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## ANNUAL REPORT

2016-17



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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

It's been an extraordinary year... our dreams of pushing education boundaries for our slum and street children through technology have come through.

Using Computer Aided Learning programs in all our centres, on our Mobile Education Buses and on our dedicated Mobile Computer Lab, we are able to bring modern exciting teaching techniques via an audio Visual and interactive medium. This has captured the imagination of our children and sent the quality of the education we offer through the roof.

Our USP at Aasraa has been that there is no unreachable or unteachable child.... This has never been more true!

Our outreach teams work tirelessly at street level and with the community to build trust so that we can bring out of school children into our mainstreaming centres. We made ourselves a promise; we would not take on more children if it compromised the quality of what we do..... We are delighted to report that the quality of education has risen AND we have brought more children into the Aasraa fold.

We have undergone successful complicated surgeries, rescued abandoned children, nurtured and fed our flock; they are beaming, shiny and bright!

Our class 10 and 12 children surpassed themselves in the Board exams; all passed and we had 6 out of 7 first divisions in class 12! These are all children who would not have had the opportunity to study past class 8. We are indeed proud parents.

Now we need to focus on the future of these children. Having received our NIOS (National Institute of Open Schooling) certification for Vocational Training we are pushing ahead with our plan to provide focused skills training for our children. 2017/18 will see the opening of our first dedicated Vocational Training Centre.

Our dream is to start a centralized kitchen. Children cannot study on an empty stomach. Aasraa currently feeds 1,500 children every day. The impact a centralized kitchen would not just be in terms of cost (economies of scale), quality (fresh good produce), a balanced diet, food prepared and cooked in hygienic conditions and delivered hot and fresh. It would also become part of the vocational skill sets we will train our older children in. Tourism is Uttarakhand's biggest industry. The hospitality sector is the fastest growing. This is a huge employment opportunity for our children and they must be able to earn a dignified living.

As we look forward to 2017/18, it is clear that the stepping stones laid down this year gone past are part of the incredible journey our children are embarking on.

Thank you to all of our fabulous donors for making such a difference in our children's lives. A heart warming and loving thank you to you all!



**Shaila Brijnath**

## INTRODUCTION

Aasraa Trust looks after the overall wellbeing of Dehradun's most vulnerable children. Children who are of the street; who do not have permanent homes, sometimes orphaned, abused, addicted; children living in shanty shacks with no access to water & sanitation; children whose parents work all day and are not there to supervise them, feed them, look after them; parents who drink their wages and then beat their children; children living on the street, begging; children rag picking and hawking. Aasraa looks for ways to re assimilate these children into mainstream culture. We do this by running programs geared to the needs of the children. We lead them through the preliminary stages of basic literacy, education and skills training. We combine this with medical attention, inoculation drives, nutrition, clothing and love.

We have grown from 35 children to over 1,800 in the last 8 years. We currently feed 1,500 children a day.

## Vision and Mission

Aasraa has a vision of life with dignity for children from the streets and slums of Dehradun. The cycle of poverty that governs their lives needs to be broken. We believe that the outside intervention needed to break this cycle is education and vocational training combined with healthcare and nutrition. This is what we do - daily. We reach out to vulnerable children and we provide opportunity, care and love. This is our mission.

## Core Values

**Partnership** – Part of our ethos is to collaborate with other equally passionate nonprofits; for profit organizations so as to maximize our impact; create awareness on child rights and education in India

**Honesty** – In all areas of our organization we consider honesty as an integral part of our operations from financial transparency all the way through to grass roots level interactions

**Dignity** – We respect the inherent dignity and worth of each and every person, and in-turn teach all our beneficiaries this crucial understanding

