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Editorial



Dear All,

The new year started on a fresh and bright note with new hopes and aspirations. Each one of us reading this in the comfort of our cosy office / homes are truly blessed and lucky to be able to lead a secure life.

There are many who succumbed to the biting cold and many who battled it with battered cotton clothes. We may not be able to change all of this overnight, but we can make a difference to the lives of those that we have pledged to help through our initiatives of SPS and Udayan care. It's time we gave back to the society. Apart from monetary aid, there are many ways that we can do this. We need to Pledge some time off our busy schedules to make a difference. Moulding young minds, spreading the power of education, celebrating festivals. Let us concentrate our efforts this year towards educating the children and making the underprivileged children self-reliant so that they have a brighter tomorrow!!

AAo Padhayen kuch kar dikhayen.....

~ Manvika Sharma

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Chirag Foundation donated
Rs 5 Lakhs to the
Children's Home of Hope.



The Children's Home of Hope

The Children's Home of Hope is a home for destitute children in Maduravoyal, on the outskirts of Chennai. They currently have 99 children. The children come from varied backgrounds and experiences and it is quite a challenge to handle them. Music, dance and drama are used to help these children get over their past life traumatic experiences. It is due to the untiring



efforts of the Board Members, right from inception, and gracious support of Sponsors that these children received a new life of Hope, Love and direction to their otherwise hopeless lives.

These children had an urgent need the basic requirement of shelter. A survey of the Children's Home of Hope premises by a licensed government engineer reported that the main building was structurally unsound and unsafe for the children. This building, being very old, had developed large cracks and is crumbling on a day-to-day basis. Hence



on an earnest appeal from the CHOH management we donated Rs 5 Lakhs from our Chirag Foundation to the home.

You have helped to make the difference. Heartfelt Thanks to all of you.

A Day at the ZOO...

Just when I was contemplating the best way to welcome the new year with my friends, I came upon a mail from Project Chirag inviting volunteers to accompany the Udayan Care kids to the Delhi Zoo. And the idea instantly struck a chord with me.

I had planned to volunteer a few times earlier as well but, always the fateful sojourn was postponed due to some unforeseen circumstances. But this time, it was meant to be. I was absolutely delighted to meet such wonderful and bright kids. Their affection and excellent mannerisms befriended me instantly. We all had lots of fun, singing and dancing, on our way to the Delhi Zoo. I was amazed to see the amount and the variety of talent that these kids possess.

I was extremely happy to find out that they're all receiving good quality education and a wholesome upbringing. They had questions about everything and listened to all our answers very intently. I never had such deep satisfaction on all those new year's eves that I have spent in clubs and pubs.

After completing our tour of the zoo, we had



lunch and then went to the Indraprastha Park. Here we played Cricket, Badminton etc. with the kids and had lots of fun. Then we started back for the boys' home and headed straight for the basement where we setup our own music system and danced late into the evening. Though we were exhausted from the *masti* that we had during the day, but the new year spirit had only just started taking its toll. Someone has very truly said, "If you carry your childhood with you, you never become older."

I'm glad I decided to spend my new year's with these amazing set of children and kudos to the untiring and cheery spirits of all the accompanying. I will never forget that experience and will keep on looking forward to many more such days to come in the future.

Aditya Shrivastava
(Chirag Volunteer)

Volunteers for the visit To the zoo

Lokendra Jain
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IGrind welcomes Udyaan Care

The lights of the cafeteria went dim but none of us had the idea behind it. The services team played it emotionally smart and in sometime there was sparkle everywhere when 20 kids accompanied by their teachers and caretakers stepped down from the stairs moving towards the cafeteria right in front of us. The immediate feeling was like of the sunflower reacting to the Sunlight. Truly they were as fresh

all of us waiting to welcoming them with some known faces they felt so happy.

Kolaveri D blended with their love and enthusiasm created the magic.

We started our program around 3:15 pm with a welcome speech which was followed by an introduction round. Albeit it was difficult to remember all the names but I still remember their dreams. Listening to their hobbies and dreams made me feel so good and I felt so proud to be with those kids who had the hunger of Love.

The next event, was a painting competition. These lovely children had put in their thoughts, love, dreams their paintings. Music with some fun was a great idea and next we played Musical Chairs for them. Lots of hooting and cheering turned the environment like a live wire and I am happy to say that we had a girl amongst the winners.

These sweet little children presented some dance numbers and their enthusiasm spoke high about their happiness and how well they were prepared. Their enthusiasm turned all of us on and soon we found ourselves dancing along with these lovely ones. Chammak Chalo and

Like all good things this event also had to end. At last we distributed some gifts as a token of love and respect to the teachers, caretakers and the social workers with food packs to every member of Udayan care.

Nagendra Kumar Rampuria
(Chirag Volunteer)



I thank the Headstrong Team for being so thoughtful. We really had a great time!!

Mrs Anjana Jain
(Mentor Mother)
Udayan Care

as a blossom. The curiosity in them was clearly visible through their eyes. Moment they saw

World's loveliest kids + Zoo + Cricket + Dodge in the ball + lots of music + lots of dance + Happiest me = My New Year Eve Party!! :D

Last year's last day was one of the most memorable days of my life. Everytime, spending time with the Udayan care kids has given me lots of happiness along with a once in a life experience. Celebrating New Year with these kids is also one of them. My New Year Eve party had never been so enjoyable for me. All the Headstrong volunteers and all the kids had loads of fun that day.

All the kids are very affectionate as well as very talented, like "Ishika", the inquisitive one and "Pooja", the dancing Diva. It was a great day at the zoo and the Park!

So all in all, my 2011 ended with zero resolutions but a promise to my own self, to spend 2012 and many more years with the Udayan Care kids. Afterall, they are like my family now. ©

Kirti Malhotra
(Chirag Volunteer)



They have taken the challenge
to end the inequity in education.

Are you ready for a challenge?



JOIN THE MOVEMENT

TEACH FOR INDIA

Teach for India

Teach For India is a nationwide movement that aims to bridge the educational gap in India by placing outstanding college graduates and young professionals in low-income schools to teach full-time for 2 years. The organization's mission is to build the movement of leaders who will eliminate inequity in

education. Hence, Teach For India's Fellows are provided with intensive training and support throughout the two years, and are supported to enter the corporate, public and social sectors after their

Fellowship so that they become life-long leaders, across sectors,

advocating for educational equity.

The Teach for India Team came for a presentation to Headstrong to share their vision. They were on the lookout for individuals passionate about joining their movement to make a difference.

Volunteer for Chirag!!!

If you are enthusiastic about joining hands with Chirag, we have many opportunities through which you can be an active Chirag Volunteer.

- 1. Education (Aao Padhayan Kuch Kar Dikhayan) :** You can volunteer to teach children at Salma Public School and Udayan Care homes over weekends.
- 2. Health and Wellness :** You can also volunteer to be a part of the support team for various activities like Blood Donation camps, Health camps, communication and awareness drives.
- 3. Monetary :** Last but maybe the most important opportunity, you can contribute from your payroll towards Chirag Foundation.



To register yourself as a Chirag Volunteer,
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