



## Work for equality - "WE"- A step towards equal opportunities

### Monthly Newsletter -November 2017

**Work for Equality is a registered organization working for the benefits of marginalized communities especially with children for their holistic development.**

#### **Achievements of the month:**

**Success stories:** Pooja, a 10 years old girl was living on streets. As a child born and brought up on streets she had no opportunity to attend school. When she was 8 years old her leg was run over by a speeding car. When we first met her she could barely walk. Through regular counselling with Pooja and her parents, she was finally at our PRERANA RAINBOW HOME. The special diet, proper medication and care from our staff has been instrumental in her recovery process. November 2017 was an important month for us as she is finally ready to take up mainstream education through a special school.

Anita, now a 20-year-old girl, was pushed into child marriage. At the age of 15 her husband disowned her and left her on the streets with her family. Her family included 6 siblings. Anita's primary role was to take care of her siblings while the parents would try and earn for the day.

Work for equality guided Anita to pursue her studies. To help her support her own education we also trained her and now Anita is one of the staff members of Work for Equality.

Jyoti, a 12-year-old girl, was enrolled in school but to make ends meet she had to work as a child labour in a hotel. On meeting Jyoti's mother she shared that Jyoti was addicted to tobacco and due to poverty, unemployment and violence at home she was not able to support Jyoti's education.

We intervened and took this challenge of guiding and counselling Jyoti and her family members. Now for the last one month Jyoti has not eaten tobacco and has also started going to school regularly.

**PRERANA - Child Holistic and community Development Program:** In the month of November, we found eight new migrant families - Children and parents, in one of the communities. These children didn't get admission in regular school so they are now going to their village school. By participating in PRERANA project they are able to continue their studies.

In the month gone by, we started one more "ANGANWADI" i.e. children playgroup, for the Dehuphata community. This "ANGANWADI" provides educational and nutritional facilities to children who are not able to go to the regular Anganwadi, started by us, due to distance.





### Why Life Skills training program for the children:

*"Today's children are the future of our nation."*

One of the main objectives behind providing education to the children is to make them responsible and aware about various issues.

Through life skills we are trying to sensitize them on issues such as environment cleaning, family bonding, nutrition etc. so that they can spread the message to the parents and the community.

**Parent's Participation in Children Development:** Due to illiteracy marginalized parents do not have relevant/effective skills on parenting. We are providing support to such parents through home visits and parents meeting so that their skills get developed and polished and they are able to participate in the process of child development.



### **Sports for Change:**



Through PRERANA's initiative we are providing sports and yoga training, nutrition etc. to marginalized children who otherwise will not get this kind of exposure. We believe that many of these children might have the

potential but due to lack of such facilities can't explore their hidden talents.

### **Books for change**



Work for Equality is running a library for the deprived community children to enhance their reading skills.

### **Adolescent Girls group Picnic:**



Yelwadi PRERANA center organized a picnic for adolescent girls. This initiative helped to develop rapport with adolescent girls.



**Celebration of Children's Day:** We celebrated Children's day on 14 November 2017. It was a fun program for the children which included dance, musical chair, Mendhi and puppet show.



**Awareness workshop for employees on sexual harassment of women at workplace:**

We conducted two workshops for the employees of Gabriel and Continental India Pvt. Ltd. These workshops helped employees to change their views on the issue of women particularly on sexual abuse of women at workplace.



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