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News letter from the Aasraa Trust

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Wings and Street Smart Come Home to the Haven



The 'Haven' in Indira Nagar is now the epicenter of Aasraa Trust. The Street Smart program, the senior Wings program, the NIOS program, the Boys Shelter and the main Computer Center are now located at the Haven! It is three storey structure with class rooms which allow us the space to offer a better quality of education to the children. A room per class is an absolute luxury after teaching on the pavements. We are grateful to the Doon Shelter Society for the Homeless and St Joseph's Academy for their patience in allowing us to start our work with the children. A huge thank you!



Airtel Delhi Half Marathon



Twenty children participated in the Airtel Delhi Half Marathon on the 23rd of November 2014... It was great exposure for our kids. They went onto a National stage televised by Star Sports channel chanting: 'Bhiksha Nahin, Shiksha Dein' (Don't give us alms, give us an education)

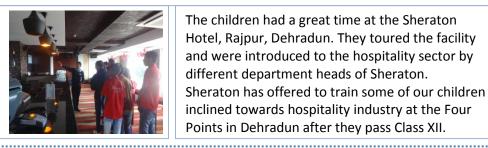
DEEPAK joined Bajaj Institute



Deepak has now been admitted to the Bajaj Institute of Learning for the Hearing Impaired. This is the next step in

the right direction. We thank Nav Prerna Foundation for helping him to settle down. He will be an excellent scholar. Last week he was made class monitor for the first time. He was so proud!

EXPOSURE Visit to 'Four Points' - Sheraton Hotel



The children had a great time at the Sheraton Hotel, Rajpur, Dehradun. They toured the facility and were introduced to the hospitality sector by different department heads of Sheraton. Sheraton has offered to train some of our children inclined towards hospitality industry at the Four Points in Dehradun after they pass Class XII.

All of our work is funded due to the grace and kindness of our donors. We are currently working with almost 700 slum and street children; there are so many more children we can reach. Thank you for your continued love and support for the children.

AASRAA Trust has two major programs "Street Smart" and "Wing of Doon'. AASRAA Trust is registered under income tax act 12AA, 80G & FCRA.

From Rubbish 2 English!

Our oldest street boys, who a couple of years ago were on the streets begging, rag picking and doing drugs, are now reading for different parts in a play... in English! It was emotionally overwhelming to see these young men, Santosh, Roshan, Guddu and Kamlesh read different parts from the story of Aladdin.



Thank you to our new donors, Mr. Dalmia for raising the level of our education sponsorship and Mayank Singhal at PI Industries for their generosity and direction for CSR sponsored skills training for Class 12 school leavers. The strength of education and the dignity of skilled work will define the future for Aasraa's children.