

# KARM MARG CHARITABLE SOCIETY

Newsletter April- June 2021

**The start of the quarter did bring unpleasant circumstances for Karm Marg.**

In the beginning of the quarter few of the children started falling sick. This created panic and fear among the residents. It was the big task for us to keep 20 children quarantined from other children with all the safety and precautions but we managed to take care of them by following all the protocols and got all the children tested for Covid 19. Fortunately, all of the tests came back negative.



Regardless of this, the Karm Marg staffs always gives their best and leaves no stone unturned to provide the best for the children. A couple of staff members also fell sick while taking care of the children and they were also treated at KM. We are grateful that all of the children and staff members are doing well and are at their peak health.

Isolation is a big challenge for us as our campus structure does not allow for have this kind of separation; we have a common washroom, sleeping area but now we need separate isolation room with attach bath/washroom area.



In this difficult time of **Pandemic** we also tried our best to reach out to those local people who are really in need. We did rekey in our nearby community. We distributed dry ration to **122** Individuals and Helped **12** individuals financially. We are grateful to have positively affected the lives of **134** people.

We also reached out to some of KM alumni who lost their job and needed some financial support which was provided to them and also helped them get the job.

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed and will continue to change the world of the children of **Karm Marg**.

## A Triumphant Success

### The Story of Rajneesh

Rajneesh's story itself is a huge victory for him and his peers. Rajneesh along with four of his siblings had a really difficult childhood. They had to go through immense hardships. Rajneesh joined us at Karm Marg in 2019 and since then he has grown in leaps and bounds. When he came he was really nervous and couldn't speak to anyone. He was always a good and obedient child and did all of his work.



He dreamt of becoming a driver and standing on his own two feet but sadly that dream could not be fulfilled as he has a problem in his vision. But as fate would have it, when one door closed another opened. He was inspired by Bharat one of our children who is learning baking at Brown Bread Bakery, Pahadganj, Delhi. One day he came to Karm Marg to visit and they had a conversation, Bharat told him about baking, how he's learning to make cookies, bread baking, Rajneesh got fascinated and decided to give it a try and after three months of training here is he, full of confidence, independence and found a passion in bakery.

<https://www.facebook.com/brownbreadbakery>

As of now he is successfully working in Brown Bread Bakery and is very proud of himself. He aims to grow and build a good life for himself and his siblings. We are so thankful to Brown bread Bakery for giving an opportunity to him.

For us in KarmMarg this is the success of child and organization is, when a child found his passion, started earning and living independently with confidence no matter how big and small is the achievement.

## It is in Giving that we receive:

We are always grateful to our supporters who stood by us in every situation. We really appreciate your kind support and trust which you have shown to us.



## Annual fund received from

- **Albatross Travel** – Albatross is part of our CSR fund and they are supporting KM for more than 6 years. Every year they send donation to use it for personal gift for all the children and staff.
- **Empower India** – We are associated with Empower in 2020 and this is our second year of partnership. This partnership has empowering effect on Karm Marg which includes new way of learning for all the children/young adults as well the team members of KM.

## Grant received for

1. Peer to Peer learning where six young adults from KM will go through a series of workshop to become educator. They will then teach local community Children and other KM children.
2. Addressing Emotional and Mental health issues by dance therapy.
3. Learn practical math which will be used in our workplace and day to day life like; stitching, carpentry, gardening, kitchen etc. With the help of Aavishkaar. We are in the process of making syllabus and how can we use while working.

Apart from this, Through Empower our young adults and staff have participated in many workshops on gender equality and empowering girls to enroll in higher education mainly related to technology.

We are so grateful to Empower India for providing us Covid Relief Fund. This fund used to distribute ration and financial help among family who needed it urgently. Also this fund will be used to support those students whom education is effected due to Covid.



• **Mukti Foundation UK** – Mukti Foundation has stood by us for 20 years. With their support and guidance we are smoothly running the organization. They support us in various ways like for taking care of education support for all the children, school transport, field worker staff salary that are directly taking care of the children. We are extremely grateful for their support..



• **Scomi Foundation Netherlands**– They are with us in this journey from the beginning of KM. They are close family member and they personally attach to each and every children of KM. They know and in contact with most of KM alumni. Fund received for medical emergency and regular check-up, Salary for those who are working directly with children and taking care of day to day running and general expense like maintenance, kitchen requirement, fuel for running the car.

They visit KM personally every year but due to lockdown and Covid we haven't seen them for two years and now we are terribly missing them to see.

• **Rug Company UK**– Our CSR partner, for more than 15 years they are supporting the cause. Fund received for Special need children care taker and their teacher salary. We manage to take care of our special need children for so long due to their constant support.

**We are also thankful to the donors who have supported us. We got support for this quarter from**

- Rajiv Lal
- Ravi Shankar Kaushik
- GirishNarang
- Rajiv Bhatia
- AshwinNaranji Tailor
- KajaINarsimha
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**Beneficiaries of the this Quarter - 54**

• Children under permanent care:	34
• Children under Short stay program:	07
• Youth under aftercare program:	07
• Children rehabilitated back to Family:	02
• Children who are getting educational help:	04



**Many thanks for standing with us in this difficult time.**



## AHA Moments - Major highlight

**Artreach** India Teacher fellowship 20-21 ended in April 2021, Lokesh Khodke (teaching fellow) has been mentoring children for over a year now. On 3rd June, we celebrated this mark with the member of Art reach India and Kiran Nadar Museum who joined it through online.



All the children who are part of this teaching fellowship show cased their work and spoke about their experience. Children were pleased with the work that they had done and excitedly wanted to present their work.

