

ANNUAL REPORT
2014 – 2015

AASRAA

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Levelling the playing field



Background of the AASRAA Trust

Aasraa Trust was established as a social work trust focusing on education of underprivileged children in 2009, in response to a crisis for intervention for the welfare of children from the riverbed slum under the Bindal Bridge. Aasraa then worked with the river bed community to promote the need for education and started an after school project to augment school education. This project was originally housed alongside the riverbed.

It was then invited to use the classrooms in Dehradun's leading school; St Joseph's Academy and later at St. Agnes Inter College & at the Rajkiya Purv Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Rajpur Road. Aasraa is now working with Sir Ratan Tata Trust, to run this project on a larger scale with better amenities for the children. It is called 'Wings of Doon'.

In 2011, again, in response to a crisis; the growing number of children living on the streets of Dehradun, Aasraa Trust started its second project, 'Street Smart'.

This project aims to provide basic literacy and vocational skills for street children. The ultimate objective of this program is to create a business for these children in which they can work in safety with dignity. Street Smart is housed at Rein Basera, a shelter run by The Doon Shelters Society for the Homeless and at two different centers at Kanwali Road, the hub of the rag-pickers and at the 2 hostels of Aasraa . It also works in collaboration with JOYN India to train these children in the skilled art of textile block printing. Computer literacy is essential in today's world and a computer center at our residential facility is run for training all the children of the Aasraa Trust.

We support children residing at the Purva Madhyamik Vidyalaya, as they are from severely deprived backgrounds. In addition, this school has helped us in main streaming our street children and a couple of children who were earlier begging on the streets of Dehradun, are now students at the school.

Aasraa's ethos has been to work with other equally committed nonprofit organizations so as to maximize its outreach and ability to educate and train children. Currently, the Wings program works in collaboration with schools that have provided space on their campus for this after school tutorial project to run; Street Smart has been able to thrive thanks to the kindness of the Doon Shelters Society for the Homeless. State Bank of India has even added solar water heating and kind donors a computer room and Max India Foundation, new computers for our children. JOYN India, an American nonprofit group, works in collaboration with us to train the children in block printing and sewing. Children above the age of 14 are under training and studying. Children under the age of 14 are part of the literacy program. We work with Childline a crisis management team for children in distress on our outreach program.

Aasraa Trust has a team of dedicated young teachers who mentor and care for the children. This care ranges from educational support to medical needs; from hygiene to clothing; from drug counseling to nutrition, the aim and objective of the Trust is to love, nurture and educate children from socio-economically deprived backgrounds. The Trust is governed by a board of trustees with backgrounds in education, de-addiction and social work.

In the words of the Chairman



As we have grown in scope and number over the last 5 years it is time to reflect on what Aasraa has achieved so far; to recognize which projects under the Aasraa umbrella are having a strong impact on the slum and street children under our care and which programs need to be fine tuned which are not.

Aasraa's outreach programs have been very effective. The teams that go out at street level to bring children into literacy programs have had a good impact in the community. Illiterate parents are allowing their children to attend our classes and from outreach it is an easier step into the school mainstreaming program from Street Smart.

In the last two years Aasraa has mainstreamed and sponsored 140 children in various schools. The afterschool project Wings has grown so big, it has been split into two programs on different campuses! Children from the slums do not have homes in which there is light; a desk to sit at or a parent from whom they can ask for help while doing their homework. That is our job.

The anti begging campaign, being done in conjunction with Childline and the District Administration brings children off the street who are begging at traffic lights and street corners. It is very difficult to mainstream these children in schools. Here the children do a combination of basic literacy and vocational training. This program is having some effect but needs a stronger push from the police force to ban begging and an effective awareness program for the citizens of Doon to remind them that by giving to begging children it only encourages their abuse on the streets.

The Street Children who graduated from Street Smart and joined the JOYN INDIA team are flying. They are master craftsmen and women. They have identity cards, bank accounts, pan numbers and provident funds! We have street children being inducted into this program continuously.

Medical care and Nutrition are huge issues for these children. Aasraa takes comprehensive care of them. An immunization drive has just taken place; 550 children were inoculated against Typhoid, Tetanus and Hep B. The next one will be MMR for children under the age of 5.

