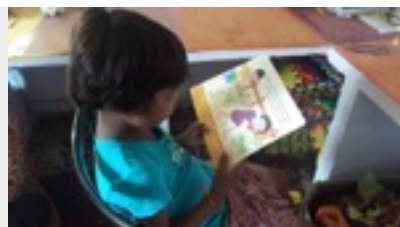




# KARM MARG

| Newsletter : July- September 2016|



## Success Story: Poonam



Poonam came to Karm Marg at the age of 5 along with two younger sisters in the year 2000. As we interacted with her more, we discovered that she is a slow learner and has a speaking disorder. She was full of anger and resorted to physical violence when others

didn't understand what she wanted to convey. Communication was a huge issue highlighted more by the fact that her IQ pegged at 55.

Along with a lot of love, care and warmth at the home by the caregivers to win her confidence, what worked brilliantly was sending her to a school for children with special needs. First she attended Sahyog Training centre where she learnt how to read and write basics. Meanwhile we discovered that she had a lot of potential in doing methodical repetitive tasks. So we arranged for her vocational training at Shaurya Foundation. She was quick to learn so many things like packaging, candle making and baking. They moved her up to training her in stock taking and sale of products. After a year of training, we were very impressed with the confidence she exhibited along with an inherent leadership quality and thorough management skills.

We sent her for further three month skill training to Very Special Arts India in Vasant Kunj, where she learnt block printing, cloth pasting and news paper bag making. She is currently handling Karm Marg's new bakery unit. Not the one to stay passive, her interest in a Beautician's course is now consuming her full time and she is under training one of Karm Marg's alumni who runs a training centre cum beauty parlour near by. According to her mentor, she is very diligent and has almost learnt waxing, hair massage, manicure, pedicure and facial.

With all these skills in her kitty, we are sure that she will soon be able to become financially independent. Seeing her progress makes us all really proud of her.

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## **Special Task**

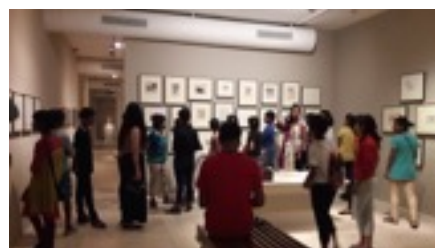
This whole quarter was busy with receiving and discharging children because of intense Muskan Operation 2, which is a focused initiative taken by Govt and Police department to reunite missing children with their families. It was really taxing time for us to deal with so many new children as well as co-ordinate with the government departments and the police at the same time. In July itself, we had to deal with 35 such cases. Most new children placed with us during this operation for short term care came with severe behavioural issues due to emotional and sexual abuse. We were expected to fulfil our duty to provide them emotional security and support as well as find out their family whereabouts. Doing both in such short time, under so much pressure, for so many children was a tough task requiring a lot of skill and emotional strength, the logistical nightmare notwithstanding. But we are proud to report that we successfully managed to restore all the children to their biological families. A lot of learning took place along with the experience that has been an invaluable addition to the care giving and co-ordination skills of the staff. Dealing with the triggering of emotions and the upheaval it brought into the children who are under long term care with us is still carrying on.

## **KM Beneficiaries at a glance**

		<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Total No. of Children</b>
1	At Karm Marg	28	17	45
2	New children -Short stay	4	3	7
3	New children- Permanent stay			0
4	Children restored with their families	12	36	48
5	Young adults under Skill Training at Jugaad (Full Time)	3		3
6	Young adults under Skill Training at Jugaad (Part Time)	9	5	14
7	Young adults in job training or placements outside KM	1	4	5
8	Total Number of Direct Beneficiaries			122
9	Total Number of Indirect Beneficiaries Library Project - 200 Rural women associated with Jugaad- 48			248
	<b>Total Number of Beneficiaries</b>			<b>370</b>

## Stories from Karm Gaon

On 20th July, 20 of our children went to Kiran Nadar Museum to see the wonderful exhibition of Himmat Shah's work organised by Art Reach. All the children very enthusiastic to see the different form of art, they also got a chance to do some painting and art work.



