. Trainers from the Vikram Sarabhai Institute were invited for the same. There are 15 teachers and 675 school children benefitting from this project.
- On 22nd October 2021, the Mini Science Center was inaugurated in Sakhare Ashram Shala, Palghar. The center has been set up by Child Help Foundation with the support of the Samata Equal Footing Foundation. It consists of 79 science models, beneficial for the students of classes 5th to 10th. The inauguration ceremony was performed by Ms. Ayushi Singh (PO). After the inauguration ceremony, a live demonstration of the models was performed by the school teachers and students.

## EDUCATION SUPPORT



### 4. Nuh, Haryana

Child Help Foundation conducted a three days teachers' training workshop from 21st-23rd October for the aspiring teachers in the Nuh district of Haryana. 40 Aspiring teachers had participated in the training session

CHF volunteers distributed books to 240 children among six villages of the Nuh district in Haryana. These students attend "evening classes" to complete their education.



### 5. Dharmapur, Assam

CHF reached out to 80 children from the village of Dharmapur, Bongaigaon, Assam and distributed stationery kits. These children need regular support in education to motivate them towards completing their education and reducing school dropout rates.

## PARTNERSHIP FOR GOALS



1. On 5th October, in partnership with **Motilal Oswal Foundation (MOF)**, CHF inaugurated the Centre for Excellence (CFE) Program at the Murbad Ashram Shala and the Vangani Ashram Shala in the Palghar district of Maharashtra. The event took place on 5th October and aims to benefit 1,200 students.

These tribal residential schools lack proper infrastructural facilities and with the CFE Program, we will provide them with proper resources to impart quality education to the students.

Child Help Foundation, with the support of **MOF**, donated a television set and a water purifier to the school. Three new teachers are appointed for English, Maths and Science subjects in Ashram Shalas in Murbad and Vangani.

## PARTNERSHIP FOR GOALS



2. On 14th October, the CHF team presented Appreciation Certificates to Mr. Pritish Hatwar (Nodal Officer), Mr. Sachin Bachhav (Assistant Commissioner), Mr. Anil Rathod (Health Inspector), Mr. Rajkumar Kamble (Assessment Health Public Officer), and Mr. Ajit Muthe (Deputy Commissioner) from the **Public Health Department, MBMC**, to acknowledge their exceptional work in serving our society by ensuring public health & safety.

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3. Child Help Foundation presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Brijesh P. Kottayil, Professor, Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon, Department of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery, **Amrita Institute of Medical Science, Kochi**, for conducting an insightful session on "Lifestyle Modification to Prevent Cardiac Diseases" on the occasion of Daan Utsav 2021.
4. In collaboration with **Donatekart** and **Avni**, Child Help Foundation is conducting distribution drives to rural areas of India to encourage them to adopt healthy menstrual practices. By inculcating menstrual hygiene, CHF aims to avoid diseases and infections among young girls and women.
5. On 4th October, CHF received an Appreciation Certificate from the **Mira Bhaindar Municipal Corporation (MBMC)** for its untiring efforts and contributions towards the Swacchh Bharat Abhiyan. The event took place in the presence of Mr. Dilip Dhole, Commissioner of MBMC, and Mr. Ajit Muthe, Deputy Commissioner, MBMC. CHF had organized street plays on railway platforms to spread awareness and emphasize the importance of the Swachh Bharat Mission.
6. On 5th October 2021, Child Help Foundation, in association with **Lodestar UM**, an advertising corporate, celebrated Daan Utsav at an old-age home near Badarpur. We supported them to buy medicines worth Rs.1.5 lakhs for the residents of the home.

## EVENTS - Amrit Mahotsav



Child Help Foundation celebrated the 75th anniversary of Indian independence with **Mira-Bhander Municipal Corporation (MBMC)**, on 1st October. CHF was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by MBMC for the exemplary work done in the region as per Indian norms.

## EVENTS - Daan Utsav



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1. In partnership with Xondhan Foundation, CHF celebrated the 1st day of Daan Utsav in Assam by distributing snacks boxes with refreshing drinks to over 70 frontline health workers at the Abhayapuri Community Health Centre, Abhayapuri, Assam. The hospital was conducting a mega-vaccination drive, and we provided the medical staff with snacks to thank them for their relentless contribution to society.
2. On 2nd October, CHF celebrated Daan Utsav by organizing a distribution drive to bring happiness among the patients from the Universal Multispecialty Hospital and the Kiran Hospital and Diagnostics Centre, Nallasopara (E). We gave them fruit baskets to cheer them and move towards a speedy recovery.
3. On 3rd October, CHF helped in bringing joy among our furry friends by feeding the strays of Guwahati, Assam. Troubled with hunger, stray dogs and cats need love and nutrition to sustain themselves. We also reached out to over 30 individuals from underprivileged sections, who live on the streets of Guwahati, and gave them food packets.
4. On 3rd October, CHF visited Batabari 1 No. LP school in Assam and distributed stationery kits, masks, and chocolates to over 30 children to celebrate the Festival of Giving.

