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Dear All,

My deepest gratitude to all our donors, volunteers, supporters and well wishers for your continued efforts to ‘do what needs to be done’.

I’m sure you will join me in conveying our love, support and condolences to the family of our beloved Sherna.

This past year has been a shining example of spreading light to the darkest corners with one of our wards (Sakshi Gupta) being awarded a scholarship to St. Andrews University, Scotland. “Congratulations Sakshi! You do us proud “.

But let us not rest on our laurels and be complacent. Roll up your sleeves, for there is much work to be done. Let us do even the smallest of tasks with the greatest love.

Love always,
Patrick San Francesco.
Chairman.
ABOUT US

Samarpan Foundation is a not-for-profit charitable trust, established in September 2006, in New Delhi. We work to expand globally to provide assistance where there is a humanitarian, ecological, environmental and/or animal welfare need. We are a community of outward-focused volunteers, guided by the principle of doing what needs to be done to achieve the greatest good for the greatest number.

Vision: Shedding light even in the darkest corners

Mission: Changing the universal consciousness by opening minds and hearts

Philosophy: Love, peace, happiness, kindness, simplicity and clarity
EDUCATION

“Today’s student is tomorrow’s leader”

According to the National Sample Survey Office (2014), 32 million Indian children up to the age of 13 have not been part of the education system, most of them from economically and socially disadvantaged backgrounds. A multitude of factors have been responsible for this wide disparity: lack of access to quality educational facilities in rural areas, seasonal migration of families to cities, lack of awareness within the population, gender bias and child labour being some of the reasons for the low rate of literacy. For most children belonging to the lower socio-economic strata, the challenges are multiplied because of a lack of a support system that motivates and guides them towards education. Furthermore, substandard infrastructural facilities in most government run institutions makes school an alienating experience for these children.

The burden that these shoulders bear results in not only in denied educational opportunities but also adversely affects their mental and physical growth. Many of our beneficiaries have either never been part of any structural educational system or have had an interrupted enrollment and are, therefore, unable to cope with the curriculum of the schools. Also, while their enrollment into a school is done on the basis of their age they do not have the required information or certificates needed. This has the direct impact of them dropping out, feeling defeated and resentful against the system.

Our work at Samarpan Foundation has been to decrease this distortion by working holistically within the community through our educational programs. Our informal centers are set up within marginalized communities to make both the child and parents aware of the importance of learning while simultaneously providing support to successfully make the transition into formal schooling. As many of the students are incapable of meeting the demands of the formal systems, our Contact and Bridge School curriculum is designed with the aim to provide them with learnings that allow them to successfully make the transition into the educational system in their age-appropriate class. Keeping in mind the Foundation’s philosophy of Love, Kindness and Peace for all, our children are also provided with opportunities that allow them to expand their vistas and give back to society.

Presently running in 10 centers around the country, the schools have become a steady fixture within the community. It has been the collaboration of its various stakeholders that has allowed us to continue our work with the most marginalized communities of our country to back their progress and ensure their growth.
PRESENCE

Delhi

- Samarpan School and Tuition Centre, Kishangarh, Delhi
- Samarpan Tuition Centre, Yamuna Pushta, Delhi

11 YEARS

- Samarpan Tuition Centre, Kotla Mubarakpur, Delhi

- Samarpan Tuition Centre, Chimbel, Goa
- Samarpan Evening Tuition Centre and Pre-school, Bagalur Layout, Bengaluru

7 YEARS

- Samarpan School and Tuition Centre, Hathi Basti, Delhi
- Samarpan School and Tuition Centre, Motia Khan, Delhi

5 YEARS

- Samarpan School and Tuition Centre, Shastri Park, Delhi

4 YEARS

- Samarpan Education Center, Bagalur Layout, Bengaluru
- Samarpan School and Tuition Centre, Aya Nagar, Delhi
- Samarpan School and Tuition Centre, Akshardham, Delhi

3 YEARS
HIGHLIGHTS

The Samarpan School at Kishangarh, Delhi, is one of the earliest projects taken up by Samarpan Foundation. At the beginning of our journey, child marriage and child labour was prevalent while education was not looked at favourably in the community. Not only is education given preference now, but with Samarpan’s contribution, children are healthy, instances of child marriage and labour have drastically reduced. In recognition of this growth, the Samarpan School and Tuition centre, Kishangarh was awarded the Grand Thornton Sabera Award in the category of Education on 4 December, 2019. We are grateful for the appreciation which has made us more resolute in continuing our work for marginalized communities.