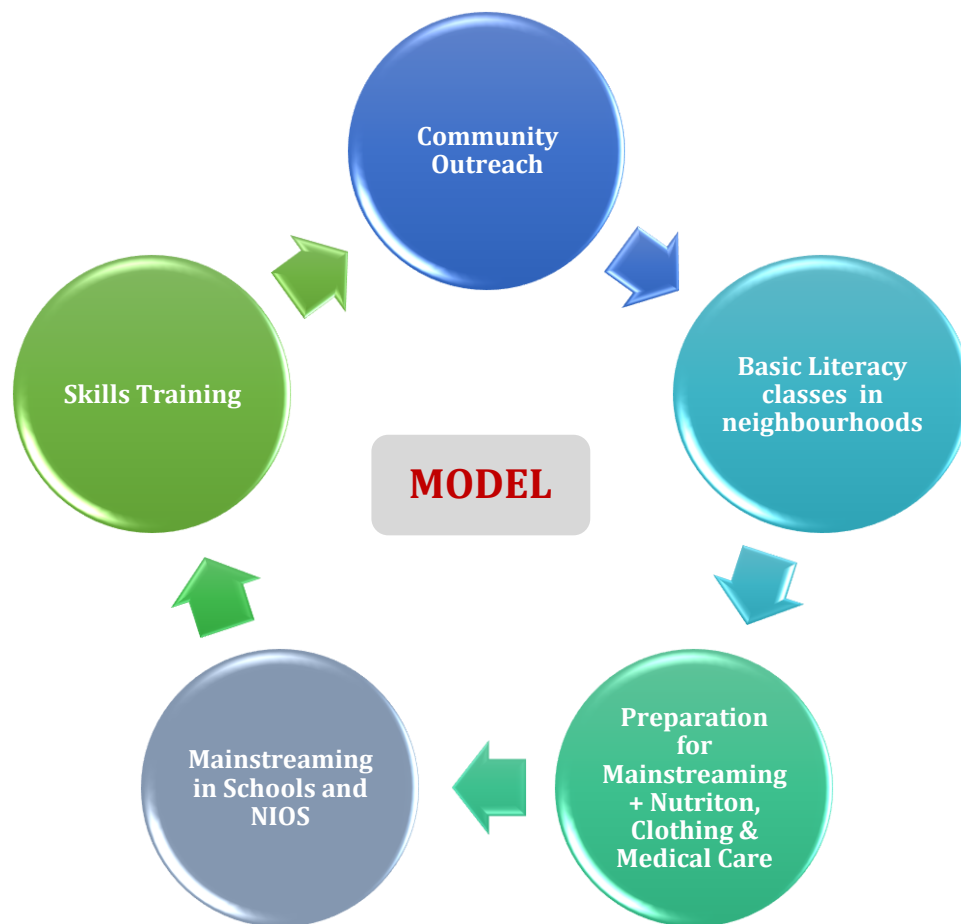
**Capacity** – We believe in the innate capacity of children and make it part of our mission to empower them, and their communities

**Solution Oriented** – We are solution oriented and focus on opportunities, innovation and possibilities, instead of problems or limits.

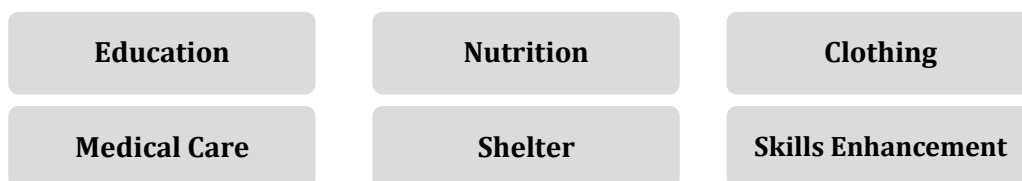
## Our idea of making a difference

Aasraa is concerned with the lack of educational opportunity available to children to the poorer sections of society. We are seeking to redress this imbalance and give as many children as possible a chance to spread their wings and fly. We will mentor them, support them and give them confidence.

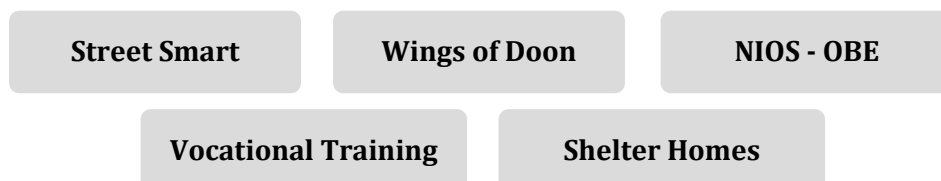
## AN OVERVIEW



### Focus Areas



### Core Programs





## STREET SMART



Street Smart is the first step of bringing children into education; this is where the magic happens. Begging, rag picking and working 'Out of School' street & slum children transform into confident, happy children who can read and write. The aim of this project is to mainstream children into local government and private schools and National Institute of Open Schooling – Open Basic Education Programme (NIOS – OBE).

Today, Street Smart initiates hundreds of children into education with classes in English, Hindi, Maths, Computers, Arts & Craft, Music & classroom discipline. Nutrition, clothing and medical care are integral aspects of the project.



As of March 2017, 460 children attended this program across 4 learning centres in Dehradun.