In the last 5 years Aasraa has grown from 35 children studying under the bridge at Bindal to an organisation looking after the overall wellbeing of over 750 children. We strive to remember that it is not the number of children we look after, but the quality of life we provide for them! 170 children are now hosted with us 24/7. Aasraa runs two hostels independently and sponsors another for food, maintenance and care giving. We hope to see the children under our full care continue blossom. They have nowhere else to go. And we want them all.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shaila Brijnath'.

Shaila Brijnath, Chairman, Aasraa Trust



Mission


The mission of Aasraa Trust is dedicated to providing opportunity and education to children from underprivileged backgrounds.

Vision

Our vision is to give them a dream and then help them realize it.

Our idea of making a difference

Aasraa Trust is concerned with the lack of educational opportunity available to children of 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...



Wings of Doon

The after school project, 'Wings', at St Joseph's Academy, currently has 300 children, including over 60 from the Bindal slum on a bus we have provided. We now include tuition in English Maths and Computers; drama, sport, art and music. The children come from neighboring slums, 'bastis' and a residential Government school, Purva Madhamik Vidyalaya on Rajpur Road, catering to the severely economically and socially challenged. This is a two hour program, Monday to Friday, 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

We strongly believe that children cannot study on an empty stomach so we provide milk, vitamins, bananas and biscuits every day. The intention of this program is not just to educate, but to character build and allow the children to gain confidence.

At Wings, we are using theatre as a medium to encourage self expression and build character and self confidence. Many children want a good education. They suffer from an inferiority complex about their lack of money, their caste, the lack of opportunity. Ram Lal, the Pied Piper of Dehra Dun, has an extraordinary rapport with the children. He uses theatre and puppetry, stories, poems, and songs to build their self confidence. For e.g. a song: **"ANANT VYOM MAIN JARA NAZAR UTHA KE DEKH LE"**, means the whole world is yours, you just want food and shelter; you should yearn for more than that; and you need to understand your mind and body. The children have relationship issues with their parents; some are addicted to drinking, tobacco & inhalers. He interacts & counsels the children about their problems and tries to instill self confidence in them. Wings project is running from two locations now.



Classroom



Assembly at Wings

Street Smart

Street Smart is located in the centre of Dehradun and works with children who live on the streets and rag pick and beg for a living. The original focus of this project was art therapy and basic literacy. The scope and depth of this project has increased tenfold since the start of the program. There are currently over **300** children in this project.

Street Smart functions from 3 locations – Haven, Indira Nagar (9:00am -3:00pm); Kanwali Road (9.30am – 12.30pm) and Unnayan Shiksha Kendra (2.30pm – 4.30pm) For 6 months Aasraa worked on the streets, getting to know the children and building their trust levels. Then with the onset of monsoon rains we were able move the program indoors.

Street Smart welcomed the use of this shelter for its program. There is an immaculate washroom and water for the children to bathe and wash their clothes; a huge gleaming hall and computer room where they study and train.

For the older children, Street Smart is running a vocational training program to discourage begging and encourage learning a skill, how to run a business, self reliance and independence. This in turn will remove young people from the dangers associated with street life. We are working with a designer of ethnic products, JOYN India to train our children in crafts and will establish a market for their goods. They are currently training the older children how to block print on paper and textiles and work with master for sewing technique. The intention is to create a business into which these children can grow and be part of society and not remain marginalized.

The team in place is caring and nurturing. The children feel this is a safe haven for them. The full programme runs daily from Monday to Friday and the vocational trainees are at the shelter 7 days a week.

In this time, the children study computers, English and Mathematics. Their medical needs are seen to, lunch and tea are served, games are played and they train. We have two ultimate aims for this program; one, to build our own shelter so these children will not have to return to the streets; two, to build a successful, self sustaining business which will be run by the trainees.



Girl Education



Street Smart Children

Chandni

Chandni is a 10 year old girl. She is handicapped with one leg and one hand. She used to sit on the corner of Darshanlal Chowk to beg and earns the livelihood for her entire family. She has been a part of Street Smart program for the last year, gradually increasing the time spent at the shelter. We have finally managed to place her into the residential bridge course program at the Purva Madhyamik Vidyalay. She is now in the hostel and has started her new life studying and playing with children of her own age. AASRAA has in turn employed her mother to help the family earn a living away from begging.