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TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS IMPACTED 1694
If we choose to learn, everything in the world is a teacher. Two students from the Samarpan tuition center at Aya Nagar proved this by making a model electric motor car from waste material learning from their father who is an electrician by profession. Bringing together the skills they picked from him during their daily interactions, and the values imparted by Samarpan Foundation, brought together an act of learning and creativity.

Students at Samarpan Foundation, Delhi, volunteered and organized a 7-day workshop on mental health. The focus of the workshop was to create a safe space for the participants to be able to speak about and learn of the importance of mental health. A number of ideas were discussed over the days which included confidence building, peer support and relationship management.

It is crucial to remember the importance of nature in our lives. At Samarpan, we firmly believe in taking care of the environment. Putting this belief to practical use, children from across the various Samarpan projects got together to plant herbs and plants around their schools. Having started this project on their own accord, they have taken on the responsibility to care for each of the saplings. We are certain that each school will soon show the results of this effort.
India is home to 46.6 million stunted children, a third of the world’s total as per the Global Nutrition Report (2018). Nearly half of the under-5 child mortality in India is attributable to undernutrition. No country can aim to attain economic and social development goals without first addressing the issue of malnutrition.

Working towards holistic growth, we are aware that no educational reforms can be brought about in any community without first addressing basic concerns such as food and nutrition. To that end, we have undertaken our nutritional programs.

All of our educational centres focus on providing our young beneficiaries with a nutritional meal aimed at improving their overall health. While the schools offer wholesome breakfast and lunch, the tuition centers offer a delicious and healthy dinner to all students. Over time, results have been recorded with the BMI of all students increasing and malnutrition having reduced within the entire community.

Under the project ‘Injustice of Justice’, Samarpan provides nutritional support to families of individuals in conflict with the law. Families lose access to basic resources especially when it is the earning member of the family that is incarcerated, leaving the family in a dire situation. Support is provided by offering dry rations to the families on a monthly basis to support their nutritional needs so that they may focus on their growth and development.

In our work within the communities, we have come across families who, facing extremely difficult circumstances are unable to maintain basic sustenance. For them, we provide primary support as well as rations till they find their footing and are able to become independent. The Rain Basera Shelter at AIIMS, Delhi is a project where immediate primary support is provided to caretakers and family members of patients undergoing treatment at AIIMS, many who spend months in dilapidated conditions while caring for another.
**PRESENCE**

- **Delhi**
  - All Schools, Delhi
  - IJOJ, Delhi
  - Shelter for Women, Delhi
- **Karnataka**
  - Samarpan Education Center, Bagalur Layout, Bengaluru
- **Goa**
  - Samarpan Evening Tuition Centre and Pre-school, Bagalur Layout, Bengaluru

Successfully completed of operation till March 2020:

- 12 YEARS - All Schools, Delhi
- 11 YEARS - IJOJ, Delhi
- 10 YEARS - Shelter for Women, Delhi
- 7 YEARS - Samarpan Education Center, Bagalur Layout, Bengaluru
- 3 YEARS - Samarpan Evening Tuition Centre and Pre-school, Bagalur Layout, Bengaluru
It is with extreme pride that we realized the upstanding citizens our students have become. Our alumni from the Samarpan School Kishangarh have been instrumental in ration distributions for the families of our Injustice of Justice project. They handle the operations, managing the large sacks of grains to make smaller packets for each of the families with a smile on their face and a ready pair of hands. We feel grateful to be a part of their journey and cheer them on in their endeavors.
We organised a successful drive for the residents at the Rain Basera shelter, AIIMS, to provide them with nutritious food and warm blankets to tide over the harsh winter of Delhi. It was a heartwarming experience to see the gratitude of the residents and the joy of the donors as the care packages were distributed, both equally aware of the importance that the contribution had in their lives.

