



The right to a better life for Women and Children in red light areas.

Apne Aap Women's Collective

Newsletter

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Editorial

Dear readers,

Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year to all of you. We are now entering our thirteenth year and I extend my hearty gratitude to all our donors, visitors, volunteers, and well-wishers for your constant encouragement and support.

Our esteemed trustee – Mrs. Ashika Mehta, Kamathipura Centre-in-Charge, Ms. Bhagyashree Pawar and I, would like to thank Maher & Apla Ghar, Pune for the chance to witness the amazing work they are doing.

The "Friends of AAWC" committee has now been formed, comprising our active well-wishers and volunteers like, Mallika Singhania, Aditi Dugar and Sonakshi Agarwal. Each of them will head a specific task aimed at achieving our Collective's goals.

We appreciate this initiative and thank them for being a core part of the AAWC family.

In the previous (May-Aug'11) issue of our newsletter, we missed out on mentioning my meeting with Mrs. Sunanda Mane of the Maharashtra Foundation. Our apologies to them for this lapse. At our meeting, we had discussed AAWC's further association with the Maharashtra Foundation, New York, having completed our four-year contract with them this year, for the "Anti-Human Trafficking Project" which supports young girls in red light areas. We are pleased to inform you they have decided to continue this contract for one more year.

Till next time,

Mrs. Manju Vyas

Director, Apne Aap Women's Collective



Eye checkup camp

AAWC Update

Details of workshops/meetings attended by our staff members

Workshops	Organised by	Attended by
Communication in women with the use of Media	AVEHI	Sangita S. - Field coordinator Shalaka D. - Outreach worker Poonam A. - Outreach worker
RTI, Consumer Act, Hindu Marriage Act & Child rights	Sanghmitra org Keshav Gore Trust	Bhagyashree P. - Center-in-charge Sangita S. - Field coordinator Smita K. - Project coordinator Shalaka D. - Outreach worker
A Play on Child sexual violence	ARPAN	Pratishtha K. - Chief coordinator Trupti P. - Accountant Paru D. - Kindergarten teacher
Ration Kriti Samiti Meeting	Ration Kriti Samiti	Sangita S. - Field coordinator Poonam A. - Outreach worker
Human Rights & Child Rights	CRY	All staff
Atrocity Act	P.B.Road Police Station	Smita K. - Project coordinator Shalaka D. - Outreach worker
Vocational Career Guidance	Project Main-stream	Pratishtha K. - Chief coordinator Shruti L. - Social Work intern

Other developments

- > Students and professors from the UNC School of Social Work in the U.S. visited AAWC. They interacted with Udaan beneficiaries and were impressed with our work.
- > A 'Diwali stall' of beautiful diyas designed by our beneficiaries was put up at SNTD College by Masters in Social Work-1 interns. It got a very good response from the college faculty and students.
- > Products made by our beneficiaries were displayed during the Mumbai Christmas Celebration event at the Mahalaxmi Racecourse.
- > Dr. Jyoti Blencowe from Australia volunteered with AAWC for a month. She held sessions for our staff on HIV/AIDS, T.B., Skin diseases & Sexually Transmitted Infections. She also examined our children and put together a valuable database for us to follow up on.
We are very grateful to the



Health checkup by Dr. Jyoti Blencowe

"Overall my experience at AAWC was an extremely rewarding one. I felt overwhelmed by the enormity of the problems on many occasions, but always felt well supported, cared for and safe. And the many moments of joy – both large and small, balanced the intensity of each day."

-Dr. Jyoti Blencowe, on her last day at AAWC.

K. B. Bacchawali Charitable Eye Hospital, Parel, Mumbai for conducting an eye checkup camp for our beneficiaries.

UDAAN Update

Regular training workshops & other activities:



An excursion at Khanvel resort

- > Udaan beneficiaries actively participated in a tree plantation drive on campus to spread awareness on global warming.
- > Our volunteers-Ms. Ramona (from Germany) and Ms. Nadia (from Ireland) from DSB International School are now taking English classes for our beneficiaries.
- > The girls participated in a 'Street Play Competition' organised by the Door Step School. The theme of the play was "Right to education".
- > Creative and skill enhancement workshops were organised this quarter for the following:
Flower making, greeting card making, candle making, Warli painting, bread craft and glass painting.
- > Life Skills Sessions have been started for the girls on Saturdays, to help resolve their emotional and psychological problems, examine behavioural issues and help them develop a positive attitude.