“from begging towards learning”

Sunita

Sunita is about 10 and a half. No one knows for sure; her parents died when she was around 4. She and her brother Raj Kumar lived with their aunt and uncle until they ran away from abuse. They were living in the corridors of Astley Hall. She started sniffing glue when she was 8. Sunita is no longer living on the street. It's a year and a half she was with the Street Smart program. It's not been an easy road to recovery and we take every day, one day at a time, but she is winning. In January of this year she took a turn for the worse and we were desperate to remove her from the influences of street life. Now she lives on the premises of a trust aided residential school, sponsored by AASRAA Trust. She is also a part of our wings Program.



“from Streets to Residential School”



Rani, ragpicker, now mainstreamed, is finding it difficult to cope with school routine and is playing truant. This is not unusual...a lot of children play truant after the initial excitement of school wears off...

Block Printing

For Street Smart children and young adults, this name symbolizes 'a future'.

Melody Murray and her team of wonderful young people have dedicated their time, energy and resources to create a business for these street kids. From block printed paper to textile printing,



Stitching

JOYN India has trained our young adults in the art of printing and now stitching. They have designed products, sampled them and now work with our trainees on the back of client order flow. Our dream is to create a sustainable business into which our trainees can graduate and eventually earn for themselves.



Mainstreaming Children:

- Gautam, Bablu & Karan, ragpickers, were the first three children we mainstreamed to St. Agnes Inter College.
- Gautam has done us proud by consistently working hard and scoring 80 % in all exams. In addition to Gautam 10 other children are looked after by HINDSKA Trust.
- We now have 40 Ashajyothi USA scholars studying at Sneha Doon Academy & St. Agnes Inter College



- 24 children mainstreamed into Blossoming Flowers Academy are sponsored by Caring Hand for Children
- In addition we have another 50 children mainstreamed in Olympus High School, SGRR Public Pchool, Guru Nanak Inter College & Unnayan Siksha Kendra looked after by individual sponsors & Aasraa Trust.



Night Shelter for Street Children

A night shelter was set up in March 2013, thanks to Mr A R Iyer . For the first time ever street children like Rajkumar had a place they could call 'home'. This immediately helped removed them from the negative influences of street life.

NIOS:

We are the first organization working with street children to get accreditation from National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) as a study and exam centre for two age groups, 6+ & 14+. We are now applying for the approval to establish centre for vocational courses

Residential Facility for Mainstreamed Children:



Haven! In response to the immediate need to withdraw 22 children from the government school we are sponsoring, Aasraa trust has set up it's HAVEN. These children have decided to study further and harder; it is amazing the drive, dedication and maturity they have shown. Most are children in classes 9-11, staying in education beyond the limits of RTE in Guru Nanak and St. Agnes; few who exhibited the focus and drive to apply themselves to working hard and earning day boarding sponsorships in Olympus High. In a week we found a house to rent, furnished and staffed it, and moved the children in... It is our boldest move so far. The children love it. They have settled in and are thriving. They have clean clothes, good food, proper tutorials, transport to school and space to flourish.



Anti Begging Program for Children:

Aasraa Trust and Childline have combined forces with the Dehradun District Administration to launch an anti begging campaign focusing on child beggars.

These children are being forced to beg in the city centre of Dehradun by their families. They are brought into town by their mothers and aunts who constantly monitor them to ensure they are actively begging.



The condition of these children is terrible. They are underfed, dirty and denied medical treatment, often suffering from exposure to the elements. If they do not 'make' enough money they are beaten; lacking in education and skills training, they have a bleak future fit only for begging and drug taking as a means of escaping the reality of their lives.

The focus of this campaign has two goals; to raise awareness with the public that giving money to children begging on the streets encourages them and therefore their continued abuse; and to create a centre of learning for these children focusing on basic literacy and vocational training. The campaign launches on the 6th of January 2014. Please wish us luck in this endeavour and help us stop this abuse.



International Day of the Street Child:

On April 12th, 250 of our street children congregated at Gandhi Park to join the global petition made to the United Nations to declare the day as the International Day for Street Children. Having a day dedicated to street children, would amplify their voices, would provide them a platform to speak about issues that affect them and declare to the world that they too exist!!