The students of the evening tuition center, Bangalore, were in for a very sweet surprise. A field trip was organized for them by the Bliss cake and chocolate factory. The children learnt about the process that brings them chocolates, breads, pastries and muffins. Not only did they get to sample the sweets while inhaling the aroma of freshly baked goods, each student was also given a goodie bag to take home and at the same time, were explained the need to maintain a nutritionally balanced diet while indulging in their favourite sweets. It was a day spent well, as was evident from their smiles.

Festivals are a special time for all of us and who better to celebrate it with than family. This year on Diwali, a special lunch and gifts was organised for beneficiaries for the Injustice for Justice Programme. A vegetable chopper, a handy tool in the kitchen—was gifted to 40 individuals as everyone greeted each other warmly and welcomed the new year.
HEALTHCARE

“A healthy mind begins with a healthy body”

While working within various marginalized communities, we have realized that access to basic resources is a very real challenge and an area of severe neglect has been healthcare. For most families living within these communities, access to quality healthcare is neither accessible nor affordable. These areas also face lack of access to clean drinking water and hygienic living conditions. Samarpan firmly believes that for growth to be sustainable, all-inclusive interventions are required. Therefore, weekly medical clinics are held within the communities. This charitable service is provided for all members living in the area where consultation and required medications are provided. Referrals to hospital care and financial support is also provided to individuals requiring intensive or urgent medical care till the time rehabilitation is completed. This measure has gone a long way in increasing the health index of the community.

Since access to clean water has also been a difficulty, pipelines have been laid in communities whereby residents now have easy access to potable water. This, too, has improved their standard of living.
PRESENCE

HIGHLIGHTS

The Pulakeshinagar slum, Bangalore, has over 700 residents located between a storm drain and the railway tracks, making it doubly difficult to access the area. However, with the need being dire, we were able to successfully install and provide the residents with a new water pump as well as 4 functional taps. They now have easy access to what is a basic fundamental right: clean water. This facility has made their lives safer, healthier, and has improved their standard of living.

IMPACT

TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE IMPACTED 3082

PLACES NUMBER OF PEOPLE IMPACTED
Bagalur Layout | Bangaluru 2121
All schools | Delhi 961
The Samarpan School, Bangalore, organized a dental camp for its 90 students in the school premises to show parents and children the basics of oral care. Dental hygiene is low on priority for most of us where problems are ignored and children grow up with no awareness of oral care. Dr Rajashree kept it simple with clear diagrams and pictures but managed the rare feat of having the children smile openly in conversation with a dental expert. It was heartening to see fathers in attendance along with the mothers while the children stepped up to actively participate. All children were presented with attractive toothbrush and toothpaste kits to encourage daily brushing and tooth care.

Lokesh, aged 9, and Siddharth, aged 8, two young residents of the Jai Bheem Nagar slum, Bangalore, have been suffering from paraplegia. Volunteers of the Samarpan Foundation, Bangalore have been providing medical assistance to both the children under the Special Kids Therapy project for the last two years. With consistent work, both have made progress to building muscle strength and coordination. Samarpan aims to bring them closer to their personal freedom by being there to support them as they face this challenge so that they emerge stronger and emboldened from this arduous transition in their lives.

Harish, 14 is a resident of the Pulakeshinagar slum, Bangalore. Due to the difficult circumstances of his living conditions, he had contracted dengue and developed secondary complications. To help him tide over this demanding time, we provide them with financial and medical support. At the recommendation of the doctor, he was shifted to a private hospital where all his medical issues were addressed. Thanks to the timely intervention of the volunteers, Hari has now completely recuperated and is healthy, much to everyone’s relief.
EMPOWERMENT

“Independence through team spirit”

Aiming for holistic development of communities, Samarpan has initiated 5 empowerment centers for women. Since many individuals and families are conventional in their approach to gender roles, it was initially a struggle to get women out of their homes. However, over time, with the educational programs for children becoming a part of the community and the work being done being appreciated, the resistance from families has slowly ebbed and the empowerment centres have seen a steady enrollment of more women. The program has been started with the aim to make women independent, increase their incomes and develop a sense of dignity for themselves to live an empowered life.