On 28<sup>th</sup> August, 10 of our kids went to Creativity Adda (an after school program) in Dariyaganj to participate in Dhamaal Chawki program which is an alternate form of learning by peer to peer interaction amongst children from various NGOs.

Tara and Shama conducted a workshop on 'Making a Planter' with plastic bottles and also put up a stall for showcasing Jugaad products. It was an exciting day for the children as they learnt so many new things there and got the opportunity to participate in many different activities.



On 28<sup>th</sup> September, all the children visited Neighbourhood, an animal care shelter to celebrate their first anniversary. This NGO is run by Ayesha Christina who has been a supporter of Mark Marg and helps us with all our dog related issues.

## Stories from Karm Gaon

Deepak, our alumni, who has successfully completed his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree has started taking art class at KM.

Children love attending his workshop. Together they have made a beautiful mural on the wall. The way he has honed his talent is an inspiration for the children.



In September Tanu Shree Singh, another regular supporter conducted a storytelling and greeting card making workshop for all the younger children.



Seven of our older girls performed a theatrical piece in their school under the government's 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhaao' campaign. They ideated, wrote, acted and directed it all on their own. Their play received much appreciated by the teachers and local village Sarpanch.



On 15<sup>th</sup> August, our resident yoga enthusiast Babli did a Yoga demonstration at her school in the presence of village Sarpanch. They all were very impressed by her yoga skill and she was awarded Rs 500 as a token of their appreciation.

On 8<sup>th</sup> September the HR department of Taj Vivanta Hotel in Faridabad visited KM again. They conducted a general knowledge quiz, drawing competition and a session on personal hygiene awareness for children. Our children look forward to their visits and thoroughly enjoy the different activities they plan every time.



## Health Care

On 6<sup>th</sup> Sept, doctors from the local hospital came to KM to conduct an awareness program on Dengue and Chickengunia. Both these seasonal fevers have been creating havoc around Delhi. They gave good tips and cleared many doubts that our staff had.

Mahua fall sick in the month of July and was diagnosed with Pneumonia. Samadhan was also admitted in AIIMS after being diagnosed with Dengue. Samadhan has fully recovered and Mahua is still under treatment. Fortunately due to timely intervention and natural measures like drinking Giloi concoction, all other children managed to escape unscathed in this epidemic.

## Festivals



On 7<sup>th</sup> July we celebrated the festival of Eid with delicious Seviyan and a dance party.

On the occasion of Rakhshabandhan KM alumni, Veena and the kids got together to celebrate. Our staff member Ghanshaym bhaiya's homemade traditional sweet dish, Besan ke Laddoo were a big hit. As part of our sponsored Mazedaar meals, a few favourite food items were specially arranged as a special treat for the children.



## Exposure and Interaction visit



On 9<sup>th</sup> June Adhyayan, a NGO from Delhi, came to KM for an exposure visit to understand the concept of Karm marg and Jugaad. They interacted with the kids and played games together. Jugaad unit heads demonstrated our processes to help them understand how we work with waste material.

The other team who visited us in September, are the folks from Creativity Adda in Dariyaganj. They also wanted to see our skill training program. We arranged various workshops for them like paper bag making, screen printing, stitching etc. The association with them has been mutually beneficial. A lot of sharing of skills and processes have taken place benefiting children from both organisations. After the training they were taught how to play a local traditional game called Paala, which is very popular with the KM children. It was lovely to see all of them bonding and having a great time over a music session too. Overall it was a day full of learning, fun, games and music.



Our children also visited Prakriti School in Noida which follows an alternate education system. The children enjoyed interacting and participating in the various art and craft activities organised by them.