In line with this, a play titled “Hum Bhi Hain” was enacted by our children with their customary chutzpah, through which they entreated people not to dismiss them as nameless, faceless entities, but to acknowledge their existence and hear their voice.

The recitation of Safdar Hashmi’s poem “Kitabein” emphasized the advantages of an education; the program ended on a happy, positive note with the entire audience joining the children in an impromptu dance to the beats of ‘Jai Ho’.

We are thankful to our event sponsors Plan India & SBMA, District Administration and all our friends who joined us to lend their support, to the school children of St. Joseph’s Academy, Olympus High, Jaswant Modern & Partrician College who turned up in large number to encourage our children.



Football at The Doon School

The Doon School has kindly offered the use of their playing field for our children to learn Football. Students of Doon School are helping our children to learn Football.



Exposure Visits:

7th Foundation Day of NCPCR (National Commission for Protection of Child Rights)



Our street children participated in 7th foundation day of 'National Commission of Protection of Rights' (NCPCR), Facilitated by PLAN INDIA. NCPCR started a year end campaign called "From Street to School" on the occasion.

Navdhanya Visit



Our children, along with staff members visited the Navdhanya Farm. The trip was organized with the help of our volunteer, Natasha, a teacher from Austin, Texas, who has worked with. It was an educative and enjoyable field trip for our children. Navdhanya is an Indian-based non-governmental organization which promotes biodiversity conservation, biodiversity, organic farming, the rights of farmers, and the process of seed saving.

Nepal Visit of St. Agnes Children

9 of our boys in class IX and X who are sponsored at St Agnes went on a ten day trip to Nepal, Bodhgaya and Agra. The exposure for the boys was amazing and they had a fabulous trip. None of these boys had ever been out of the state of Uttarakhand before. To see a picture of the Taj Mahal in a text book, versus touching the beautiful monument with their own hands, brought alive the concept of learning as never before. In Khatmandu, as they gazed on Everest, they recalled the week before meeting the twins Nungshi and Tashi who climbed Everest last year, the youngest climbers to ever do so!

Immunization Drive

For the 1st time in Dehradun and probably in the whole of Uttarakhand , the immunization of street and slum children was carried out. 550 children were vaccinated for Typhoid, Tetanus & Hepatitis B. The blood grouping of the children was also done. The drive was sponsored by AshaJyothi USA, an organization of concerned Indians living in the US.



The immunization was conducted at Sakya Hospital and the pathology work done by Ahuja Pathology. Our grateful thanks to Ravi Kantamsetty, Sailaja Ganty and the empathetic team of AshaJyothi USA; to the Director & Ms. Tsering for conducting the drive at Sakya Hospital so efficiently; to Alok & Alka Ahuja for the blood work that was carried out.



Our abandoned, mute dynamite, Deepak is undergoing speech therapy after acquiring a hearing aid. And for the 1st time ever he can now say 'Hello' and 'How are you'!! Immensely intelligent, with an innate ability to think on his feet, Deepak is a blessing and we are very lucky we have him!

Key Achievements

- Initially we started with an outreach into the different streets and slums of Dehradun to find the street children and try to know their backgrounds, problems and interests. Our team has played a significant role in communicating with these children and in building their trust. These efforts lead to the inauguration of the Street Smart program with 20 children. Now Street Smart has gone beyond 300 children with its various activities.
- We have mainstreamed 140 children among whom is Sunita, 14 years old, who had been begging on the streets ever since the age of five. Chandini, 12 years old, a double amputee was begging on the busiest inter section of Dehradun for the last 6 years. She was the chief earning member of her family. After counseling the family and Chandini, we have now managed to admit her to a residential school.
- Most of our children were on whitener solution, 'gutka' and alcohol. We have managed to wean all away from whitener and most of them are no longer addicted to 'gutka'.
- Our vocational training program facilitated by JOYN India is also growing sturdily. We have 18 trainees in the program. Now they understand the significance of education, they are keen to learn and gradually improving their skills. It is really difficult to enroll the older children into formal education due to the age factor as well as their lack of interest in formal education. Our Street Smart program is giving these children an opportunity to learn and also earn through vocational programs.
- 'Wings of Doon' is also facilitating around 300 students in their studies; one can see the difference in their academic performance as well as behavior, confidence and participation in different activities.
- Aasraa has started 2 night shelters for some of its most vulnerable children in March 2013. We need a land grant from the Government to build a shelter to accommodate more street children to protect them from the negative influences of the street.
- We are the first organization working with street children to get accreditation from National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) as a study and exam centre for two age groups, 6+ & 14+
- We started an Anti Begging Program for children in January 2014. Daily 45-65 children attend the program.
- Aasraa Trust organized an immunization drive in Sakya Hospital and inoculated 550 children under its care.