To eliminate the challenge of travel restrictions placed upon them, the empowerment centers operate within the communities. Space is scouted for within or around the community area where training is provided in stitching and tailoring. We are supported in this endeavor by Singer India, and on the completion of the training, the participants are certified as professional tailors. Since many of the participants enter the formal workforce for the first time, workshops and additional trainings are provided on a regular basis to enhance skills of entrepreneurship, create awareness of the marketplace and develop financial literacy.
PRESENCE

Delhi

5 YEARS
Successfully completed
- Magical Stitches,
  Kishangarh Village, Delhi
- ARIA, Malviya Nagar, Delhi
- Women’s Empowerment,
  Jama Masjid, Delhi
- Women’s Empowerment,
  Sultanpur, Delhi

2 YEARS
Successfully completed

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TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE IMPACTED 388
Samarpan is proud to announce that the women’s empowerment team under the name Archisha, are now partnering with Asia 51, a project undertaken by the United Nations High Commission to provide international markets for the creative work produced by refugees, to rebuild their lives. The venture has been successfully launched with the artists’ work being appreciated at international platforms and being sold out. The products made by our participants from Malviya Nagar were selected to be exhibited at the Global Refugee Forum held in Geneva and Tokyo. It gives us great pleasure to see our beneficiaries get the exposure that they need to create independent lives.

The One World Fest was organized in the month of December as a step towards building ties between India and Afghanistan. Participants of the Samarpan Empowerment Program from Malviya Nagar, Kishangarh, Jama Masjid and Sultanpur came together to better understand each other through their craft. Family members of the women were invited to the event which featured music and food from the two countries. Products made by the artisans from Archisha and the Samarpan Empowerment program were displayed to everyone’s admiration. Over 150 people participated in the festivities, dancing to Afghani and Indian songs alike and breaking barriers to pave the way for new relationships.

In partnership with the internationally acclaimed Bridal Asia, the women from Samarpan’s Empowerment program have showcased their products at the centres in Delhi and Mumbai. Their products were acknowledged by both organisations and individuals alike where not only have they managed to become a recurring presence at Bridal Asia but have had their products sold out each time. Their passion for quality work has resulted in their potli bags and crochet bags having found many buyers wanting to place advance orders and has also resulted in a tie-up with the international fashion house Ensemble. We are sure that their sense of ownership and pride over their beautiful handiwork will see them grow further towards empowerment.
With the belief that a home is always the first ground of growth, Samarpan has undertaken projects to provide homes for children and the elderly. For these two most vulnerable groups of society, homes have been started to provide for them a safe place where they are cared for. At the children’s homes, apart from safety, care and comfort, a major focus has been health and nutrition. Moreover, all children are enrolled in academic institutions to equip them with resources for a better future.

Training, skill-building and awareness workshops are organized on a regular basis on topics that are meant to develop their interest, enhance their aptitude skills and support their personality development.

As part of the adoption program, prospective adopters are brought together with children, with due diligence maintained, to create families. Workshops are held regularly to initiate a smooth transition for the adopters and adoptees and to create awareness of various challenges that might arise. Counselling services are also offered to create a solution-oriented approach as they move into their new lives.

Rehabilitation of at-risk children living on the streets is also part of the work at the Foundation, through educational, nutritional and healthcare support.