S. No.	Centre	No. of children
1.	Govindgarh, Kanwali Road	120
2.	Haven, Indira Nagar	80
3.	ISBT	120
4.	Rajkiya Purva Madhyamik Vidhyalaya (RPMV)	140

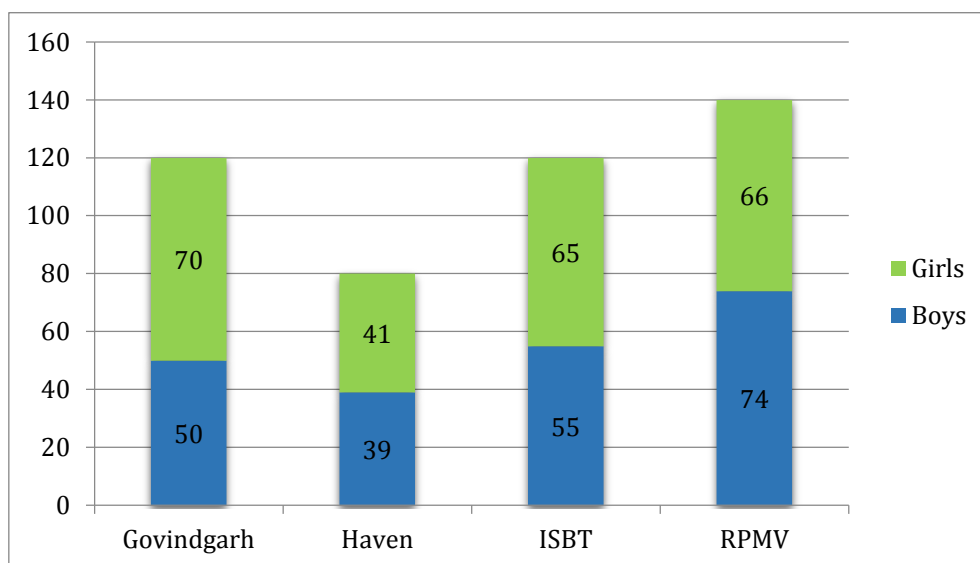


Figure 1: Street Smart

## Impact

The 'Street Smart' program started in 2011. The scope and depth of this program has increased many folds since its inception. 516 children have been mainstreamed in the past seven years.

Every year we mainstream over a two hundred children from this program. Those not ready to be mainstreamed stay in the program till they are prepared in the following year.

Intense nutrition helps them to stay healthy, strong, proactive and confident. It is a strong foundation for their brighter future, which will help them to break the poverty cycle.





## WINGS OF DOON

Mainstreamed slum and street children need supervised time after school to grasp concept and curriculum. They have missed large segments of education due to personal circumstances and poverty. The 'Wings of Doon' program fills gaps in conceptual understanding and allows children to catch up with the syllabus. This allows these children to move forward more confidently with a strong grounding and understanding of subject matter.



**Wings of Doon –  
Where we make it  
count!**

**Remedial Support  
Quantity to quality approach  
Lesser drop outs  
Regular assessment  
Joy of learning**

**8 centres  
1,058 children**

In partnership with government and private schools, we build educational foundation for children and provide them with remedial support to cope with their school curriculum. Our team of 46 experienced and qualified teachers ensure conceptual reinforcement of the students. In Junior Wings, we focus on Math, Hindi, English, Computer and Arts & Crafts. In Senior Wings we cover all subjects.





As of March 2017, there are 1,058 children enrolled in the Wings program across 8 centres.

S. No.	Centre	No. of children
1.	Sneha Doon Academy	191
2.	Unnayan Shiksha Kendra	190
3.	Abdul Kalam School	35
4.	SGRR, Bindal	122
5.	RPMV	220
6.	Welham Boys' School	100
7.	Summer Valley School	100
8.	CNI Boys Inter College	100

