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New Beginning - Wellbeing centres in North & west Delhi

All efforts are on so that more children are able to get access to welfare schemes. The **Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights in collaboration with SBT**, launched two Bal Vikas Kendra, a child well being centre at the JJ cluster at Lal Bagh, Model town and Raghbir Nagar. The Lal Bagh centre had the honour of being inaugurated by the Ministry of Education and Women & Child Development, Ms. Atishi.



The community is situated on the bank of a railway track where children from age of 6 months to 18 years get a nutritious lunch, **Non-Formal Education (NFE) assistance, medical support and exposure to various co-curricular activities** such as dance and computer classes. Our team is helping the children in obtaining essential documents like Aadhaar cards and birth certificates to access government welfare schemes covering not only educational needs but also their health, and overall well-being.

Success Story - Laxmi

A Tale of Resilience, Determination, & Success



Laxmi's journey is a testament to the incredible power of patience, persistence, and hard work.

She arrived at Rose Udaan Home when she was 14. Tragically, her mother had passed away, and her step-father, an alcoholic, subjected her to repeated abuse. However, Laxmi's outspoken and headstrong nature refused to surrender to the darkness of her circumstances. She bravely spoke out against the abuse, leading to her and her three younger siblings being sent to SBT for a safe and nurturing future.

Upon joining Udaan, Laxmi enrolled in a school, being interested in the culinary arts, she underwent training in food production and had the opportunity to intern at Country-Inn at Chattarpur. She faced a significant challenge here – her communication. Skills were below par to fit into the hospitality industry. Determined to overcome this new hurdle, Laxmi took the initiative to enrol in a public speaking and communication course at the prestigious Oxford Institute.

Laxmi went on to get selected to work at Bakerz Lounge, where she gained valuable exposure to various aspects of the hospitality industry. Driven by her ambition, Laxmi pursued a diploma in front office operations at the esteemed Indian Institute of Management, Jodhpur. Her perseverance and hard work have paid off as she recently received a job offer from Hotel Grand Mercure, Bangalore, a renowned 5-star hotel under the Accor group. Her role as a Guest Relations Associate - Front Office is a testament to her determination, resilience, and the immense progress she has made throughout her young life. Her story will always bring a smile to everyone who helped her in her journey.



ILMA - A story of bravery and hope

Sometimes, a small intervention can have a profound impact on a child's life. This is the remarkable story of Ilma, a brave young girl who found hope and a path to success from our Udaan girls home. When Ilma ran away from her home, her future seemed uncertain and her circumstances dire.

However, once the Child Welfare Committee placed her in the Udaan home, her path to success kept opening up magically. Although her house was later traced near Ghaziabad, Ilma made a courageous decision to stay on at SBT. She was motivated to continue her studies through distance learning. She worked to take her 10th grade exams and parallelly enrolled in a vocational training program in hotel care management. Ilma now works as a room attendant at the prestigious ITC Maurya hotel. While working at ITC Maurya, Ilma didn't let her educational aspirations fade away. She continued her studies and is currently pursuing her 12th grade education through distance learning.

Despite her challenging circumstances, she takes it upon herself to support her mother and three siblings financially. Ilma has become a pillar of strength for her family. We are very proud of her.

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3. CBSE 10th & 12th Results

The CBSE has recently announced the results for Class 10 and 12th and our children know it very well that exams can only judge their papers not the talent

#	Name	Percentage	Centre
Class 12th			
1.	Arif	78	DMRC Children home for boys
2.	Shyam Sunder	74	DMRC Children home for boys
3.	Puran	71	DMRC Children home for boys
4.	Sita	67	Arushi home for girls
5.	Kashish	70	Udaan home for girls
6.	Priyanka	58	Kisalaya Centre
7.	Sheetal	73	Kisalaya Centre
8.	Shivam	75	Prerna Centre
9.	Farida	63	Prerna Centre
10.	Meena	72	Prerna Centre
Class 10th			
11.	Sakshi	66	Arushi home for girls
12.	Iccha	65	Udaan home for girls
13.	Pooja	78	Udaan home for girls
14.	Krishna Giri	72	DMRC Children home for boys
15.	Raj Verma	56	GRP centre
16.	Monty	54	GRP centre
17.	Dharmesh	62	GRP centre
18.	Ashish	46	Pragati Centre
19.	Sonia	67	Parveen Centre