FINANCES

AASRAA TRUST
119/1, VASANT VIHAR, DEHRA DUN - 248 006

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended March 31, 2015

Particulars	Schedule	Total
INCOME		
Grant recognised during the year		374,291
Donation Received		11,485,177
Interest Income	8	292,897
		<u>12,152,365</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Programme Expenses	9	9,791,240
Administrative Expenses	10	1,095,105
Depreciation	4	110,129
		<u>10,996,473</u>
Surplus for the Year Transferred to General Fund		<u>1,155,892</u>

Notes to Accounts

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As per our separate report of even date.

Schedules '1' to '11' annexed are an integral part hereof

For Aasraa Trust

ANURAG SANGAL & CO.

Chartered Accountants

ICAI Reg No: 04670C

Trustee
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Neelu Khanna

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Place : Dehra Dun
Date : August 12, 2015

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Partner
Membership No 048316

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Balance Sheet as on March 31, 2015

I Funds & Liabilities	Schedule	Total
Corpus Fund	1	2,608,651
General Fund	2	2,160,285
Earmarked Grants	3	113,579
		4,882,515
 II PROPERTIES AND ASSETS		
Fixed Assets	4	602,453
Investments	5	2,950,000
		3,552,453
Current Assets, Loans & Advances	6	1,921,966
Less: Current Liabilities and Provisions	7	591,904
		1,330,062
		4,882,515
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- **Mainstreaming the non school going children**

The ultimate goal of AASRAA's endeavors through its Street Smart Program is to bring the street and other underprivileged children into mainstream education. It is really a difficult task to take the street children into formal education directly. Our Street Smart Program is designed to bring the children into the learning and playing atmosphere with progressive learning methods, develop an interest towards learning and then enroll them into schools.

- **Re continuation of studies for dropouts and non school going adults through NIOS**

There are a large number of underprivileged adults in our society who have never been to school or dropout. Eventually these adults get into begging or rag picking, petty thieving or become addicts as well. We offer an opportunity of de-addiction, earning to these adult through our vocational training program and opportunity of learning through Street Smart Program. We prepare these children to appear in the exams of NIOS to help them in re continuation of formal education.