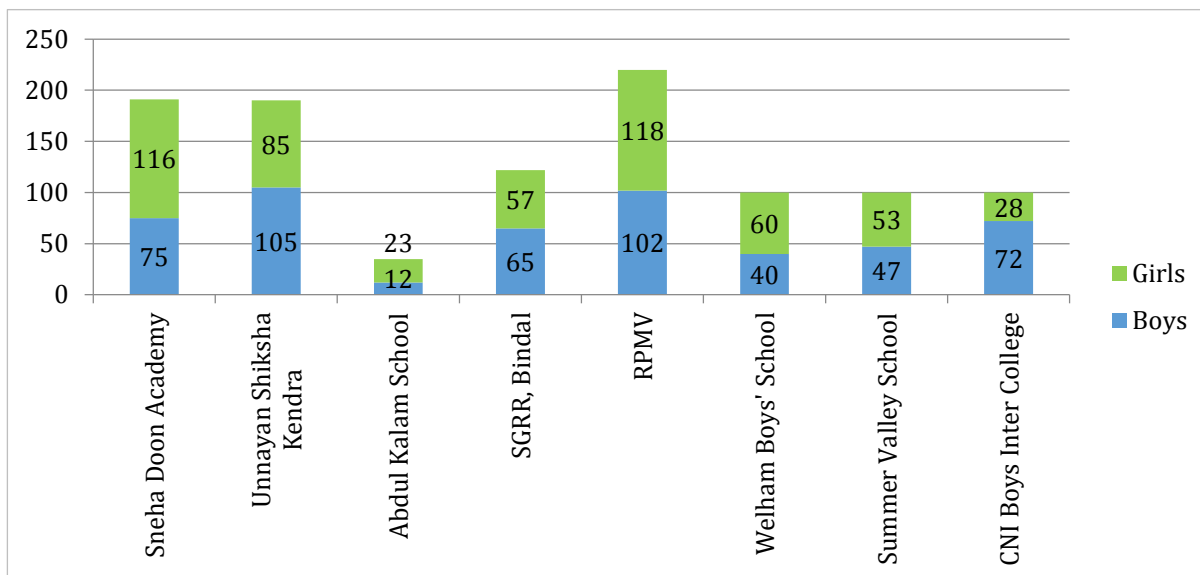


Figure 2: Wings of Doon

## Impact

There are almost 1100 children now in Wings... we see the impact every day as school results continue to improve. In the last two years, all our students in class 10 & 12 passed their board exams. This academic year, 6 out of 7 children in class 12 came in the first division. We now have children enrolled in University doing their Bachelor degrees.

In 2016, one of our boys, Shubham Nag, reached the Uttarakhand Honours list. His mother? She carries bricks at a building site. This year Shubham will sit his class 12 board exam in science. He and his friend, Salim Khan, will then take an extra year to do specialized coaching for engineering and medical school. Two of tomorrow's leaders - both shaped by Wings of Doon.

## OPEN BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAMME OF NIOS

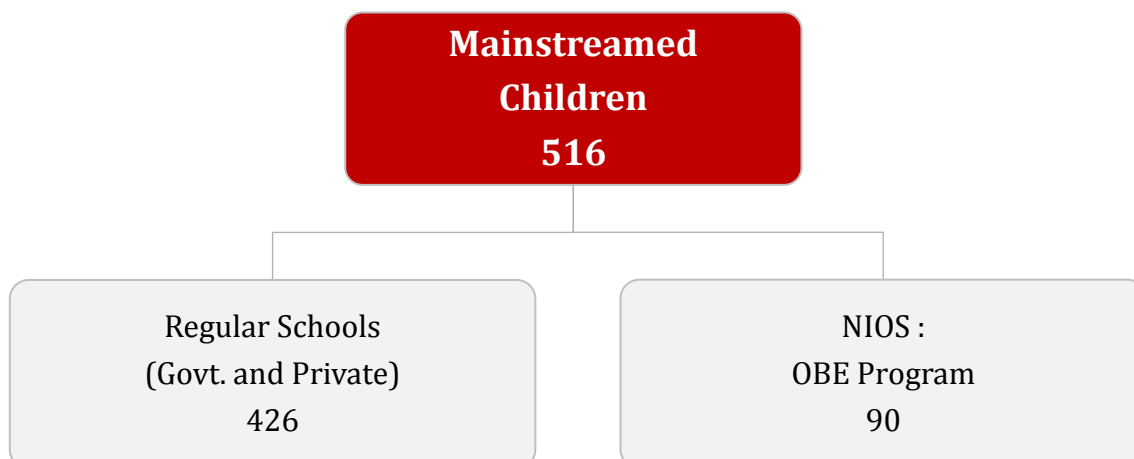
**Aasraa Trust is an accredited centre of the 'Open Basic Education' Programme of National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS).**

Under this program, Aasraa provides elementary education at three levels – Level A, B and C (equivalent to classes 3, 5 and 8) for the school drop-outs and out of school learners. The numbers of children have constantly grown after inclusion of the Computer Aided Learning classes. In the academic year 2016-17, we registered 59 children in the NIOS OBE program which was remarkably higher than 19 children last year.



## MAINSTREAMING: FORMAL SCHOOLS AND NIOS

Aasraa promotes equal opportunities for all children to participate in the learning process, irrespective of their backgrounds and economic status. Since its inception, Aasraa has mainstreamed 516 children into formal schools, both government and private, and NIOS – OBE program.



