

NGO Partner: JAMGHAT

About JAMGHAT (<http://jamghat.org/>)

In 2003, Action Aid India forwarded a grant to design a play about life on the streets. Fourteen street children came together with theatre artists Amit Sinha and Lokesh Jain, and their lives were forever changed. The play was performed for Prince Charles and was such a success that it travelled in India and abroad for the next 3 months.

The experience nurtured self-confidence and a feeling of capability in the children. They realized this and refused to return to the streets. Despite lack of funds, they decided to live together and continue spreading awareness through theatre. **Jamghat, a lively gathering**, was thus born. From this unplanned beginning, Jamghat has grown into the holistic organization it is today. It comprises of young adult professionals and volunteers with a variety of skills and experiences.

Registered NGO that aims to help children living and working on the streets of Delhi to realize their dreams and re-join society by offering opportunities for street children and society alike to make changes in their lives. With the belief in the right of every child to have a full-fledged childhood where he/she has the right to protection, respect, opportunities and participation in his/her growth and development, we have been abiding by the principle of democracy and children's participation in decision making as part of its programme planning, monitoring and evaluation.

Currently, they work at three centres – two children's homes & a day care centre for these vulnerable children and through these they are reaching out to about 75 children on a daily basis.

JAMGHAT'S Vision

To form a joyful, open, living, learning collective that facilitates growth and takes care of children's needs according to age.

JAMGHAT'S Mission

To provide an environment where street children can evolve as physically and emotionally healthy, self-dependent individuals, living a life of their choice. To use street and stage theatre to nurture self confidence in the children and build awareness in society on key social issues related to street children.

JAMGHAT'S Objective

- Provide a residential program to children who are without a safe home or family;
- Encourage and support reconciliation with families whenever possible;
- Connect street children and the larger population through volunteerism and theatre;
- Build volunteer and staff capacity to understand and address issues concerning street children;

- Create an environment where street children are respected as individuals working for their livelihood.

JAMGHAT'S Current Programs

- **Two children's homes for boys and girls:** 26 orphaned or abandoned boys and girls make Jamghat their home and live as a family, go to school, attend tuitions, attend counselling sessions, play games and celebrate birthdays. **Had it not been for these two homes, the children would be at the traffic signals knocking on your car begging, rag picking, stealing and scrounging for food from the overflowing dustbins- at nightfall, sleeping inside drain pipes, hiding from police beatings.**
 - **Aman – children's home for boys**
Aman is a home to 15 boys coming from the streets between the age group 6 to 18. Two elder boys are enrolled in the NIOS and also pursue vocational training. All younger boys go to different, regular public schools in Delhi. They live in the home learning, studying and enjoying in an environment which helps them in their personality development as well. They actively take part in theatre activities, have regular coaching classes, get the access to a variety of games, sports and books, overcoming drug and alcohol addictions, eating complete healthy meals, and caring for each other as brothers. In addition to this, the children receive counselling and support in approaching their family whenever possible. Once fully trained in their respective fields, these children – then young adults – are free to move out as self-sustaining individuals to create their own independent lives.
 - **Aanchal – children's home for girls**
A residential home for girls, Aanchal has ten girls presently, who have all come from very diverse and tough backgrounds – some being abandoned by parents, some having drug addicted or differently abled parent, some are forced to beg and are totally deprived of any opportunity to grow up with dignity. While they live with us, whenever possible we will try to reconcile the children with their families. After having run the boys' home effectively since 2003, we started this home in October 2010, realising strongly the need for a shelter for a small group of vulnerable girls. All the girls go to different government and Public schools. One elder child is also enrolled in vocational training programme (beautician). They live, learn and grow together as a family, while working towards being able to support themselves and possibly even return to their families with Jamghat's support and new found confidence.
- **A Day Care Centre – for street children in Old Delhi: Aangan – day care centre for children**
The day care centre – Aangan, was started in 2008 and since then we have been working directly with the most vulnerable of street children through this centre. In partnership with Max India Foundation, the day care centre offers food, bathing facilities, formal and non-formal education opportunities and a safe place to be a child off the streets of Old Delhi to 30-50 children every day. They come to us at 10 am and leave us at 6 pm. Every day they have their personal washing time, non-formal education classes running for them in the centre, game time, many other