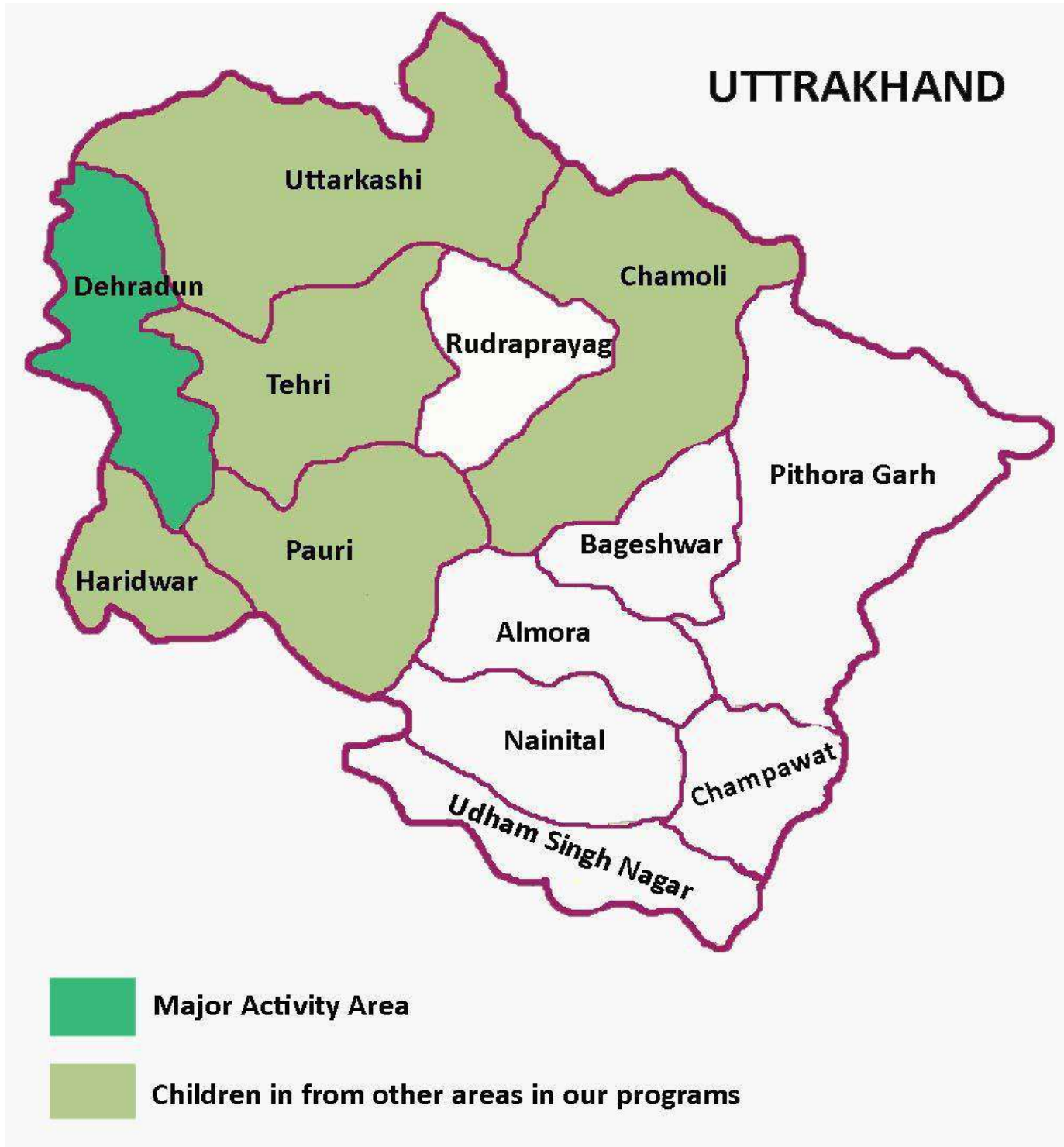
- **Legal identities for orphan and street children**

Having no shelter and living on the streets is the destiny of street children and orphans. They are always a victim of social abuse. They don't have recognition or respect. One of AASRAA's initiatives is to get the legal identities for these children. Even though it is complex to have legal identities of orphans and street children, we are in the process to acquire these through the Child Welfare Officers of the Police.

- **Support to the Govt. Junior High school, 55 Raipur Road, Dehradun**

Govt. Junior High School, 55 Rajpur Road, Dehradun has an honor of being the first middle school of Dehradun District. However, its historical importance has nothing to do with its present situation. The School has always been in a rented building. The current school building is dilapidated, older than 150 years, the roof about to fall sooner or later. Due to the effort of Mr. Hukam Singh Uniyal, a true humanitarian, the school has been given a new life. He made the effort of renovating the building personally. Only 3 students were physically present, when he was placed as the Head Master of the school and now the number has gone beyond 100. He started a residential program for underprivileged children; the school is running the only bridge course program under "**Sarv Siksha Abhiyaan**" in the State. AASRAA trust has helped the initiative by sponsoring the renovation of the roof, establishment of a new shelter, building toilets, rations and other facilities for residential scholars.

Our Presence



We have so many children from other states especially Uttar Pradesh and Bihar; their families have migrated from these places for employment and live in the various slums of Doon.

Associated Organizations

- **JOYN India**

JOYN India is an integral partner, responsible for vocational training, giving the skills of **block printing and stitching** to make marketable products, market them and helps our young adults to earn as an alternative to rag picking or begging.

