

Young Leaders

Students at Hope Project see a new meaning in coming to school every day. They along with their representatives are responsible for running the school. Elected representatives organize all activities in the school along with their school mates and teachers. Seen in the picture are representatives standing proud and tall. Behind them, on the Board, the responsibilities have been listed out. Each student in school is assigned a 'House' and can find her name in either the Green, Red, Yellow or Blue House on the Board, as well as the specific responsibilities and tasks to be done.



Snap: Young Leaders

Learning New Skills

Every year different courses are organized by Hope Project to engage and train the youth during their summer break. Among the various skills on offer, baking was very popular. Resource persons were the young entrepreneurs who've been running their own business since five years. These young entrepreneurs who are now also staff members at Hope Project, were trained by a volunteer from the USA. Now they in turn are transferring this special skill to others. Summer courses were also offered in basic computer literacy, baking (Snap) and catering, Jewellery designing and making, and Henna design and application. All courses were led by internal resource persons.



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Hope on Wheels

Hope on Wheels is a complete Mobile Medical Unit equipped to provide health care cum education to the unreached poor. It was inaugurated on 17.06.08 (also the Urs of Pir Vilayat Khan). The Councilor from Nizamuddin Mr Farhad Suri cut the ribbon to flag off the noble venture. Eminent persons like Ambassador Fabian, former Indian ambassador in Austria, blessed the venture with their gracious presence.



With Hope on Wheels we go to the poor who were re-located at the periphery of the city in the course of slum resettlement schemes. Many of them lived in Nizamuddin before and already had been clients of the Hope Project. In these new resettlement colonies people indeed have their houses or apartments, but other infrastructure is lacking, particularly medical treatment.

Health Care to the Unreached

Health Fair was organized in September at Sarai Kale Khan. Objective was to provide quality health care and health education to the hundreds of poor families who had little or no access to it. Low cost nutritious food was also on display. A magician popped health messages especially on diabetes and heart problems during the course of his magic show ensuring rapt attention of all those present. A team of doctors from All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) screened persons for eye problems including cataract and offered appropriate treatment. Two street plays on social and health were performed to spread relevant health care messages on hygiene, alcoholism and drug abuse. Film shows were also held in the Mobile



Medical Unit "Hope on Wheels" for children stressing the importance of good education and health.

Snap: Magic Show at a Health Fair.

Micro Savings

The number of women in micro savings groups is now 449. They have formed a total of 33 self help groups (SHGs) and hold a cumulative saving of Rs 1470308 (appr. 29,400 US \$). They lend to each other within the group for purposes of health care, education, income generation and also domestic consumption. Decisions regarding sanction of loan, loan amount and repayment plan is all decided by the women members of the SHG. Some of the groups have been enabled to open an account in the bank. With their accounts they now have access to state credit programmes, too. The meetings are facilitated by staff members of Hope Project.

Placements

Periodically youth from the basti are sent for suitable training in especially the Hospitality sector. 16 boys were selected by Hope for undergoing training at a large hotel in Delhi. Through the interview held five boys (Riyaz, Javed, Amil, Shah-Ne-Alam and Tahir) were selected for Training at the Hotel. On successful completion of this training, they may find placements at the same or other places in the Hospitality Industry. Trained youth are also enabled to be gainfully employed. Imtiyaz was selected for office work at Comtech Networks Solution New Delhi and is earning Rs 3000 monthly (appr. 55US-\$). Five boys (Shazeb, Rahul, Faraz, Kasim and Almas) were selected for a large restaurant. Each of them is earning Rs.4000 per month (which is appr.70 US-\$).



Other youth applied for a training in a hospital.

Snap: Writing an assignment

Capacity Building

The 19th South Asian International Fund Raising Workshop was held in Agra from 23rd to 26th August. Two staff members participated. They attended different parallel sessions and collated their learnings by sharing what they learned each evening. Working towards long term sustainability and working with volunteers and donors were some of the important aspects touched upon during the course of the Workshop.

"It was wonderful to attend sessions on "fund raising", sharing experiences, learning skills of working professionally in NGOs and meeting people from different nations with similar missions".

Volunteers

Internships help a lot of people to get a deeper insight into our work at Hope.

Ritu, an Indian resident of the USA volunteered for ten months. She did a host of things from designing the Aashiyana brochure to training youth from the basti to conduct the Shan-e-Nizam Tourist walk. *Mira*, a volunteer from Germany helped students with their English conversation and also did some lessons on sketching. Students always eagerly looked forward to her classes.

Lara and *Julian* from Germany volunteered at Hope Project for six weeks. They too helped students in improving their English conversation. Besides, they made lovely snaps for the brochure using snaps of model friends with products from Aashiyana's range.

"Being part of Hope Project, experience the basti and to share valuable hours with the children was wonderful and special experience, I enjoyed it a lot. A special thanks to the staff."-Julian



Max (Snap) taught the Home Science students culinary delights. Fragrance of Cakes being baked and other wonderful dishes from Germany wafted through the air whenever he

was there.

Philipp and *Fabian* found their life changed. They worked with kids in the Pre-primary, students of the Non-formal school, and support classes. They also embarked upon translating the homepage of Hope Project into German besides teaching Home Science students new recipes for making Brezell bread and spatzle. Their efforts were much appreciated by the students and teachers.

"Hope Project is doing wonderful work, keep it up."-Fabian