Staff Story - Nirmala Devi

A 29 year long journey of compassion and growth

In 1994, Nirmala Devi embarked on her journey as a social worker in the Nabi Karim slum area, most children of this community were non-school going and used to beg around New Delhi Railway station. She tirelessly served the community for five years. Then she was transferred to one of the boys' homes. It was here that she graciously took charge of the candle making unit, working alongside the alumna children. These beautifully crafted candles were sold during Diwali melas, making around 3 Lakh annually and instilling a sense of pride and accomplishment within them.



In 2010, Nirmala Devi embraced a new role as a welfare officer, where her zeal to learn computers at the age of 50 and handle MIS software became the inspiring talk of our organisation. Her hard work and unwavering sense of responsibility got recognition, leading to a well-deserved promotion in 2019. Nirmala was elevated to the position of Assistant Coordinator at the Udaan Girls home.

As Nirmala continues to navigate her journey, she does so with a heart filled with gratitude and a determination to create positive change. She sets an inspiring example for others in the field of social work. Her journey serves as a reminder that age should never be a barrier to learning and pursuing one's passions.

Devastating Fire in Shastri Park SBT extends support to affected Families

A horrifying fire broke out due to the leakage of a LPG cylinder in the slum cluster of Shastri Park. This unfortunate catastrophe during peak summer, left 40 families in a state of shock and despair. The poorest of poor lost what little they had.



In the midst of this tragic event, our team sprang into action. SBT has been running a mobile School dedicated to providing education and support to the underprivileged children of the community in the area, for more than a decade.

The SBT team conducted a thorough survey of the affected area to assess the immediate needs of the affected families and took swift action to provide ration kits to all 40 families. These kits included essential food items such as rice, sugar, cooking oil, dal (lentils), salt, as well as utensils, soap, detergent, and clothes. Keeping in mind our focus to ensure that the community realises the importance of education in the lives of the children, SBT also ensured that the families received stationary supplies and school bags for the young ones to resume their studies. Moreover, SBT remains committed to standing by the affected families in the long run. As the affected families navigate the path to recovery, they can find comfort in knowing that they are supported.

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Alumna Meet New alumna office bearers

Twice a year we get together with our children who have gone on to lead their own adult lives but continue to come back to give SBT kids what guidance they can. Stories are told, joyful gains and sad losses are shared in an atmosphere of comradery and bonding. The beautiful environs of Ojas Art Gallery played host to our latest alumna- meet that brought together over 100 of us together. The event this year was a little bit more special, as it was time for electing new office bearers to steer the informal alumnae group forward.



For the past five years, Mr. Vicky and Mr. Pankaj had been leading the alumnae group, especially during the challenging times of the Covid-19 pandemic. The highlight of the meet was a democratic election process, in which every member present cast their vote.

With great enthusiasm and anticipation, Ms. Khushboo, a talented fashion designer, was elected as the new President, joining her as Vice-President was Mr. Shivalak, a passionate Physical Education Trainer.

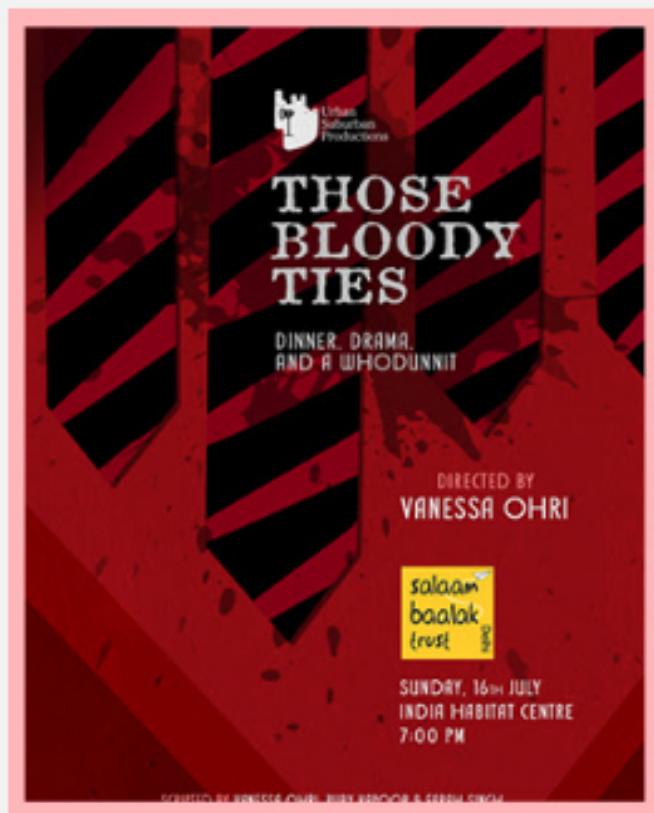
The newly elected leaders have already begun outlining their plans for the future. It is always heartening to note that our alumnae community stands united, supporting one another through thick and thin.