### Library project

On 20<sup>th</sup> September we organised a storytelling session titled 'Swar', for the local Government Primary School and Paramhansa Sr. Sec. School. The workshop was conducted by Rishabh Mittal a very talented storyteller and theatre artist. Over 200 children were absolutely captivated with his theatrical storytelling style. The language content, the message of self confidence and the discussion post the session made it even more meaningful.



### Skill Training & Alternative Learning



Two of our young boys Rahul and Abdul had no interest in going to a traditional school. They were becoming withdrawn and disruptive. In spite of being very intelligent, they were absolutely disconnected with the formal way of learning. So once they turned 14, we decided to send them for an alternative learning program. They have been attending Creativity Adda in Daryiganj for three months now. They are learning slow cooking and baking. They are also exploring how to use different kinds of



millet flour in everyday cooking to add to the existing nutrition value. The best result has been that they are now enthusiastic about learning again and treat the children at home with whatever they learn there. The kids tasted their first homemade Pizzas and Momos thanks to Abdul. Rahul got the opportunity to attend a 4 day cooking workshop at Namah resort, Jim Corbett National Park. We are very pleased to see them happy and excited with life again.

## **Visitors**

Alin and Sanjay along with her kids visited KM with our long term friend Pooja Ratnakar. Children tied Rakhi on their wrists too making them feel part of the Rakhi festivities.

On 16 and 18<sup>th</sup> of August our old friend Maggi from Spain visited us. She donated clothes, stationary and shoes for the kids.

## **Finances as a glance** (July to September 2016):

**FCR Donation Received: Rs.141,101**

**Indian Donation Received: Rs. 2,30,350**

## **News from Jugaad**

In the month of July and August, we were busy producing and delivering our Rakhi orders. The Rakhi team successfully completed all the order on time. The designs were well appreciated and we intend to make this a seasonal feature by marketing it more vigorously. We expect to receive orders from a few shops and individuals who participate at various Rakhi exhibitions next year.

The team consisted of staff members and young adults who helped in creating the the designs and with production too: A well deserved mention for all their hard work: Veena, Shabila, Pooja, Rihana with the help of Shama, Tara, Farzana, Rihana, Vartha and Teena. And a special mention to Preeti didi for doing all our marketing and deliveries personally.

Buyers from Japan visited Karm Marg and Jugaad along with Veena didi in the month of September to discuss new designs and placed orders.

New product development has been the focus this quarter so that we are in time for the coming season. We have developed a totally new product line which we are going to launch around Diwali season. We are also taking a bigger space for our office so that we can have a small shop there to display our product line and increase our retail sales.

## **Jugaad at a glance:**

**Total no. of rural women associated with Jugaad: 48**

**Total no. of our young adults associated with Jugaad: 7 (4 girls and 3 boys, including five with special needs)**

**Total sales this quarter: Rs. 4,17,256**

**Expenditure this quarter : Rs. 8,25,087**

As we shared in the last quarter, we do need some financial support this year.

It would be great if you can share the request for donation and sponsorship with your friends and family. Donations can be made online, by cash or cheque!

Online Donation link

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**Sponsorship options for people with different interests, passions and pockets!**

\* Pre-reservation of seat in Heaven..Full year sponsorship for one child!!!: Rs. 30,000

\* Foodies Fun! Yearly Nutritional needs: Rs. 15,000

\* Degree Lovers Delight! Yearly Education expenses: Rs. 15,000

\* Health Freaks! Yearly Medical expenses: Rs. 5,000

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\* Sacrificing Saint!! Skip a drink, smoke, meal, movie, gift and donate instead!!!

Monthly Sponsorship For ONE Child:

Milk: Rs. 250 | Fruits&Veg: Rs. 500 | Education: Rs.1,000 | Vocational Training: Rs. 1,500

\* Birthday, Anniversary and Memorial Junkies!!

Sponsor ONE regular meal for ALL the children: Rs. 3,000

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Help us do the math and total up your brownie points!!

I would like to contribute Rs. .... to Karm Marg.

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