Events & Celebrations:

- > The girls had a 'dandiya' celebration with film director Amole Gupte, our trustees, well-wishers and volun-

Picture Pal

AAWC and Asbaindia Australia have jointly organised Project Picture Pal to link up students in Australia with their counterparts in Mumbai at AAWC. Students over there will thus get a chance to learn about challenges faced by those living in red light areas here and they can also try to support them. Pictures depicting the lives of students in both groups have also been exchanged between them.



Diya painting workshop

teers. There was dancing followed by delicious snacks. One of our older beneficiaries shared with us her journey from childhood to becoming a five-star hotel chef. She also spoke about the support she has received from AAWC thus far. Today, she is a role model who motivates our young girls.

- > A grand Diwali party was organised by one of our well-wishers. Clothes, sweets and gifts were distributed among the girls, much to their delight.
- > The girls enjoyed their annual picnic this year at the Khanvel five-star re-



Tree plantation drive

sort, located in the heart of Silvassa. It was a fun trip from which they returned with unforgettable memories. We are grateful to the people at the resort for their untiring service and hospitality provided.

- > Udaan girls from both centres attended 'Ekatva' – a live dance/drama musical event organised by Manav Sadhna at Nehru Centre Auditorium. It was performed by 16 slum children from Ahmedabad.
- > All our beneficiaries enjoyed themselves during the Christmas and New Year parties. They also celebrated the birthday of a well-wisher's daughter.



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UMANG Update

- > A puppet-making workshop was conducted for the children by a Masters in Social Work student from SNDT.
- > A drawing workshop was conducted on the eve of Children's Day.



Visit to zoo



Diwali celebration by kindergarten children

- > The children went on an excursion to Jijamata Udyan (Rani Baug). The sights and sounds of animals and birds at the zoo had them enthralled and in high spirits.

UMEED Update



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- > A meeting was organised for all women with Bal Hakk Abhiyan for imparting knowledge regarding School Management Committees.
- > Eid was celebrated by women at both Kama-thipura and Falkland Road centres.

Mothers visited their children enrolled at SOS boarding home, Alibaug.



Meeting of women with Bal Hakk Abhiyan



(Sept-2011-Dec 2011)

We need the following materials at our centres:

For Umang (Kindergarten-2.5-5 yrs) : Falkland Road Centre: 28 children & Kamathipura Centre: 27 children

Sr no	Particulars	No of items
1	School uniforms	50
2	School bags	50
3	Educational toys	Any numbers
4	Footwear	6 pairs
5	Handkerchiefs	50

For Udaan (6-18 yrs): Falkland Road Centre: 36 girls & Kamathipura centre: 28 girls

Sr no	Particulars	No of items
1	Notebooks	500
2	Footwear	10pairs
3	Computer	1
4	Laptop	1
5	Small folding table	1
6	Wall fans	4
7	Steel dishes (Small size)	25
8	Mixer	1
9	Idli cooker (large size)	1
10	Cameras	2
11	Shoe rack	1
12	Rack for utensils (Small size)	1
13	Blackboard dusters	5
14	Cloth dusters	12
15	Materials for painting kindergarten	For painting one room with kitchen
16	Thermos water bottle (5 litre)	2
17	Security spy camera	4
18	Fire Extinguishers	5
19	Projector (Medium size)	2
20	We have a monthly groceries requirement of approx. 180 kg. Any contributions towards this are welcome.	

Note: You can directly donate material to AAWC or send a cheque to our address. For more details on donations please check our website: www.aawc.in

Statistical updates for this quarter:

Falkland Road Centre:

Numbers of New Beneficiaries:

Total new kindergarten admissions:	13
Birth certificate:	1
Birth Affidavits:	3
No of children immunised:	6
Home visits (Umang beneficiaries):	75
Total New Udaan admissions:	5
Boarding Placements (Udaan beneficiaries):	4
Boarding drop out:	1
Home visits (Udaan beneficiaries):	18
Total no. of new women members:	10
Apni Bachat Women new accounts:	10
Total medical referrals:	59
Women's death:	8
Banana supplement to HIV/TB infected women:	13
Egg supplement to HIV/TB infected women:	3

Kamathipura Centre:

Numbers of New Beneficiaries:

Total new kindergarten admissions:	13
Total school admissions:	1
Birth certificates:	15
No of children immunised:	14
Home visits (Umang beneficiaries):	27
Total New Udaan admissions:	10
Boarding Placement (Udaan beneficiaries):	1
Udaan girls' 'Apni Bachat' Bank Account:	5
Home visits (Udaan beneficiaries):	49
Total no. of new women members:	47
Apni Bachat Women new accounts:	47
Centre visits by women:	62
Night shelter beneficiaries:	7
Total Medical referrals:	135
Women's death:	5
Banana supplement to HIV/TB infected women:	35
Egg supplement to HIV/TB infected women:	6