An old age home has been inaugurated in Goa to cater to the complete needs of our senior beneficiaries. It was realized that while physical sustenance is important to nourish the body, dignity in their twilight years, compassion and love are important attributes for them to live well. These ideas were kept foremost in mind when establishing the old age home. Having been recently inaugurated, facilities for the holistic care of residents have been incorporated such as their housing, nutritional, healthcare and recreational needs. Emphasis is laid upon enhancing interpersonal interactions and relationships for the residents so that they may gather encouragement from each other.
PRESENCE

- Delhi
  - Home for Girls, Delhi
  - Home for Boys, Delhi
  - Regarpura Shelter, Delhi

- Maharashtra
  - SPARCC, Pune

- Goa
  - Varca, Goa

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TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE IMPACTED 1029
We have seen the children at Samarpan Children’s home, New Delhi, grow to become happy individuals. As they progress towards becoming adults, more avenues are being created for them to continue feeling supported as they will eventually leave the children’s home. An important workshop was organised for them with CLAN: Care Leavers’ Association and Network, a platform for young adults who leave protection of a child care institution to assist each other via peer support and advocacy. The children attended the workshop aimed to prepare them for the challenges they will face in leaving the security of their nest, spreading their wings as members of the Samarpan family.

To showcase the talent of our little ones, we launched Pratibha, an event for the Children in Need of Care and Protection (CNCP). The audience was thrilled as each of the participants sang, danced, acted and put up performances to add to the voice of the UN’s sustainability goals of environment and child rights. It was a proud moment for everyone as the little ones modelled clothes made out of newspapers, confidently strutting down the stage. The resounding appreciation of the people boosted the morale and confidence of all the participants.
Most children who have been adopted face challenges that are specific to their experiences as an adopted person, only understood by another who has lived through it. The Samarpan Programme for Adoption Research, Counselling, Consultancy and Care (SPARCC), Pune, have organised the ‘Bright Sparks’ meet, a platform that provides a space for peers to come, meet and discuss their lives in an informal environment as they navigate through the early years of adoption. The initiative has been a success as multiple meetings have been held where children come with their adoptive families to the meet, finding and offering support to each other and addressing the various issues that they face.

It is with great pride that we report that Sharika Glover, a counsellor and psychotherapist associated with SPARCC, Pune, has published ‘Adoption in India: Voices from the Cradle’, a book highlighting the experiences of adopted people. The book pioneers the exploration of the struggles and issues faced by adopted people in the Indian context, around their identities, their sense of belonging and the lack of connectivity they face. The voices of the children speak through the book. It is up to us to listen, and we at Samarpan are proud to lead this initiative for our beneficiaries.
ANIMAL WELFARE

“Caring equally for our four legged and winged friends”

For most animals living on the streets, life is unconditionally difficult. Not only is procuring food and water a difficulty but also exposure to the fluctuating weather and the whims of human interaction make life doubly hard for them. Too often, they are wounded, struggling to survive as heat, cold and cruelty leave a lasting impact on their bodies and souls. With the approach of doing what needs to be done, Samarpan works towards the care and rehabilitation of these beings. Food is provided on a regular basis in localities of Bangalore and Delhi for dogs, cats and cows. Animal birth control and vaccinations for stray dogs and cats are provided, as is boarding and after-care till rehabilitation. Medical care is also provided in case of injuries, from the point of rescue till reintegration. Our staff proactively identify cases that need attention and do whatever is needed to improve their lives.
The Animal Welfare project of Samarpan Bangalore has found itself a new dedicated partner in the Bangalore Cat Squad who are providing a variety of rehabilitation services for cats. The main aim of this collaborative program is to have street cats taken care of and eventually become part of a loving home. Cats from various localities across Bangalore have been brought in, spayed, and all their medical needs taken care of before they are put up for adoption. Presently, 22 cats with special needs are being provided with holistic care with food, boarding and medication through Samarpan.
The Samarpan volunteers have been tirelessly working to provide for 25 dogs afflicted with distemper. Complete care is aimed to be given while they recover, to be able to be rehabilitated back within their communities. It has been a difficult journey to tend to these animals where volunteers carrying food all day long look for animals to feed or provide urgent medical assistance to, many of them scared of human interaction. But our volunteers’ resolve has only strengthened as they respond to this need with love and attention.

The Bangalore cat squad and volunteers from Samarpan Foundation have been providing long-term care for 11 cats who have been suffering from severe traumas inflicted due to live wires, hit-and-run cases, amputations, etc. The transformative care of these beautiful beings has been a long and difficult journey as they slowly heal from their injuries to find their forever homes.

