



Apne Aap Women's Collective

Newsletter

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

Editorial

Dear readers,

I'd like to extend a million thanks to Mr. Bjorn Eklund (Sweden) for running the full marathon, Mr. Coleman Deegan (Vodafone India Foundation) and Mr. Pratik Agarwal (India) for running the half marathon at the Standard Chartered Mumbai Marathon 2012 representing AAWC, and for supporting our cause with their unique contribution. Also on behalf of AAWC, I am grateful to Bjorn and Coleman for spending their invaluable time with our children.

Honouring the life of Udayan Patel



Mr. Udayan Patel passed away earlier this year. He gave so much of himself to those in need. Udayan believed in AAWC's work

and helped us to understand the mental life of the population we work with. As his health weakened, he could no longer visit our centre but he continued to direct those with means to support our cause.

On a personal note, Udayan introduced me to AAWC when I was 18 and I've never looked back since. When I told him I was interested in being a psychotherapist, he told me that to have a deeper understanding of people, one has to work at the grassroots level. Thus began my humbling journey of self growth at AAWC.

The AAWC family honours his work and life.

Ashika Mehta
(Honorary Trustee)



Bjorn Eklund - Completed full marathon

AAWC Update

Details of workshops/meetings attended by our staff members

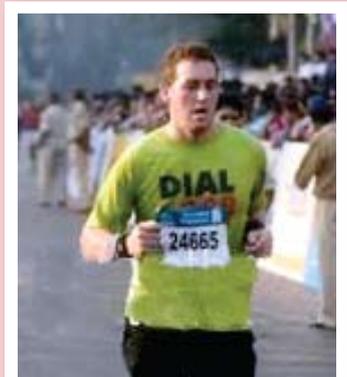
Workshops	Organised by	Attended by
Fundraising, Good Governance and FCRA Act 2010	Noshir Dadrawala	Manju Vyas - Director
Team Building & Interpersonal Relationship	AAWC	All Staff
CCVC	Salam Balak Trust	Manju Vyas-Director & Sangita -Field Coordinator
Juvenile Justice Act	Child Rights & You	Namita-Project Coordinator

Important developments:

- > We are very thankful to Smiles 32 and Dr. Mansi Bhargava, Dr. Riddhi and Dr. Madhulika for conducting a free dental checkup camp for our beneficiaries.
- > Representatives from AAWC participated in "Swanubhav", the fundraising event of the Department of Social Work, SNTD, Marine Lines.
- > An AAWC stall was put up at the Annual Carnival of the DSB International School. The stall received an unexpectedly overwhelming response from the pupils.
- > The quarterly health checkup camp was organised for all the children.

Visits to AAWC:

- > Mr. Noel Blencowe and group visited AAWC and had friendly interactions with the children.
- > The Asha for Life Community team visited us and donated gifts to the children.
- > We were delighted to have Mr. Doug Craggs and Mrs. Grace Craggs at AAWC during their short visit to India.
- > Students from Martin Luther Christian University, Shillong visited AAWC.
- > Alana and Amy from Ashaindia, Australia visited us to explore the issues faced by women in red light areas.
- > Professor Jane Ohlmeyer from Trinity College Dublin visited AAWC to observe services that address issues being faced by the flesh trade community
- > The Director of the Centre for Career Education at Columbia University, Kavita Sharma visited AAWC as part of the "Columbia Experience Overseas" Programme, designed as an 8-week summer internship for Columbia undergraduates wishing to intern with for-profit and non-profit organisations in a diverse range of industries in India. The Centre will identify top candidates for internships at leading Indian organisations.
- > FICCI YFLO – organised a premier show of the Bollywood movie "Agent Vinod" for AAWC.



Coleman Deegan - Completed half marathon

“I want to become a doctor and serve poor children”

*- Udaan beneficiary
in STD-III*

UDAAN Update

Regular training workshops & other activities:



Sports Day

- > Annual Sports Day was organised for Umang and Udaan beneficiaries at Guilder Tank ground, Grant road.
- > An Udaan beneficiary has enrolled at Rustomjee Academy for Global Careers to pursue a three-month long Retail Course (with Specialisation in Customer care). She has also been placed at a well-known retail store at Vidhyavihar for her internship programme.
- > Pre-exam Stress and Time Management workshop was organised for the girls.
- > Ms. Antoinette McLachlan made her yearly visit to AAWC as part of her “Calendar Project”. She conducted a workshop on painting with water colours. This year’s theme was “Aestheticism of Elephanta Sculpture”. The girls made beautiful sketches of the phenomenal carvings at Elephanta Caves.
- > New India Resolution conducted a career guidance session for SSC and HSC girls .
- > United Way of India, in association with Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation conducted a Disaster Management workshop for the girls.
- > Proctor & Gamble conducted a workshop on “Reproductive Health and Personal Hygiene” for teenagers.