- **Doon Shelter Society**

AASRAA Trust runs its Street Smart Program in the premises of Rein Basera. Rein Basera is a shelter constructed by the Government for homeless people in the heart of the city, providing asylum to homeless at night and also helping to better lives for street children during daytime. This shelter, managed by the **Doon Shelter Society**, is used by AASRAA Trust for teaching street children and various work skills and crafts from 09 am to 06 pm. During evening, the shelter is used as a place for sleeping by the homeless. They are provided with quilts and a pair of blankets along with hot water for bathing and drinking water facility for a nominal charge of Rs.5/-

- **Mountain Children Foundation**

The Mountain Children's Foundation (MCF), a nonprofit society, had its beginnings in the International Conference of Mountain Children (ICMC) held in Dehradun in May 2002. The MCF grew out of the UN's declaration of the year 2002 as the International Year of the Mountains and is inspired in part by the Global Movement for Children. The MCF's drive and energy come from the many social organizations, national and international, which for long have been in the service of children. The MCF continues to aggregate and synergize its efforts against the background of a growing concern for the fact that the percentage of children in the total population in most developing countries is on the rise. **MCF is helping us in our outreach program; one of their team members is a part of our outreach team every day.**

4 Garhwal Post Dehradun, Jan 10, 2011

Initiative for Street Children

'Street Smart' officially inaugurated



By OUR STAFF REPORTER
DEHRADUN, 9 Jan: Street Smart is a project that has been initiated in a project of street children in Dehradun. The project is a joint initiative of the Department of Social Welfare, Dehradun, and the District Child Protection Society, Dehradun. The project is aimed at providing a safe and healthy environment for street children and to help them to lead a normal life. The project is being implemented in the form of a community centre where street children can come and play, study and receive medical attention. The project is being implemented in the form of a community centre where street children can come and play, study and receive medical attention.

Together for humanity

Two NGOs have come together to not only help the underprivileged but also to ensure that they create their own standing in the society. The initiative is a joint effort of the Department of Social Welfare, Dehradun, and the District Child Protection Society, Dehradun. The project is aimed at providing a safe and healthy environment for street children and to help them to lead a normal life. The project is being implemented in the form of a community centre where street children can come and play, study and receive medical attention. The project is being implemented in the form of a community centre where street children can come and play, study and receive medical attention.



Group of children at the inauguration of the 'Street Smart' initiative.

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16 Garhwal Post Dehradun, March 10, 2011

'Street Smart' makes a difference

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Dehradun, 2 January, 2012

Rein Basera & 'Street Smart' celebrate milestones



Group of children at the inauguration of the 'Street Smart' initiative.

Under her wing

Shaila Brijnath has been a godmother to over 100 underprivileged children, who have been studying in Wings, a joint initiative of her organization AASRAA and Delhi-based AMFAR for all.



Group of children at the inauguration of the 'Street Smart' initiative.

Street Smart

Street Smart, a project that has changed the thought, behaviour and judgment, has been free from the shackles of underprivileged children. The project is aimed at providing a safe and healthy environment for street children and to help them to lead a normal life. The project is being implemented in the form of a community centre where street children can come and play, study and receive medical attention. The project is being implemented in the form of a community centre where street children can come and play, study and receive medical attention.

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Destitute children bring plight of women on stage



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Dehradun, 2 January, 2012

MAD donates stationary to Street Smart



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SJA opens doors to underprivileged children



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Donors & Funding

Donor Organizations

Counselage India Pvt.vLtd.

N-117, Panchsheel Park,
New Delhi 110017

M M Lal Charitable Foundation

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Chanakyapuri
New Delhi 110 021

Hindska Trust

**207 C, Rajpur Road,
Dehradun 248009**

The Divine Life Society

P.O.Shivanandanagar 249 192
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Ashajyothi Foundation

ASHAJYOTHI USA, P.O.BOX 2613, Frisco, TX
75034 , USA

JLB Fund

N-19, Panchsheela Park,
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Seekers Trust

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Caring Hand for Children

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Shaila's background is in Investment Banking as an Equity Trader. She left banking to set up Inspirit us, trading in handmade paper products working with a Women's Association in Rajasthan. She returned to India to join The Latika Roy Foundation working with children with special needs. She founded the Aasraa Trust to educate and nurture slum and street children.

Meena Rajbir Singh

Meena is an educationist who co-founded the 'Play House Schools' with her sisters in Delhi. Artistically inclined, Meena has also worked with FabIndia as their colour co-ordinator. Compassionate and empathetic by nature, Meena worked for 10 years with Mother Teresa & the Spastic Society in Kolkatta. Meena worked at Mother Teresa's Home teaching English to the novices and nurtured the children there and at the Spastic Society.