A cat awareness and education camp was organised in collaboration with Heads Up for Tails and the Bangalore Cat Squad, aimed at providing information on training for fosterers, identifying health concerns in cats, deworming and vaccination schedules, birth control, cat care, etc. Dr Akshay, the expert speaker, answered various queries that the participants had about their own pets and about the processes of adoption. It was an engaging session that each of the participants came away better informed and prepared with, to take on the responsibility of fostering and adoption.
Ganga’s story begins like that of many of our beneficiaries. A resident of the Kotla slum, Delhi, she had seen many difficult days early in her life, with her father missing from the family and her mother being the only breadwinner for four children. With two older sisters and a brother, meeting ends was difficult but Ganga did not lose hope for a better life and worked hard to achieve her dreams. It fills us with great pride to watch her pursue her passion for beauty services. She has started training with Akriti Beauty Salon and has been assured of a job when she completes the training program. She is one of our earliest students at the Tuition Center set up in 2009 at Kotla. Her dedication and consistent efforts towards bettering her life, we are sure, will take her far in her chosen field. She is already an inspiration for many in her community and we look forward to accompanying her in all her endeavors.

Aishwarya, a student of Samarpan tuition centre, Bangalore was encouraged by her aunt to attempt the KCET and she has not looked back ever since, despite several obstacles along the way. Samarpan first stepped in to get her BASE fees waived- Anamika’s outstanding results had ensured a rank in KCET and admission into the Kempegowda Institute of Medical Sciences. Along the way, her mother was found to have a brain tumour and had to have surgery, through Samarpan, finances were collected but to compound matters, relatives took legal recourse to evict them and yet Anamika single-mindedly pursued her medical studies. In January 2020, Anamika qualified as a doctor, all her hard work has paid off. She is presently interning in the same medical institution, looking towards a brighter future. The diligence continues as she charts her way across new frontiers. We, at Samarpan, feel nothing but pride and thank our generous benefactors for making Anamika’s story possible.

An older couple from Maharashtra had been waiting for nearly three years before they received a child referral to adopt a child. Coming from a rural area, they were intimidated by the ways of the big city but SPARCC’s expert counsellors guided them through the process and provided the much needed emotional as well as psychological support in this journey. The eager parents shopped for clothes, books and toys for the four year old child and made a picture book for him on the advice of the SPARCC counsellor, to introduce his new family to him while all formalities were completed. The child is now home with his parents and the counsellor at SPARCC has been in regular touch with the couple to help them make this transition. It is heartening to note that the child has successfully accepted and integrated in with his new family.
Having a parent in the prison system undoubtedly has a profound impact on the well-being of children. The situation is made more dire if there is no economic or social stability for the family. However, there is always hope to be found even in trying times. Three siblings from our Injustice of Justice program—Dipika, aged 17, Yashika, aged 15 and Pratham, aged 7—have been winning accolades as they consistently do well in academics. Their mother has been single-handedly raising the three children, making sure that they are all enrolled in school as their father completes his prison term. The children are helpful, kind and have built an attitude of moving forward, despite their challenging situation. The efforts of all stakeholders towards building their futures is apparent as Yaminı and Dipali have both won gold medals consistently as rank holders in their grades and their little brother, following in the sisters’ footsteps, has also topped his class in Grade 2. The resilience of children makes them emerge stronger if they have someone who believes in them.

At Samarpan, we identify families that are struggling to make ends meet so that we may be able to support them. One such family is Nisha’s and we have been able to bring them under the fold of the nutrition and Development program. Her father is a hard-working man who has unfortunately lost his eyesight and her mother is a homemaker. Nandini started planning for how she could best provide for her family and realized that completing her education would allow her access to opportunities. She focused on her studies and scored 87 per cent marks and has now decided to pursue accountancy while improving upon her technical skills. Her story and her drive goes a long way to make one realize that consistency often leads to many new avenues of learning, growth and empowerment for oneself.
Sakshi had come to us as a young girl through the CWC along with her brother who was put under the care of the Udayan Foundation, Delhi. It has been a few difficult years for Sakshi, but her willpower challenged any obstacle that came her way. With guidance and support from her guardians at the home, she continued to provide for her younger brother while single-mindedly pursuing her aspiration to begin her Masters in Marketing. Her desire to help others facing similar circumstances resulted in her co-founding Care Leavers’ Association and Network (CLAN), a group that creates a network of support for young adults coming out of orphanages and homes. It fills us with pride to see her live her dream, having accepted a scholarship from the prestigious St. Andrews University, Scotland and look forward to seeing where her determination takes her, the love of Samarpan always with her.

