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July Edition

**Educational Inequity**

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Dear Readers,

Welcome to The First Edition of Cathedral Cares 2025! This newsletter was founded with the aim of building awareness of the excellent work being done by many charitable organisations in Mumbai, hoping to inspire the students of the Senior School to volunteer and make a difference, in their own unique ways, to the community around them. The work of the mentioned NGOs has a variety of beneficial effects; it helps families through added income, provides higher self-esteem and adds purpose to lives.

This edition's theme is the Power of Education: More than 1 million children were recorded as out of school in 2024 in India. By volunteering at any of these 4 incredible organisations, we hope to leave a positive impact on those around us, through offering academic support, helping teach children, organising discussion groups, and many other activities. Although these NGOs primarily focus on education, they are happy to assist you in volunteering for their other social and civic outreach programs as well. Education is at the heart of all societal progress, and we hope you take the time out to support some of the meaningful work being done by these NGOs.

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## TEAM EVEREST

Founded in 2006, Team everest began in rural Tamil Nadu. Founder, Karthee Vidya, began by supporting 70% of former child labourers in Tamil Nadu by funding their education. Today, it is a registered NGO in both India and the USA, driven by the mission to create a culture of volunteering to ensure quality schooling for underprivileged children.



Join the 100,000+ volunteers by clicking the link below, or donate - it only costs Rs. 42,000 to sponsor a child's education. However, any amount is appreciated.

Millions of young Indians face extreme educational inequality, and are unable to reach their full potential. Team Everest bridges this gap by supporting and uplifting students. For example, their 'I Am the Change' scholarship provides financial support to parentless and single-parented youth, along with career training and internship opportunities. Can you believe they've already sponsored over 3,600 students to graduation?

“When you volunteer, you feel like on top of the world—an Everest moment!”

~ Karthee Vidya, Founder



To teach in person or virtually [click here](#).

For more information contact Mr. Karthee Vidya,  
Founder of Team Everest at 73396 88365

# TEAM EVEREST

## VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

### Featured Events:

1. Change The Future - Fundraise from friends and family to help at least 1 student continue their education.

### Virtual Events:

1. Teach a rural college student 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills online through 13 phone call sessions spread across 20 days,
2. Motivate children by creating cards for them through the Appreciation Card Making virtual event.
3. Make bird feeders to save birds from hunger through Feed a Bird.

### In Person Events:

1. Visit to Old Age Home - Interact with elders living in old age homes through activities and games.

**NOTE - For more details please visit the Team Everest website by [clicking here](#).**

## BHUMI

Founded in 2006 by a group of youth in Chennai, Bhumi is now one of India's largest independent youth volunteer non-profits. They want to ensure every child has access to quality education, and empower youth to lead civic action. It operates in 15+ cities and has 30,000+ volunteers across India. You could be one of them!



Over 80,000 youth were trained in 2024 via digital initiatives with partners like realme. Even you can volunteer and donate now, it's that simple!



Bhumi delivers remedial teaching, digital literacy, mentorship and life skills to underprivileged children who need it. Their work is divided into 2 verticles - Ignite, whose mission is to transform education, and catalyse, which drives civic engagement. Aside from STEM engagement and communication skills, volunteers also organise clean-up drives, tree plantation, animal welfare, road safety campaigns as well as disaster response.

“Volunteer. Lead. Inspire”

~ Bhumi's guiding belief, reminding us that change begins with youth-driven action.



To create an impact by teaching or donating [click here](#)  
For more information email contact@bhumi.ngo

# BHUMI

## VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

### Leadership:

1. Protect our Planet - Organise clean-up drives, tree plantations, and waste management to promote environmental conservation and animal welfare.

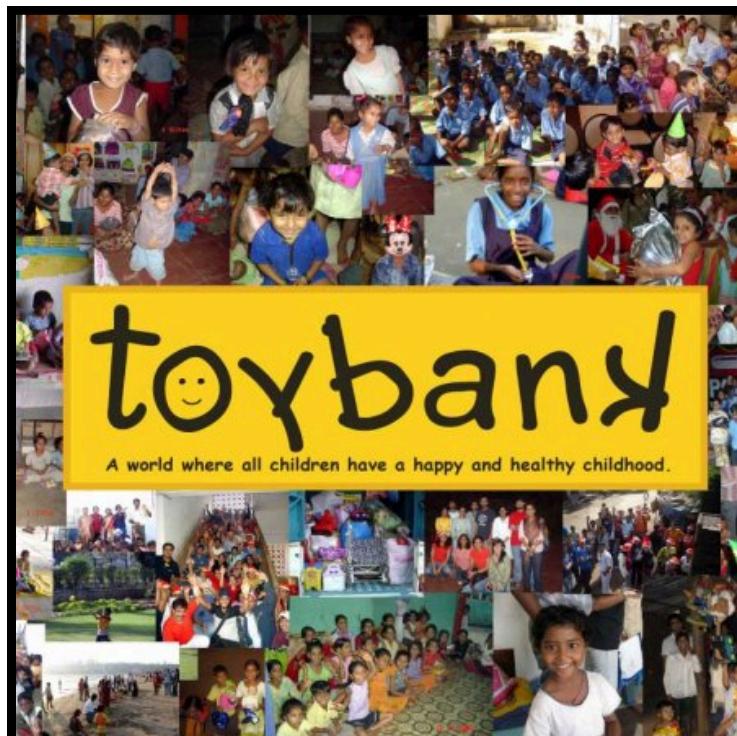
### Volunteering

1. Help underprivileged students apply for scholarships, verify documents, and track their progress through the Bring Smiles Scholarship.
2. Teach English, math, science, or life skills to underprivileged children through the Empower Children flagship program.
3. Build communication skills in scholarship students through weekly meetings over WhatsApp or Zoom, assisting them with studies.
4. Provide emotional as well as academic support to a student over the duration of 12 months through the Volunteer Buddy program.

**NOTE** - For more details please visit the Bhumi website by [clicking here](#).

# TOYBANK

Founded in 2004 by Shweta Chari and Vikram Nerurkar, Toybank champions the belief that play is essential to childhood. Through its 'Conscious Play' initiative, it operates over 400 Play2Learn centers across Maharashtra. It aims to transform lives by enabling play-based learning for underprivileged children.



Over 150,000 children in 423+ schools engage in Play2Learn centers annually. Support, volunteer or donate now to ensure every child can experience play.



Toybank addresses the missed opportunities for cognitive growth and creativity by reimagining play as a fundamental tool for holistic development. By collecting unused toys and refurbishing used ones, they create age-graded kits which are then distributed across India. With over 7,600 teachers trained as play facilitators, safe playrooms and adaptive libraries for children with disabilities is just the beginning.

“Through Play, we can simplify and teach children important life lessons.”

~ Onkar Pande, Toybank  
volunteer



To conduct play sessions or donate your toys contact:  
[volunteer@toybank.org](mailto:volunteer@toybank.org) or call: +91 80808 68235

# TOYBANK

## VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

1. You can conduct play sessions with children (ages 3-14) in anganwadis (child care centers) through the Play2Learn Programme.
2. You can conduct structured play activities for older kids (ages 6–14), in the Conscious Play Programme.
3. Organise local drives to distribute toy kits to Play2Learn centres through the Toy Refurbishment & Collection Drives.
4. Record audio/video content in Marathi/Hindi/other languages for Toybank's digital play kits in the Seva Mela Digital Volunteering activity.

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