## EVENTS - Daan Utsav



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5. On 4th October, CHF volunteers visited 50 children from the Jangid Estate and Munshi Compound areas of Mira Road. These children belong to financially weaker families, who struggle to make ends meet. CHF distributed stationery kits, face masks, and packets of Maggi noodles.
6. On 6th October, CHF visited the Mercy Old Age Home, Mira Road on the occasion of Daan Utsav. Our volunteers celebrated with the senior citizens and conducted a fun session by playing games with them. We also donated 2 geysers for the residents.
7. On 6th October, CHF volunteers visited the elderly from the Mother Teresa Old Age Home, Virar. Our volunteers interacted with the residents and played some games with them to celebrate the joy of Daan Utsav. We also distributed hygiene kits including tubes of toothpaste, soaps, and bottles of hair oil to about 60 beneficiaries.
8. CHF volunteers distributed sanitary pads among 14 beneficiaries from Urja Trust, Dadar.

## EVENTS - Daan Utsav



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9. On 7th October, CHF conducted a special session to celebrate Daan Utsav with the students of the Gauri Shankar Kedia School, Andheri. We distributed pens and books to over 100 students and a speech to provide a boost of motivation to be responsible citizens of our country.
10. On 8th October, Child Help Foundation celebrated the last day of Daan Utsav with 40 domestic helpers to appreciate their importance in today's society. We distributed gloves, caps, and medals to bring smiles to their faces.
11. On 8th October, CHF visited the Mira Bhayandar Municipal Corporation (MBMC) registration office to celebrate the last day of Daan Utsav with MBMC cleaners. We felicitated 100 cleaners with gold medals, caps, gloves, and refreshing snacks to thank them for their service towards society.

## 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). We have also reached out to families in Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan.

In the month of October 2021, dry ration kits were provided to 31 beneficiaries. Apart from this, in collaboration with Roti Ghar, CHF provided cooked, nutritious meals to 1,800 individuals daily.

### Guwahati, Assam

The CHF volunteers in Assam distributed food to more than 70 homeless beneficiaries in Guwahati. It was an overwhelming experience to see the happiness and smiles on their faces.

## LIFE ON LAND



### ASSAM

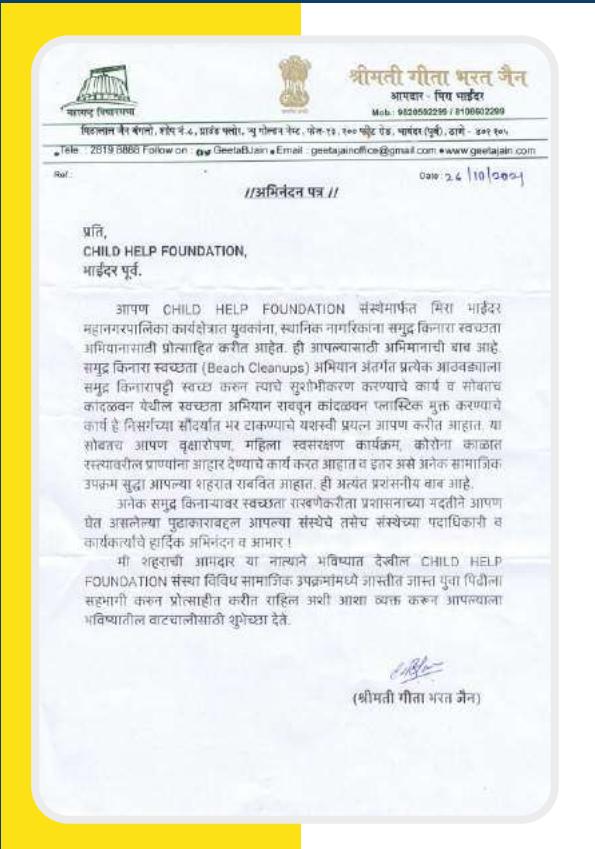
CHF Volunteers conducted a drive to feed animals during Daan Utsav week. Around 10 to 15 dogs were given food in Assam.

## LIFE BELOW WATER



1. On 10th October, Child Help Foundation conducted a beach clean-up activity on the Puri Beach in Odisha. 12 of our volunteers cleaned the beach from Digibareni Pole to Swarga Dwar. Olive Ridley turtles have their nesting sites on this beach and beach clean-up activities can ensure that the turtles hatch in a safe environment.
2. On 2nd October, CHF successfully conducted its 75th Beach Clean-up Activity at the Uttan Beach, Mira Bhayandar, Mumbai.
3. On 3rd October, CHF conducted its 76th Beach Clean-up Activity at Manori Beach, Malad, Mumbai.

## AWARDS & ACCOLADES



CHF received an **Appreciation Letter** from Mrs. Geeta Jain, MLA, Mira-Bhander, recognising the efforts taken towards improving the community, even during the pandemic times.

She appreciated the efforts of our volunteers and organisers for conducting regular events for Women Empowerment, Tree Plantation Drives, Beach Clean Ups and for feeding stray animals.

We are grateful for the existing as well as upcoming support from Mrs. Jain, and will continue to contribute towards making the society better!





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