It has been a noticeable trend around the holidays to buy a pet for loved ones. However, in too many instances, the novelty of bringing a pet home is lost to the effort required to care for a life. Yolo and Fomo are two such puppies that were bought as a Christmas gift for a wealthy family’s children. The children soon lost interest, the little ones were forgotten and quickly became a burden to get rid of. Luckily for them, they were soon adopted by our Trustee, Shradha Vedbrat and became integral members of the family. They chose to adopt these loving creatures rather than shop for their companions. True to their names, both are now healthy and loved with their family. While Yolo and Fomo were able to find their forever home, too many animals are abandoned or left helpless on the streets looking for love.

Sometimes, in life we have to make the difficult decision to give up what we love. Navleen Kaur, unable to provide care for Jess, her labrador, had approached our Kitchen for Paws project to find a loving home for him. Tarun and Parul first met Jess with Navleen and it was love at first sight! He has quickly become an addition to their family of 4. His siblings adore and spoil him while his parents make sure he is always taken care of. Jess the Mess, as he is fondly called, has found his forever home and we are thankful that his parents made the decision to adopt this gentle soul.
Tamana (32) hails from Kabul, Afghanistan where due to political instability and war, she along with her family left her home country and sought asylum in India, living in Malviya Nagar. She joined the stitching course, completing her basic and advanced levels and finally enrolled in the Capacity Building training. In Afghanistan Tameena’s worked in an MNC and she was a housewife where they led a very comfortable life, a life of luxury." However, as refugees, family members have been unable to find a job and while her sister-in-law provides financial assistance to take care of basic necessities, in a family of 11, it is not enough. When she heard about the stitching course of Samarpan foundation, she immediately joined the empowerment centre to learn a new skill which she considers to be the best decision of her life. Today Tameena is making Rs.10,000 per month. It has given her the opportunity to dream and it has empowered her to think about herself having a career. The thought about working professionally had never crossed her mind, but with her skill she now aims to have her own stitching center and boutique one day. We at Samarpan, wait in anticipation for her dream to find it’s anchor!

Vidya (35) joined the Samarpan tailoring and stitching course in the year 2013, she has been associated with Samarpan ever since. Vidya was just 15 years old when she got married and moved to Delhi with her husband at the age of 18. Her husband works as a cook in an office and was the sole earner in the family. She initially joined Samarpan out of necessity, to stitch clothes at home for her family, saving money on purchasing garments. Today Vidya makes Rs 2000 to 3000 per month while learning a new skill at Samarpan has helped her become self-reliant and increased her self-confidence. Her dream is to see her kids to break the vicious circle of poverty and achieve success in life. She doesn’t want them to face the difficulties that she faced due to lack of money and education. We are sure that her devotion towards the evolution of her family will find fruition in the success of her children.
I have been associated with Samarpan Foundation since June 2007. At the time, I was managing two animal welfare organizations. Even though I had been in the welfare sector much before that, the new way of life in Samarpan was an eye opener for me. I had a lot of introspection to do and a lot of unlearning. In animal welfare earlier, we had seen a lot of hard times. We had done a lot of wonderful work but there was tremendous stress, and a lot of angst. I used to look at the world with the view that animal welfare is too difficult, not many want to volunteer, not many want to donate, and consequently we thought we have to do all the work, while putting in all our money. Now the same work in Samarpan Foundation is being done with ZERO stress. What changed is my way of looking at things with the guidance of our Chairman. That people are helpful and friendly and more people will join us. That is happening. Now my view has changed from, "I have to do this" to "I get to do this". Samarpan Foundation is a movement and I am privileged to be a part of it. It is an honour, really.