Arjan Brijnath

Mr. Brijnath retired to India 15 years ago after thirty years in the international corporate world. His last position was on the Executive Board of RPG Enterprises. Since retiring, he has been involved in charitable enterprises in an advisory capacity.

Saurabh Malhotra

Saurabh has been involved in the field of addiction and rehabilitation for several years. In 2002 he was the co founder of Nijaat, a voluntary rehabilitation facility in Dehradun. He continues to be the administrator of Nijaat. He works tirelessly with all the schools of Dehradun to promote awareness of the dangers of substance abuse.

Neelu Khanna, Secretary

Neelu is a social activist working for educational opportunity for economically deprived children. Based in Dehradun, she supports several projects which work with bright children from poor backgrounds; Udayan and John Martyn Memorial Trust. A qualified teacher, she is now focusing on the NIOS (National Institute of Open Schooling) program for structuring the academic program for children outside the school system.

Gulab Ramchandani

Mr. Ramchandani is the Managing Director of the Vijit Ramchandani Education. He works to progress access to education for all children. He retired from a highly successful business career at Blue Star to pursue this commitment to education. He was the Headmaster at Doon School before setting up his educational consultancy.

BK Joshi

Dr. Joshi is the Honorary Director of the Doon Library & Research Centre Dehra Dun. He was the Vice Chancellor of Kumaon University, Nainital From 1996-1998; Director of Giri Institute of Development Studies, Lucknow 1987-1996; previously taught Political Science at Allahabad University; Panjab University Regional Centre Simla; Himachal Pradesh University, Simla; University Hawaii, Honolulu.

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 Bhuvaneshwari 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.

Our Team

Project Name: Street Smart

S.N.	Name	Designation	S.N.	Name	Designation
1.	Akansha Verma	Coordinator (Aasraa Trust) & Girls Hostel Warden	12.	Ruchika	Warden (Girls Hostel) & Teacher, Morning Outreach
2.	Amit Balodi	Executive (HR & Information) & Boys Hostel Warden	13.	Seema Chawla	Teacher (Rein Basera) & Anti Begging Program
3.	Ayushi Sharma	Teacher (Morning & Evening Outreach)	14.	Nutan Kumari	Teacher (Rein Basera)
4.	Bagi Jahan	Teacher (Rein Basera)	15.	Poonam Verma	Vocational Training Incharge
5.	Diksha Joshi	Teacher (Evening Outreach)	16.	Manisha	Asst. Teacher (Morning Outreach)
6.	Geeta Nautiyal	Teacher (Rein Basera)	17.	Jaya Rani	Tuition Teacher (Haven)
7.	Jaya Rani	Tuition Teacher (Haven)	18.	Jyoti Prasad Balodi	Warden , Haven (Boys Hostel)
8.	Juliane Sitz	Teacher (Rein Basera)	19.	Sangeeta Tomar	Warden , Haven (Boys Hostel)
9.	Jyoti Joshi	Teacher (Morning Outreach)	20.	Bipin Singh	Medical Officer
10.	Neelam Maurya	Teacher (Rein Basera)	21.	Vivek Kumar	Coordinator Outreach, (Anti Begging Program)
11.	Neelu Aggarwal	Teacher (Rein Basera)	22.	Geeta Devi	Helper (Evening Outreach)

Project Name: Wings of Doon

S.N.	Name	Designation	S.N.	Name	Designation
1.	Akansha Verma	Coordinator & Computer Teacher	11.	Dinesh Chand Joshi	Teacher
2.	Divya Agarwal	Teacher	12.	Sangeeta Tomar	Teacher
3.	Kavita Pokhriyal	Teacher	13.	Saroj Kathait	Teacher
4.	Kushal Kumar	Asst Teacher	14.	Sashi Bala Singh	Teacher
5.	Arvind Singh Rawat	Teacher	15.	Seema Duseja	Teacher
6.	Minakshi Negi	Teacher	16.	Shalini Jhon	Asst. Teacher
7.	Neelam Singh	Teacher	17.	Shashi Bala Singh	Teacher
8.	Manmohan Kaur	Teacher	18.	Wajih	Asst. Teacher
9.	Sadhana Sajwan	Teacher	19.	Dwarika Devi	Helper
10.	Sangeeta Joshi	Teacher	20.	Om Prakash	Helper

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