Mainstreamed Children		
S.No.	Centre	No. of children
1.	Sneha Doon Academy	191
2.	Shri Guru Ram Rai Schools	99
3.	Unnayan Shiksha Kendra	37
4.	Abdul Kalam School	35
5.	CNI Boys Inter College	33
6.	Govt Girls Inter College	12
7.	Govt Inter College, Dobhalwala	12
8.	Govt School, Kabadi Bazaar	6
9.	Bajaj Institute of Learning for the Deaf	1
10.	NIOS	90

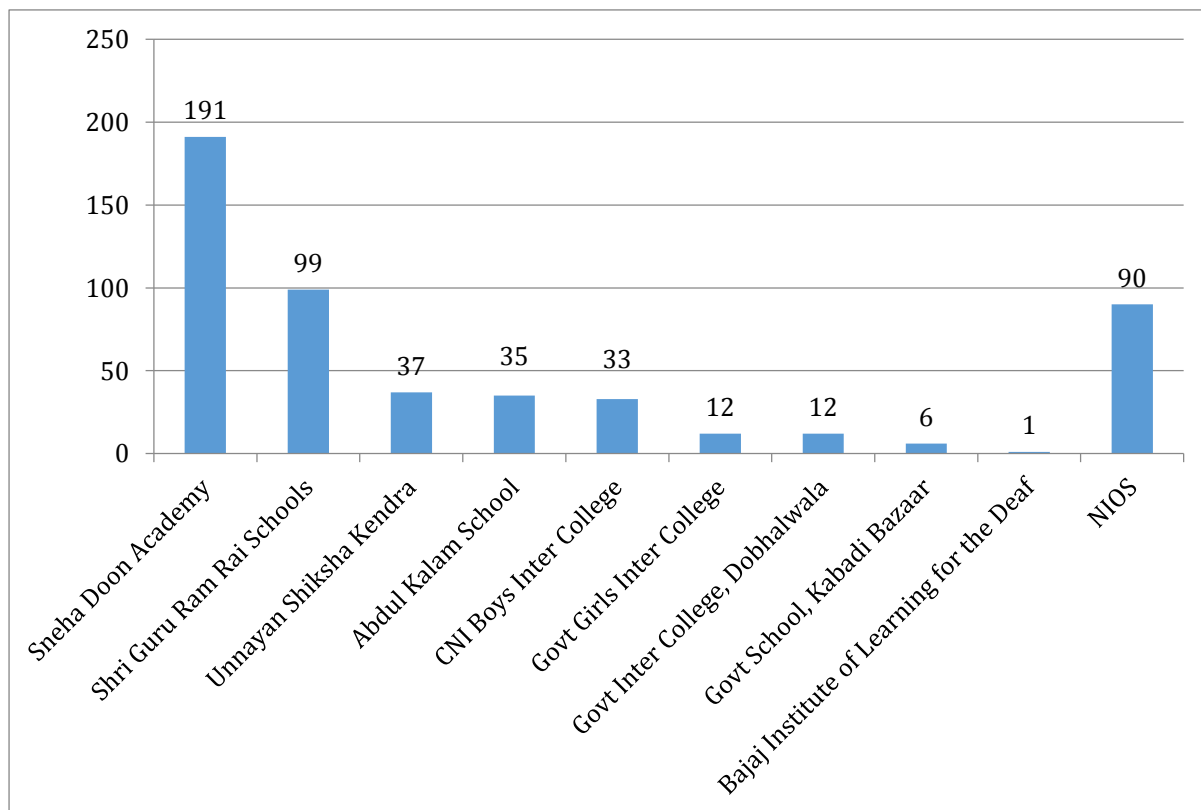


Figure 3: Number of Mainstreamed Children

## **COMPUTER AIDED LEARNING (CAL)**

Aasraa uses modern technology, Computer Aided Learning (CAL) programs that are audio and visual and interactive to capture the imagination and interest of children. CAL links concept and curriculum with web based and e-learning content. The audio, visual and interactive nature of CAL has helped enormously in capturing children's attention. The CAL has a multiplier effect on a child's learning curve; grasp and retention is greater than the traditional methods of rote learning.

The teaching material for CAL is taken from the internet and computer based learning systems such as Khan Academy. We are therefore able to provide excellent quality education. CAL is the precursor to smart classes. Our slum and street children will have exposure to the best education available.

As of March 2017, we have 2 mobile e-learning centres, 1 mobile computer lab, 3 computer centres and seven 50inch LED screens (dedicated to CAL) spread through our projects.

The impact has been huge both in terms of quality and numbers of new children attracted to the various programs. Where we do not have facility to store these screens, our Mobile Computer Lab (MCL) drives in to do so.





## Impact

Aasraa's revolutionary Mobile Computer Lab bus has been made for maximum impact reaching and teaching children in different situations and locations. The Mobile Computer Lab bus has 10 computer systems, a power backup system and is able to hold a class of 20 students at a time. In the mornings, the Mobile Computer Lab visits government schools to provide specialized computer classes and in the evenings goes to a Wings afterschool program to educate children from a nearby slum community. Over 350 children a week attend classes on board this bus.



## VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Aasraa employs a systematic approach to conduct vocational training courses and provide necessary opportunities for skill development of learners.

Simply providing education is not enough. Children must be given a skill set to be able to earn a living with dignity. Courses in sewing, block printing, jewellery making and data entry were conducted. The focus of these courses is to impart skills for employment and also instil entrepreneurship in youth.

With support of JOYN India, 16 of our street children are now master craftsmen. They are employed at their Dehradun factory.



Our next aim is to start CSR funded Skills Training programs in partnership with industries to fulfil specific job requirements. Aasraa will add a unique component to this, soft skills; from personal hygiene to presentation skills; from basic computer literacy to basic accounting knowledge; from basic English to inculcating a work ethic and sense of personal worth and responsibility.



## SHELTER HOMES

Aasraa's shelter homes provide a sensitive and caring environment to vulnerable children on streets who do not have access to basic necessities in their lives. A safe haven where children can live, eat, and learn. A home for disadvantaged children where basic needs can be met, health nourished and dignity restored. Necessary steps are taken to provide a warm and secure atmosphere for their growth and better health, both mental and physical.

Aasraa runs three shelter homes for boys and girls in need; orphans, unwanted, abandoned, runaway, beaten, abused children and children with special needs. We also support one the residential facility of a local government school, Rajkiya Purva Madhyamik Vidhyalaya. A total of 271 children reside in the shelter homes as of March 2017.

Children in Shelter Homes		
S. No.	Shelter Home	No. of children
1.	Haven Shelter Home for Boys (Class 9 to 12)	55
2.	Shelter Home for Girls – I (Class 5 to 12)	13
3.	Youth Shelter Home for Boys – II	7
4.	Rajkiya Purva Madhyamik Vidhyalaya Shelter Home (Class 1 to 10)	196



## NUTRITION

At Aasraa, we firmly believe that no child can be educated if they are hungry, cold or sick. A majority of children coming to our programs are either begging, rag picking or picking up other unskilled jobs to support their families. A majority of them are at different stages of malnutrition and we take it upon ourselves to bring them out of this state. Malnourishment affects children's ability to focus and learn and makes them susceptible to various illnesses. Some of them suffer from childhood ailments, lacerations and seasonal diseases that worsen without proper and timely medical intervention. Untreated injuries and ailments can also lead to major medical problems in the future. Thus in addition to academics, we also provide children with nutrition ranging from fruits to hot lunch, to nutrition supplements.

**Aasraa feeds almost 1,500 children every day.**





## MEDICAL CARE



### Our Hero – Shivani



Shivani, abandoned and untreated, critically ill child, age 11. Shivani was discovered by Aasraa, untreated and abandoned in Doon Hospital. She had already been there for 2 months. Her condition was critical; she was suffering from grave malnutrition and weighed less than 20 kg. She had a suppurating wound on her ankle. The diagnosis was amputation, but she was too weak to be operated on. She was released into Aasraa's care by the local authorities and transferred by ambulance from Doon Hospital to Synergy Hospital.

On arrival at the Emergency at Synergy Hospital, her filthy bandage was immediately changed. The wound was stinking of rotten flesh, pus and infection. The growth plate on the ankle was detached and bone blackened. She herself was covered in urine and fecal matter. We had her mattress and clothes burned at the hospital.

Shivani was sponged, changed, fed and put onto antibiotics straightaway. After 3 successful operations and continued treatment, Shivani is making excellent progress with her diet and her strength is improving every day. With regular physiotherapy the pronounced foot and hand drop on the left side of her body which is polio affected is noticeably better. Her entire treatment was made possible by timely & generous financial support from The Hans Foundation.

In the best case scenario, Shivani's left side of her body will be stretched and exercised to be able to regain some functionality; her right leg will have healed to have some load bearing capacity; and she will be fitted with caliper so she can have independent movement!

We were able to locate her father and her siblings with the help of ChildLine. Shivani met them and realizes that her father cannot look after her needs. Shivani and her father, who lives in Bihar, are happy that she'll be at Aasraa's shelter home where she will receive excellent care.

She has studied till Class 4 and is eager to resume contact with other children and her studies as soon as she's able to. Shivani has an incredibly strong spirit and a strong will to survive.

## CLOTHING

Children who come to our centre do not necessarily have pairs of clean clothes and shoes. We provide them with basic clothing according to the season and shoes or floaters to protect their feet from laceration.





