

Newsletter: January- March 2019.

Britt World Wide in collaboration with Parivartan organized the 'Inspire Awards 2018-19' at the reputed Netaji Indoor Stadium in Kolkata.

We are proud to announce that our director Ms. Geeta Venkatakrishnan was awarded in the Women and Child Welfare category and was highly applauded for her immense selfless service to humanity for the past 20 years.

You are a source of inspiration, Ma'am. Keep being the reason of smile on many underserved faces as you have been like a ray of hope in the past years :)



We are extremely thankful to Topsis Toyota for conducting a four day exposure visit for the beneficiaries of our Panditiya and Chetla Life Skill units at their Kolkata Office.

The visit included an in-depth observation of the functioning of each department of the company, from administration to the driving school, old car repair and resale department and sales department.

Our children were very happy and unanimously said that the visit had given them a fruitful insight into the systematic and meticulous operations of a corporate house.



The first Cricket World Cup for street-connected children will take place ahead of the 2019 ICC Cricket World Cup in England and Hope has been chosen as a partner.

We were delighted to have John and Martin from Street Child Cricket World Cup visit us. The children are excited, practicing hard and getting ready to travel to London in April!



*To learn more you can visit <https://www.streetchildunited.org/>
The Street Child Cricket World Cup will unite street-connected children from around the world to play in their own international cricket tournament to raise awareness and tackle the widespread stigma and negative treatment they face.*

On the pitch, 10 national teams of both girls and boys, will represent their countries. Off the pitch, the young people will make their voices heard and recommend how to improve the lives of street-connected children worldwide.

Happy 7th anniversary to Behind Boys Home!! Well done to all the boys who performed dances, drama and rhymes so joyfully.

Thank you Brian and Behind Ireland for all your love and support!



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We are extremely thankful to Future Campus School for hosting the Immersion Program 2019 for our Irish student volunteers.

The students had an amazing time as they witnessed cultural performances by the students of the school followed by an exchange of traditional national dances both by the school students and our Irish students. They then indulged in lantern making together and made magical creations.

Our Irish students then indulged in a number of games and local delicacies at the fun fete of the school 'Anandamela'.

What an amazing start to Immersion Program 2019...A big thank you to Principal Ma'am, all the staff members and students of Future Campus School.



We are extremely thankful to Viacom 18 (Colors Bangla) for donating grocery and stationery materials for Ashar Alo Girls Home, as a part of their CSR endeavor.

The children had an amazing time interacting with three leading ladies of the channel who play female protagonists in television dailies and inspired our girls to grow up as confident, fearless and independent strong women.

We look forward to future collaborations!



We are extremely thankful to The Times of India for coming forward and organizing an Art and craft competition, medical health check up and a zumba session for our children of Kasba Girls Home and Ashar Alo Girls Home.

The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and wanted more such events in near future.

Their incredible talent in art and craft and dance was greatly applauded by the mentors at the event.



We are very proud partners of the Street Child Cricket World Cup which will be a platform to recognize the voices and dreams of these children. The event is an opportunity to raise awareness of the child's right to play and shine for their own community, as well as the global community and to live life to their full potential.

We are delighted to have a Cricket legend, Mr. Saurav Ganguly to lend his support as Brand Ambassador.

This fantastic opportunity is being given to children living in street situation, will hope that they will also be mainstreamed and not ignored.



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Our children from Behind Boys Home had recently gone to a stadium in Kolkata to watch Atletico De Kolkata playing in the ongoing National Football League.

Our children had a great time cheering for their home team and were full of enthusiasm :)



Ms Maureen Forrest brings Hope to the United States of America.

We are very proud of all that Maureen Ma'am has inspired with her dedication and determination.

It is wonderful to see her on the front page of the Irish Examiner in the USA. Thank you to Paddy McCarthy and the team for this piece.

Maureen and the Hope Tribe are spreading the message of our work all over the world.

We could not do this without the support of the volunteers in the USA.



We are extremely thankful to Science City, Kolkata and especially their administration team for organizing a day long educational excursion for 150 youth of all the Life Skill Units.

It was a great learning experience; they got a practical knowledge of various mechanisms of science and were also given a special training on recycling of waste materials, for 'National Productivity Week.'

They also received small educational kits containing copies, pens etc.

Our children are very happy with the learning experience and want to go again soon.



We are very thrilled to announce that recently at a drawing competition hosted by a reputed club in Kolkata, two of our girls Jyotsna Khatun and Rinky Chauhan came third and ninth respectively. Their talents were highly appreciated.

Keep up the good work girls!



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The Childwatch team organized their first annual meet in collaboration with the Nabo Asha team with child vigilance groups and community support groups at Gana Bhawan, Sobhabazar.

At the event, the child vigilance groups and community support groups of 12 implementing areas under the projects were felicitated for their positive support towards child education and protection.

Our overseas director Ms Jenny Browne and Director, Hope Kolkata Foundation- Ms. Geeta Venkatakrisnan were present for the event.



A training and felicitation program was held for the caregivers of the Naya Daur Program of Iswar Sankalpa on the 3rd March.

Caregivers are the most integral persons of the project providing care and support to homeless persons with psychosocial disabilities along with the social workers of the Naya Daur Team.

Psychosocial interventions sharing their experiences and the knowledge they acquired as caregivers led to enlightening discussions;



Many thanks to Calcutta International School for hosting Irish immersion program 2019 and also collaborating with us for 'Knowledge Know How Quiz 2019', where children from our protection homes, students of the school and our Irish students participated in groups and had a great time answering an array of questions from various subjects.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks and regards to the volunteers of HSBC who came forward and supported us throughout the quiz.

Our Irish students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and later took part in a number of activities like art and craft, dance workshops, basketball and football matches.



We are extremely grateful to Joy Global (Komatsu Mining Corp) for donating generously towards the educational and nutritional development of the children of Ashirbaad Boys Home and Ashar Alo Girls Home, as a part of their CSR endeavors.

We are very proud to be associated with such a prestigious company and look forward to their continued support in future as well for bringing a smile to the faces of many more underserved children.



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A very proud moment for us as another Naboasha centre has been inaugurated at Nimtala area of Kolkata supported by Sky Children.

We are very thankful to Sky Children for extending their support and we hope to collaborate for future projects as well!



All happy faces as children of the Bhagar Sponsorship Program were very excited to participate in a drawing competition organized for them.

They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and their beautiful creations spoke a thousand words of their amiable talent and enthusiasm!



Oxford University Press (OUP) has come together with Hope to support digital literacy for girl students. Kasba Girl's home got its own computer lab on the occasion of the International Women's Day. More than 50 resident girls will benefit from OUP supported digital literacy program.

The computer centre will also be used by children residing in our other homes. In addition to proficiency in computers the students will also take English language and personality development classes towards becoming confident and well-groomed future professionals.



The education team of 'Hope Kolkata Foundation' had recently launched a resource book - 'Amar Bondhu' designed for children with learning gap and children with special needs.

The book is in the form of a worksheet based on The ASER (Annual Status of Education Report), an internationally approved tool and is on three subjects-English, Bengali, Math. It provides the tools and resources for early childhood educators to unlock children's creativity to develop readiness skills for kindergarten, based on complete activity based learning. The book has been designed for narrowing down the bridge between those two mind sets- What I already know and what I want to know about.



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