activities and most importantly a safe place for the day with caring workers and volunteers. Activities at the centre include games, workshops, arts, sex education and literary activities. Additionally a doctor from Max chain of hospitals provides monthly medical checkups for the children. Jamghat works to provide further support to any child interested in vocational training or education. Many children have also been enrolled in regular schools. It's disheartening to see them go back to the street at the end of the day but we can take some solace out of the smiles we get during the day.

- **Ekjut – A Vocational Training Unit and an Income Generation Project:**

Ekjut is an eco-friendly vocational training & income generating programme initiated by Jamghat. This Project Seeks to build vocational skills of the children to ensure possible means of their livelihood. It also aims to ensure Jamghat's self sustainability to reduce its dependency on outside funding. Ekjut produces wallets, purses, folders, laptop case, toiletry bags, grocery bags, laundry bag, news paper bag, shoes bag, hair dryer bag, messenger bags & any more. Jamghat, through its **EKJUT** platform has enabled many young women to train in making eco friendly products such as pouches, file covers, laptop bags ,handbags and so on. We are looking for opportunities to strengthen EKJUT in a way that it becomes a steady **incomesource** for the young people working in it. EKJUT also has the potential for being a **self sustaining** funds generating platform to meet the unexpected, emergency funding requirements for Jamghat that come up from time to time.

- **Theatre – As a Tool for Generating Awareness:**

Created and led by Jamghat's volunteers, experienced theatre people in Jamghat's board and its director, this aspect aims to connect society at large to various social issues. Through street plays, stage plays and theatre workshops, Jamghat works to generate awareness about social issues as well as funds for organizational support, while building awareness of self within these issues. We have worked with such organizations as: Child Relief and You, World Health Organization, World Bank, and International Labour Organization among others, to effectively spread the word about numerous social concerns.

- **Night Walks – Creating Experiential Learning:**

This free, 2-hour walk aims to sensitize the public to the needs, dangers, and fun of being a street child. We guide a group of volunteers with the staff through Old Delhi from 8pm-midnight, walking through the streets, visiting shelters, and providing experiential learning about life on the streets. The walk is conducted in the commercial localities of Jama Masjid, Lal Quila, Kodia Pul and Fountain Chowk, which form homes to thousands of homeless children.

Funds Required by JAMGHAT Towards Educational & Training Expenses

Sub Heads	Actual Expense Per Month	Fund Needed Per Month	Total	Remarks
Printing & Stationery: Aman	2000	2000	24000	Printout (color and B&W) for children's School work and stationery for their educational need.
Printing & Stationery: Aanchal	2000	2000	24000	Printout (color and B&W) for children's School work. And stationery for their educational need.
Printing & Stationery: Aangan	2000	2000	24000	Printout (color and B&W) for children's School work. And stationery for their educational need.
Vocational Training Expense: Aman	10000	10000	120000	we must provide vocational training to child before 18 year of their age
Vocational Training Expense: Aanchal	10000	10000	120000	we must provide vocational training to child before 18 year of their age
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Internet Expense: Aman	1500	1500	18000	Internet needed for children for educational purpose and for official work
Internet Expense: Aanchal	1500	1500	18000	Internet needed for children for educational purpose and for official work
Internet Expense: Aangan	1500	1500	18000	Internet needed for children for educational purpose and for official work
Repair & Maintenance in 3 Center	15000	15000	180000	This might include all kind of maintenance related to home and assets.
Total Amount Required by Jamghat			<u>570000</u>	
Neikee Foundation's Administrative Charges	10% of the total requirement		<u>57000</u>	
	Total Fund Raise Request**		<u>627000</u>	

****90% of all donations are transferred to the respective campaigns while 10% is retained by Neikee to cover administrative costs.**