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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT FY 2016-17

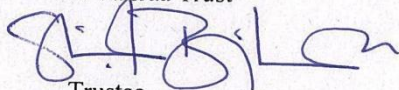
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**Balance Sheet as on March 31, 2017**

I FUNDS AND LIABILITIES	Schedule	Total
Corpus Fund	1	76,22,101
General Fund	2	99,32,483
Fixed Assets Capital Fund	3	47,29,331
Earmarked Grants	4	3,85,382
		<u>226,69,297</u>
II PROPERTIES AND ASSETS		
Fixed Assets	5	71,27,037
Investments	6	112,93,533
		<u>184,20,570</u>
Current Assets, Loans & Advances	7	68,50,577
Less: Current Liabilities and Provisions	8	26,01,850
		<u>42,48,727</u>
		<u>226,69,297</u>
Notes to Accounts	14	

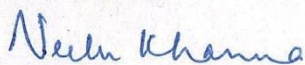
Schedules '1' to '14' annexed are an integral part hereof

As per our separate report of even date.

For Aasraa Trust

  
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Place : Dehra Dun

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## AASRAA TRUST - PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2017-18

S.NO.	PROGRAM	PROJECT	LOCATION	NO. OF CHILDREN	TOTAL AMOUNT (INR)
1	WINGS OF DOON	Unnayan Shiksha Kendra	Unnayan Shiksha Kendra, Kanwali Road, Dehradun	200	2,177,239
2		Junior Wings (RPMV)	Rajkiya Purva Madhyamik Vidhyalaya - 55, Rajpur Road, Dehradun	220	2,555,633
3		Senior Wings (Haven)	Haven, Indira Nagar, Dehradun	122	2,557,263
4		Welham Boys' School	Welham Boys' School, Dalanwala, Dehradun	100	923,039
5		Summer Valley School, Dalanwala	Summer Valley School, Dalanwala, Dehradun	100	984,949
6		Abdul Kalam School	Niranjanpur , ISBT Dehradun	35	282,631
7		CNI-Boys	Paltan Bazar, Dehradun	100	2,926,017
8		Sneha Doon Academy	Sneha Doon Academy, Govind Garh, Dehradun	191	1,516,871
SUBTOTAL-A				1,068	13,923,642
1	STREET SMART	Shiv-Sena (Morning Outreach)	Shiv Sena Office, Govind Garh, Dehradun	120	1,369,850
2		Mobile Learning Centre-Bindal	Bindal, Chakrata Road, Dehradun	140	2,676,481
3		Anti Begging Program-ISBT	ISBT, Niranjanpur, Dehradun	120	2,696,709
4		Street Smart-Haven	Haven Indira Nagar, Unnayan Shiksha Kendra, PMV	80	2,593,055
SUBTOTAL-B				460	9,336,095
1	SHELTER HOMES	BOYS Shelter Home-1	Haven, 383/8, Indira Nagar	55	3,317,066
2		Girls Shelter Home	H. N. 05, Mandir Marg, Vasant Vihar Enclave	15	1,401,388
3		PMV-Shelter Home	Purva Madhyamik Vidhyalaya, 55, Rajpur Road, D.Dun	200	1,982,465
4		Boys Shelter Home-2	383/8 Vasant Vihar, Dehradun	9	691,326
SUBTOTAL-C				279	7,392,245
1	MAINSTREAM SCHOOLING	SGRR Public School	Bindal & Vasant Vihar, Dehradun	99	2,030,655
2		Sneha Doon Academy	Sneha Doon Academy, Govind Garh, Dehradun	191	2,818,747
3		Unnayan Shiksha Kendra	Kanwali Road, Dehradun	37	277,625
4	MAINSTREAM SCHOOLING	Govt. Inter College, Dehradun	Dobhalwala, Dehradun	12	301,627
5		Govt. Girls Inter College	Rajpur Road, Dehradun	12	117,600
6		CNI-Boys Inter College	Paltan Bazar, Dehradun	33	434,547