- Poornima Harish

It gives me immense satisfaction to have been associated with Samarpan Foundation Women Empowerment Programmes as their Design Development and Marketing head from 2017 to March 2019 and then as a volunteer since April 2019. I am really very pleased with the way Samarpan Foundation has been uplifting the under-privileged women and giving them opportunities to earn and raise their self-respect in the truest sense. Samarpan Foundation actually awakened my latent passion of working towards the cause of women empowerment and helping them get the right value for their outstanding craftsmanship. My sincerest Gratitude to Shradha Vedbrat for giving me this opportunity to broaden my horizon and connect with such a generous cause.

- Rita Jhanjee

I joined Samarpan Foundation as a part time volunteer. I had worked in a play school for twenty years. Since teaching became my passion, I wanted to impart education to the underprivileged children. Fortunately through one of my friends I met Rajni, she told me about this organization. I expressed my desire to join as a volunteer since then I have been associated with it for over two years. Since two years I can see great changes and improvement in the children. I enjoy being with the children and interactions with them has really changed my life. It is a great pleasure and satisfaction to see them grow in knowledge and wisdom. I am privileged to have been given this opportunity to be a part of this organisation. The one thing that I have learnt as a volunteer is: We can make this world a beautiful place to live in.

- Shubha Garg
Harveen Bedi  
Head CSR,  
Info Edge India Ltd

Infoedge has been associated with Samarpan Foundation’s Hathi Basti center for three years now. We have witnessed the organization’s commitment and unwavering resolve towards welfare of children and community. I believe education is a great enabler. Samarpan classrooms provide a strong launch pad for the first generation learners to enter the fold of mainstream education. This has the potential to change individual lives as much as the community. Along with education, Samarpan’s focus on daily nutrition and hygiene has not only ensured good attendance, better health indicators but also more attentive and curious minds in classrooms. Efforts of the Samarpan teachers and progress of the children is appreciable. While this year has been turbulent and exceptional in many ways, the resilience of the organization has kept them going strong. I wish the Samarpan team all the very best for the times ahead!

Sumedha Sharma  
Chief Functionary,  
iPartner India.

iPartner India has partnered with Samarpan Foundation for their livelihood and education program and the partnership has been highly rewarding. Throughout this partnership, we have seen the team innovate and adapt their program for greater impact while demonstrating transparency and accountability through their work. The motivation and passion shown by the Samarpan Foundation team in making a positive difference in the lives of the most vulnerable is commendable. We look forward to working with the team and wish them the very best for the future.
FINANCIAL YEAR
2019 - 2020

SAMARPAN FOUNDATION
63 Jorbagh, New Delhi-110003

INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020

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For SAMARPAN FOUNDATION

Trustee
Dhiren Arora

Date: 1.1.2020
Place: New Delhi

SAMARPAN FOUNDATION
63 Jorbagh, New Delhi-110003

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2020

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For SAMARPAN FOUNDATION

Trustee
Dhiren Arora

Date: 1.1.2020
Place: New Delhi

As per our report of even date attached
For Arun K. Agarwal & Associates
Chartered Accountants
Firm Reg. No. 0039179
M.NO. 082899
PARTICIPATE
VOLUNTEER

We look forward to your participation in shedding light even in the darkest corners. To create a ripple that turns into a wave, please join us in the following manner:

- By giving your time to Samarpan
- By raising awareness about the initiatives
  - By supporting us on logistics
  - By helping us raise funds
  - By making a donation

Please contact us at volunteer@samarpanfoundation.org and let us know how you’d like to get involved

DONATE

Join us to bring about change!

Funds received are allocated to the projects that most need them, but you are welcome to stipulate which project(s) you would prefer to support when donating.

We will ensure that your donation is allocated accordingly.

For assistance or further information about donating, please write to us at donate@samarpanfoundation.org.

Please visit our website to know more about us.

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