Mr. & Mrs. Craggs at AAWC

Events & Celebrations:

- > The girls participated in Down to Earth’s 5th Interactive Games Day.
- > Udaan girls participated in a sportsday-type event called “Khel Khel Mein” at Priyadarshini Park organised by Concern India Foundation.
- > Makarsankranti was celebrated with all the girls. A Rangoli competition was held on the occasion, which the girls really enjoyed. It was judged by Manju Vyas and Bjorn Eklund.
- > A poster competition was held as part of Republic Day celebrations.
- > On the eve of Holi, a theme-based T-shirt painting competition was held by organising the girls into four groups. All of them participated in this colorful and fun-filled event with AAWC staff and also enjoyed delicious snacks.



T-shirt painting competition on Holi eve

Mr. & Mrs. Craggs visited our organisation & donated proceeds of sale of “Sparrows look at Mumbai” book at Perth on behalf of Ms.Lorili Jacobs who has raised funds to support Udaan programme.

“ I want to become a pilot and make my parents proud ”

- Udaan beneficiary
in STD-VI



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UMANG Update

- > Holi celebrations were organised for all the children. Henna was applied on their palms which thrilled them.
- > All Umang children visited The Prince of Wales Museum, CST. The trip was organised by Bjorn Eklund.
- > General medical examination and immunisation were carried out for children from both centres at Gaurabai Hospital.
- > Angel Link Foundation organised a visit to Happy Planet for children. They enjoyed various games and were surprised and delighted to see a clown there.
- > Premier Limited organised a visit to the Traffic Park for the children. This was followed by a poster competition. Five posters were selected as winners and prizes were distributed.



Poster competition by Premier Ltd



Interacting with kids through pictures



Dental checkup by Smiles32

UMEED Update

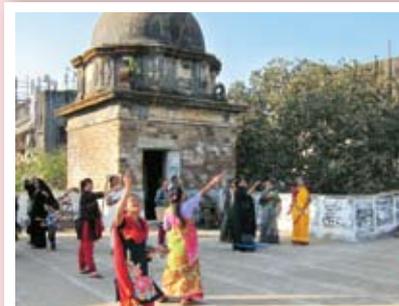


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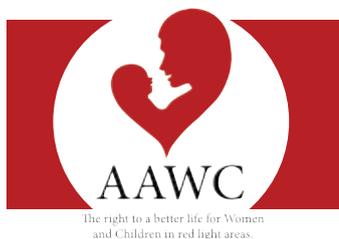
- > On Makarsankranti, Haldi Kum Kum programme was organised for all the women followed by kite-flying on the office terrace. They really enjoyed the experience.
- > AAWC organised a one-day picnic for the women from the Kamathipura centre to Prati Shirdi and Prati Balaji. A total of 42 women with three staff members enjoyed the picnic and returned with pleasant memories.
- > AAWC observed “International Women’s Day” on 7th March and 17th March 2012 at the Falkland Road Centre and Kamathipura Centre respectively. It was a three-in-one celebration as women also celebrated Holi and Friendship Day by exchanging friendship bands. 86 women attended the programme and enjoyed the event wholeheartedly.
- > An inauguration ceremony of Sareelution project was held at AAWC. We are very grateful to Mr. Darshan Mundada and Friends of Society for extending their invaluable support to us in the implementation of this women empowerment-oriented project at AAWC.



Inauguration of Sareelution project



Kite flying



“I want to pursue my higher studies abroad and keep my family happy.”

*-Udaan beneficiary
in Grade XII*

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We need the following materials at our centres:

For Umang (Kindergarten): Falkland Road Centre:
30 children & Kamathipura Centre: 30 children

Sr no	Particulars	No of items
1	School uniforms	50
2	School bags	50
3	Footwear	6 pairs

For Udaan : Falkland Road Centre: 36 girls &
Kamathipura Centre: 35 girls

Sr no	Particulars	No of items
1	Short notebooks	500
2	Footwear	10 pairs
3	Computer	1
4	Laptop	2
5	Small folding table	1
6	Umbrella	70
7	Shoe rack	1
8	Rack for utensils (Small size)	1
9	Blackboard dusters	5
10	Cloth dusters	12
11	Door mats	10
12	CCTV	4
13	Projectors (Medium size)	2
14	We have a monthly groceries requirement for 110 girls. 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:	14
Total school admissions:	1
Birth certificate:	1
Birth Affidavits:	4
No of children immunised:	30
Home visits (Umang beneficiaries):	50
Total New Udaan admissions:	3
Boarding Placement (Udaan beneficiaries):	1
Home visits (Udaan beneficiaries):	14
Total no. of new women members:	13
Apni Bachat Women new accounts:	13
Total medical referrals:	17
Banana supplement to HIV/TB infected women:	14
Egg supplement to HIV/TB infected women:	4
12th standard forms from Y.B. Chavan Open University:	8
Kamathipura Centre: Numbers of New Beneficiaries:	
Total new kindergarten admissions:	7
Total school admissions:	12
Birth certificates:	19
No of children immunised	48
Home visits (Umang beneficiaries):	64
Total New Udaan admissions:	12
Home visits (Udaan beneficiaries):	52
Total no. of new women members:	62
Apni Bachat Women new accounts:	56
Centre visits by women:	95
Night shelter beneficiaries:	17
Total Medical referrals:	155
Women's death:	4
Banana supplement to HIV/TB infected women:	32

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