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7	MAINSTREAM SCHOOLING	Abdul Kalam School	ISBT, Dehradun	35	402,393
8		Govt. Inter College	Kabadi Bazar, Kargi Chowk Dehradun	6	48,600
9		Bajaj Institute of Learning	Rajpur Road, Dehradun	1	200,800
10		NIOS – OBE Program	Haven, 383/8, Indira Nagar, USK, ISBT, Bindal	90	2,031,481
SUBTOTAL-D				516	8,664,075
1	ADMINISTRATION	Office	88/1, Vasant Vihar, Dehradun	-	3,379,856
SUBTOTAL-E				40	3,379,856
1	VOCATIONAL TRANING	ISBT Centre	ISBT, Niranjanpur, Dehradun	60	1,366,088
2		RPMV Centre	Rajkiya Purva Madhyamik Vidhyalaya - 55, Rajpur Road, Dehradun	15	551,369
SUBTOTAL-F				75	1,917,457
1	MOBILE COMPUTER LAB		Mangla Devi School, CNI-Girls Inter College, GIC Dobhalwala, Wings – Summer Valley	350	1,528,601
SUBTOTAL-G				350	1,528,601
1	OUTREACH	Outreach Program	All Street Smart Projects	-	1,406,306
SUBTOTAL-H				-	1,406,306
1	TEACHER TRAINING	Capacity Building	All projects	-	1,449,854
SUBTOTAL-I				-	1,449,854
1	ADMINISTRATION	Medical	All projects	-	593,252
SUBTOTAL-J				-	593,252
1	ADULT LITERACY - BINDAL	ADULT LITERACY BINDAL	Bindal, Chakrata Road, Dehradun	20	56,610
SUBTOTAL-K				20	56,610
GRAND TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E+F+G+H+I+J+K)				1,809	49,647,993

**\* NOTE: Please note that the grand total of children reflects the number of children under the AASRAA umbrella and has not been double counted in cases where children attend more than one project.**

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### Shaila Brijnath, Chairman



Shaila's degree is in Education. She worked as a European Equity Trader in London, Paris and New York. She was a member of the New York and London Stock Exchanges. She left Investment Banking to follow her dream of returning to India to work with underprivileged children. She founded the Aasraa Trust in 2009 to educate and nurture slum and street children.

### Neelu Khanna, Secretary



Neelu, a qualified teacher & travel trade executive, left the corporate world (Singapore Airlines) to pursue her dream of working with the under-served. A social activist for the last 20 years, she is working for educational opportunity for economically deprived children. Based in Dehradun, she organized cancer screening camps for the underprivileged, (with the Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Research Institute, Delhi) volunteered with Raphael for 3 years and now supports several projects which work with children from poor backgrounds. A Trustee of The John Martyn Memorial Trust and HindSka Trust, she supports Udayan Care as a core member of the team at Dehradun.

Neelu who co-initiated Street Smart, a major project of Aasraa Trust, is now focusing on the NIOS (National Institute of Open Schooling) program for structuring the academic program for children outside the school system.

### B K Joshi



Dr Bhushan Kumar Joshi, ex Vice Chancellor Kumaon University, Chairman Fourth State Finance Commission, Government of Uttarakhand, is a Founding Trustee since 2009.

After completing his Masters from Allahabad, BK Joshi did his doctorate from the University of Hawaii, USA (Ph.D Pol Sc) and was a Professor at the same University from 1963-1979.

His illustrious career in education included the following:

- Professor and Director, Giri Institute of Development Studies, Lucknow (1980-1996)

- Vice Chancellor, Kumaun University, Nainital (1996-1998)
- Independent consultant on Primary Education and Participatory Approaches with Save the Children-UK in South & Central Asia (Uzbekistan & Tajikistan), UNICEF in Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan, Serbia & Macedonia (1998-2006)
- BK Joshi is also Founder Honorary Director, Doon Library & Research Centre, Dehradun (2006-Continuing) and Member of Policy Planning Group, Uttarakhand.

## **Aditi P Kaur**



Aditi started out with a career in Hotel Management which she left to join the social sector more than 15 years ago. She worked at Shri Bhuvneshwari Mahila Ashram in Tehri, Uttarakhand where she got her experience in working for the community.

In 2003, she was one of the founding members of the Mountain Children's Foundation that works with children and focuses on child participation and child rights in the state of Uttarakhand. She is also the Director of CHILDLINE, an emergency helpline for children in Dehradun.

## **Vibha Puri Das**



Vibha Puri Das completed her stint of 37 years with government, in December, 2013, having worked as Secretary Government of India, for over 4 years, in the Ministries of Human Resource Development, and Tribal Affairs. She also served as District Magistrate and Collector Dehradun in the years 1987-89. Vibha served in diverse assignments with distinction, both in the state and Union government after graduating from Political Science from Jawahar Lal University.

Vibha Puri Das is a life member of the INTACH, IIPA, member of the India Habitat Centre, and Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, and has served as member of the Grass Root Innovation Augmentation Network (GIAN), northern chapter. She has an abiding interest in social justice issues. She has worked with and alongside multilateral agencies, on issues of child labour, food safety, human rights for underprivileged.

She works as Electricity Ombudsman, an appellate body for grievance redress in Uttarakhand. She is presently associated with development organisations in Dehradun and elsewhere in different capacities, eg. Himmothan Pariyojana, Latika Roy Foundation, Sustainable Development Forum, Uttarakhand, the Bhasha Trust, Vadodara, and Aide et Action, France.

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