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JOURNEY SO FAR...

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As we continue to evolve, and go deeper in to set of challenges and potential solutions, we realize the power of innovation and out of box thinking. Ability to collaborate with like-minded individuals and institutions to spread the message of inclusion as far and wide possible. GiftAble's focus continues to be marginalized children with disability and women with disability. And as you would see with outcomes delivered this year, our intent matches execution. Long term goal is to establish Residential Spinal Rehabilitation Centre for Women with Spinal Cord Injury and support them in independent

living. Another high priority task is to capitalize on Corporate Gifting opportunity for Livelihood generation of Persons with Disability. Inclusive Procurement is a huge opportunity for Corporates to create impact at grass root level. The thought is to ensure persons with disability whether in semi urban or rural area is able to earn his/ her own living.

In last few years my belief in human spirit has increased exponentially. GiftAble has been bestowed with lots of love and contributions from folks around the world. Unselfish and tireless effort of hundreds of volunteers across the country. It is our goal to meet expectation of each and every benefactor in creating a just and inclusive India. I know your best wishes are always with us.

GiftAble is a Social Enterprise which strives to create an ecosystem of like-minded individuals to collectively build an inclusive society.

We have been fortunate to have the constant support of volunteers from diverse backgrounds who have also given us their valuable inputs.

Our sensitization workshops are designed to bust myths (unfortunately) too many of them have been passed down to us) surrounding disability, and give the audience an insight into the real needs of the disabled and an understanding of how to approach and interact with them.

We strive to design our events in a manner that keeps volunteers coming back, and encourages them to keep the chain going, and share their knowledge with a larger audience.

Looking back at the events of the past years, it gives us great pleasure to announce with pride the ones that embody the GiftAble principles.



4th Year

As we progressed over the 4th year of our organization, has made us more wiser and experienced working in the location. Our team expanded to suit the needs of our clients and beneficiary in a better. We still remember the Journey made throughout the year which started of with a small pack. This year along with other incredible events in the pipe line, we started our campaigns to expand our base to rural parts of the country to do more impactful projects. We do belive there is much to learn and explore.

Tactile Library

Tactile books represent a set of graphics, symbols and diagrams which makes it easier for a visually impaired to understand the concepts in a better way.



Why:

For children with visual impairment, story books in Braille aren't as dynamic and diverse as books for sighted children. World remains out of reach for children and adults, so our set of tactile designs fill the vacuum to help them connect with things in a better way, though there are accessibility software's and gadgets available, it has it's limitations in filling up the vacuum.

Objective:

To introduce visually impaired children and adults to stories through the means of tactile stories, books and charts which are dynamic in nature which will help them to understand things in a better way.

We aim to reach out to all of them in rural India, to help them to provide them a more accurate idea of the world around.

Libraries:

- Rangaro Memorial School for Disabled, Mysore
- Ashwini Angadi school for blind, Bangalore



Sensitising hospitals and clinics

Acura hospitals and other clinics are frequented by the major section of the people for all major health issues, so we decided to conduct sensitisation sessions to educate medical staff on the health issues that women with disability face.



GiftAble Mimé Mia Performance at TCS World 10K - MajjaRun

GiftAble Volunteers broke silence with expletive filled mime performance at the TCS World 10K: Majja Run speaking through the silence on myths surrounding disability. We received overwhelming response for our incredible performance, and came 2nd in the competition.



Fun filled sign language sensitisation workshop at Christ

We conducted Sign language sensitization workshop in Christ University, Bangalore for CSA (Centre for Social Action). The workshop covered intro to sign language with fun filled activities.



GiftAble week June 27 – July 3

Gift A Smile at Forum and Gopalan mall

Gift a Smile - 2016: On June 25th, GiftAble Volunteers conducted an entertainment based awareness and sensitisation in Forum and Gopalan mall, Bengaluru. This event was organised as a prequel GiftAble week celebrated in memory of Helen Keller. During this course of event nearly 800+ people got sensitised and participated in learning sign.