Upcoming Events

An engaging and mysterious murderer is on the loose! An eventful evening with drinks and dinner is planned - come watch the dinner murder mystery as part of our on-going efforts to raise funds for our projects. We need your support to make this event a success.

For contributions and donor passes pls contact Tanya Alag @ 9811163926 or email at tanya@salaambaalaktrust.org

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September 2023

The poster features a yellow background with a central photograph of a group of young people in teal shirts celebrating on a cricket field. Flanking the photo are six flaming baseball/ball icons. Below the photo, the text 'We are going to the World Cup' is written in bold. To the right of the photo, there is descriptive text about the Street Child Cricket World Cup. At the bottom, there is more text and a note about financial assistance.

We are going to the World Cup

Salaam Baalak Trust is one of the 21 teams participating this year for the STREET CHILD CRICKET WORLD CUP, scheduled for Sept 2023 in Chennai. Organised by Street Child United which builds a global platform for street children, so they can demand the protection, support, and opportunities every child deserves.

Using cricket as a platform for positive change, the second edition (the 1st edition of the Cricket World Cup took place in 2019, at Parker's Piece in Cambridge) of the Street Child Cricket World Cup will take place in Chennai, India in September 2023, hosted in partnership with Save the Children India.

21 teams from countries across the globe will join in India for the second edition of the Street Child Cricket World Cup ahead of the ICC World Cup 2023. The street connected young people will take part in a mixed-gender cricket tournament, a festival of arts and a congress on street children's rights.

We need financial assistance to cover the costs of Participation fee + travel/Accommodation, sports uniforms/kits, shoes, nutrition, and training. Your donation can make a difference and have a meaningful impact on these children's lives.



Highlights

A New Contact Point at Usmanpur

A colourful bus is on its way to better the lives of children in urban slums âœ our Mobile School programme covers children in Shastri Park and now we are ready to cater to children of migrant labours who are non-school going and make do with eking out a living around the Usmanpur area.



During the three-hour stops at each location, the bus conducts a range of activities - non-formal education sessions, creative arts programs, counselling, hygiene, social skills and child rights along with evening nutrition and a first aid service to attend to any immediate medical needs or emergencies that may arise during the sessions.

Collaboration

Saving the environment is on the conscious of every aware youth right now – our kids are imbibing this everyday through workshops and talks. This month we express our heartfelt gratitude to WWF (World Wildlife Fund) at Lodhi Garden and Dusty Foot Production for their efforts in organizing an educational and impactful outing to raise awareness about environmental conservation. Children and teachers alike gained insights into different types of plants, birds, and trees, their uses and the benefits they offer.



Cricket Fever

The IPL fever was certainly on, and our children had the exciting opportunity to attend a match at Feroze Shah Kotla Stadium. These little fans thoroughly enjoyed the match between the Delhi and Hyderabadâ s teams. Their joy and enthusiasm warmed our hearts. Watching live cricket was indeed an exhilarating experience, especially for budding cricketers. A big Thank you to â {â }. Foundation for turning this dream into reality.



Earth Day

The staff at SBT organised an entire session on Earth Day to engage and educate the children and thoughtfully pique the curiosity about the concerns facing our natural world. Starting with an interesting PowerPoint presentation on environment conservation, followed by poster-making activity and concluding the sessions in a creative way, the children were engaged throughout the day and expressed their thoughts and shared ideas on how to conserve the environment.



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