The entire project supported by Art reaches India and all the art materials given by them. A heartfelt thanks to entire team and board member of Art reach India.

<https://www.facebook.com/artreachindia>

- **Karm Marg** makes a constant effort to engage and educate through different medium. This time we organized a puppet show for them through Ajit Bhatt from Katputli Colony, Delhi. They make puppet from waste materials and due to lockdown and Covid, their business had suffered. This way we also supported them.



The children thoroughly enjoyed this form of storytelling and the artist also told them how they make puppets out of waste material, like plastic bottles, waste clothes etc.

## The STEM fellowship:

•STEM Fellowship is a program which led by Empower partner Feminist Approach to Technology (FAT). This workshop focused on developing high level cognitive and non-cognitive/transferable skill such as scientific thinking, problem solving and critical thinking which can be used across a range of occupational fields. Training and exposure was given towards non-traditional jobs for young women and adolescent girls.

The program is envisioned to up-skill trainers working with girls from marginalized communities to incorporate STEM (Science technology engineering Math's) learning and social aspects like gender in their programs. Through this fellowship the organization aims to create a pool of trained STEM trainers who are both proactive and inspiring in promoting STEM learning and careers for girls from a young age.



Two of our girls, Jyoti and Rani are participating in STEM fellowship Programme to become a trainer from the beginning of the quarter. They know the rights and responsibilities of a citizen, economic gap and decision making is effectively demonstrating their ability to think critically about these issues and to develop creative solutions and have a deeper understanding of these topics

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•The women and child welfare department of Haryana conducted online competition amongst all the child care institutions during this difficult time when kids are stuck in home. The theme was “Sunshine – A Ray of Hope”.

They were given 3 topics

1. Drawing competition- They have to make a poster, painting based on a ray of Hope.
2. Story writing – kids have to write a story on A Ray of Hope
3. Best out of the waste- The objective of the competition was to create love for environment by making best out of the waste with the help of recycled things.

KM children made beautiful drawings wrote stories and made product out of recycled things, they made shopping bag by using milk packets, made pencil stand by using newspaper and also managed to make an electronic device by using physical power, it's made out of old CD, Motor and LED.



### **Building a Strong Future:**

Children excel better in a relaxed and happy environment which leads to greater emotional wellbeing and increased academic achievements. Learner to Educator programme was conceptualized which would require children to mould themselves into the role of an Educator and teach their peers.



The programme is to ensure that each child is happily participating in the education system. Each child is unique and has a different level of understanding and comprehension. Learner to Educator programme ensures that every child understands and responds effectively. We strive to achieve this through an ecosystem of Children and Young adults supporting each other



## Volunteer engagement

- **Yashvika Singh** happily volunteered to conduct English speaking classes for the children through online. She has completed her school education from DPS, Navi Mumbai and presently is in fourth year of Law.



The classes are being conducted twice a week for two batches.

A lot of fun activities and fun games are being incorporated to keep children engaged throughout the session. Children are steadily and consistently getting better at learning.

- Anish, KM alumni took initiative to take Special Yoga classes for the children, twice a week since they are feeling restless during these times. He specifically wanted to teach them breathing techniques and focus on staying calm during stressful situations. We are so grateful to Anish, for this fun loving yoga session. Children absolutely loved it.

<https://www.facebook.com/anish.bhatt1>



## The Greatest Wealth is Health

- All the children and staff members went through the Covid-19 tests by Primary Health Centre in May.
- Young adults above 18 years of age had got their first dose of vaccine, which was organized by District child protection unit of Faridabad.
- Two of our staff members were found covid positive in the month of May, it was very challenging for all of us to manage the home as well as the staff but thankfully both recovered and doing well.

## JUGAAD -OUR INCOME GENERATION WING:

Jugaad business started picking up at winter and spring time and we were hoping that things will change and will improve the business but suddenly second wave hit badly in mid-April things got worse and once again we saw the lockdown. This time Covid19 engulfed whole of India very badly.

We are back to zero once again but in June came new opportunities. We took some serious decisions to improve our business and take care of Jugaad. There is much movement where we thought of closing down the Jugaad but entire team want to give it one more chance.

In June, we partnered with Jugmug Thela to take over Jugaad shop (In Saket, Delhi) and take care of all the logistic and running of the shop, with this we manage to cut down the expenses of Jugaad. Now they given a totally new look to the shop and running it under new brand name Ekdam Local. Apart from Jugaad products, there are many more brands who are showcasing there product. We are hoping with this decision Jugaad sales will improve with time.

We also connected to our old buyer and start getting few orders. We got our first export order from Shared Earth – UK, after March 20 and first consignment dispatch in June end. We got two more orders from overseas one from Salearancio – Maria, Italy and Capsicum, Netherlands.

Our online sales at Gocoop started again and Itokri, an online shopping side given us a new order.





As Rakhi festival is approaching, keeping that in mind we designed new sets of Rakhi, made catalogue and started promoting it on social media site. We collaborated with Enactus to boost up sales through online platforms. Enactus, Hindu College, students from various disciplines are committed towards bringing a sustainable change in the society through innovation and entrepreneurial spirit.



They are collaborating with different Social enterprises and helping them. They designed our catalogue and helped us to promote it on social media and also trying up different venues to sell Jugaad Rakhi.

<https://enactushinducollege.wixsite.com/enactus-hc>

Due to lockdown, once again it affected our women's incomes that are depended on Jugaad's sale. Empower fund is a big help for us to provide small regular financial help to some of these women.