Recognising the inclusive space

This event was organised to recognize inclusive places in and around Bangalore. We awarded OM Restaurant for making their place inclusive for everyone. We hope that many places will take this as an inspiration to follow the suit.



GiftAble week June 27 – July 3

Story telling for hearing and visually impaired

This event turned out to be an inspiration for many participants. Most of our beneficiaries showed enthusiasm in attending such kind for first time. We were happy that many Hearing Impaired came forward to organise similar events in the future. The event attended by 60 participants and 25 volunteers.



Page Pals

We organised this initiative to introduce Visually Impaired to the regular Library, where they will get to choose any book. That book will be in turn read by a volunteer. This event also witnessed 3 kids from Vividha Solutions reading brailled story to all the participants present. The event was attended by 15 children and 20 volunteers.

Venue: Hippocampus

GiftAble week June 27 – July 3

Disability sensitisation workshop for volunteers

'Intro to Sign Language' workshop introduces you to learning of Sign Language alphabets from A to Z along with an insight to the challenges of People with Disability. The objectives of organising this workshop are:

- 1) To Communicate appropriate information on disability issues
- 2) Create visibility of People with Disability
- 3) Remove stigma surrounding People with Disability



Venue: Dialogues, Koramanagla

GiftAble week June 27 – July 3

Traffic warden awareness at Police Grounds

GiftAble conducted sensitization workshop for Traffic wardens which consisted of:

- 1) Intro to sign A-Z
- 2) Intro to Braille. Our aim was to create awareness on Disability issues and remove stigma surrounding disability.



Wall of hope wish fulfilment

GiftAble team visited PAPCP, NPT an organisation that employs youth with intellectual disability, SKID institute for deaf and Mitra Jyothi, working for training of Visually Impaired. Our team distributed presents/gifts procured through our initiative called The Wall of Hope.



GiftAble week June 27 – July 3

Silent Camp

GiftAble in association with Narayana Nethralaya conducted an eye check-up camp for the deaf students in Adarsha College, Chamarajpet, on 28th September 2016. During the event 61 students were examined by the eye specialist. Some of them were advised to visit the hospital for further examination.



Mime Workshop for deaf and awareness campaigns on streets

GiftAble Volunteers organised mime on the street in Bangalore to create awareness on disability as a part of Daan Utsav. This was headed by deaf club volunteers.



Health Project

Aids and Appliances support

GiftAble supported early intervention and Spinal cord injury centre patients in providing the support with aids and appliances nearly 100 beneficiaries got splint, Clutches, AFO's etc.



Support in Sanitary Napkin Incinerator

Hearing Impaired girls will be most ignored when it comes to their personal health. Girls from rural part are made to stay indoors. GiftAble after finding the need supported BD tattti school, Gadag with sports equipment's and sanitary napkin incinerator.



Spinal Cord Rehabilitation Centre - Sexual Health

We had Dr. Shoiba Saldana, gynac from Bangalore to speak about sexual health of Spinal cord injury inmates at Samarthya Koppal on Feb 4. This session had separate session for Spinal cord injured men and their wives and also included separate counselling for couples.

Health Project



Women health matters workshop

We organised a session on Maternal and menstrual health for Hearing and visually impaired from Devadurga. We covered the topics menstruation, maternal cycle, health and hygiene. We got amazing response from the participants who had a chance to openly speak about things which are considered as taboo. We had question and answer session which covered myths existed in the community.



Camp for VI girls at Koppal and Raichur

GiftAbled along with Mitra Jyothi conducted a camp to understand requirement of visually impaired girls at Koppal and Raichur. It was heartbreaking to see and listen to their stories. After spending half a day discussions with all the girls, they showed the interest in learning mobility and life skill development.

Beneficiaries

1068

Volunteers

322

Participants

4235

Sensitising policemen towards persons with disabilities

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