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Reaching Out to Serve
Humanity with New
Initiatives

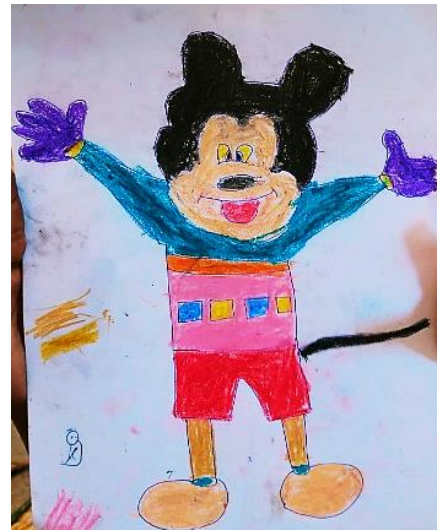


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About Prabhat

The Prabhat Education Foundation reflects a journey that began in 2003 through the identification and nurturing of children with learning difficulties struggling in mainstream schools. In time, Realizing the need for education and learning of this group and particularly of children, Prabhat conceptualized an institutional facility to provide systematic learning and rehabilitation services that could be accessible for those challenged by poverty and mobility. Working with and through local communities is Prabhat's hallmark.

What started as a modest beginning, with one child in 2007, has now reached to more than 3000 persons with disabilities in Ahmedabad as well as to their families, neighbours and communities.





When brother tries to talk for the first time the first words or name that comes out of his mouth is 'Aisha, Aisha, Aisha', hearing that his sister 'Manisha' runs to him and says 'Ganesh-Ganu-Ganesh' where are you? Hearing her voice, he mimics what she says 'Ganesh-Ganu-Ganesh' where are you...where are you!

Cute little Ganesh, although can't see his sister, but can hear her. He can identify her by her footsteps and as soon as he hears her, he would immediately call out 'Aisha....Aisha....Aisha'. Manisha would leave whatever she would be doing and go and sit with him. She makes him laugh and giggle, witnessing these siblings laughing, interacting, having fun with each other, we realize what unconditional love, innocence and selflessness is!

Ganesh is 6 six years old and Manisha is 11. Ganesh is a student of Prabhat's home-based intervention, due to the severity of his disabilities he cannot reach any Centre. Ganesh comes from a big joint family of 14 members, including his 3 sisters, parents, grandparents and uncle and aunt. He enjoys a very loving and warm home environment where he is adored and pampered by everyone.

When Manisha goes to school, 3 year old Aarti calls out to Ganesh, calling him 'bhailu...bhailu'. Ganesh tries to say her name 'aati aati' and she would get so excited and clap her hands and tell her mother 'see, see bhailu is trying to say my name'.

The moment Manisha would come back from school, she would keep her bag aside and look for Ganesh. In case he's napping, she would enquire about him from her mother asking - if he is not well, did he cry a lot, why is he asleep? After that she would get busy, but yet longingly wait for Ganesh to wake up and the moment she would hear him cry and get up, she would run with a glass of water, spoon and hanky. While she feeds him water spoon by spoon, she would put his favourite cartoon 'motu patlu' and talking and laughing Ganesh would settle down. She would then get some snacks for him in a bowl and start feeding him.

The songs that Manisha would learn in school, she would practise at home, Ganesh would hear her and try to sing along and would express how much he is liking it!

This relationship is truly and purely from the heart! When Ganesh is not feeling well, Manisha would take leave from school and take care of him the entire day.

With love and selflessness there is no challenge that cannot be overcome!



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- 1) **Stress busting activities:** adjusting to the 'new normal' or getting back to the old ways is surely taking time for each of us, to make it easier and fun, Prabhat organized an enjoyable day for the team. The team reminisced their childhood, shared stories of sibling rivalries and the little pranks they did, they imagined and re-imagined worlds using puppets, jumped a little, hopped a little and all in all had an amazing fun filled day at the scrapyard, sessions were organized by the talented Mr. Sanjay Joshi.
- 2) **Distribution:** Every month at Prabhat we strive to provide for our children and their families to give them a little comfort in their otherwise difficult life and Prabhat is blessed to have friends who support the organization in this endeavour. This month, Prabhat has been able to provide – ceiling fans, nets for protection and cooling during summers, mats for exercise and sitting and stationary.
- 3) **The first meet and greet with Prabhat's online volunteers:** Prabhat this month has been joyous to finally welcome the online volunteers from Ahmedabad University, which has tired up with Prabhat for more than 6 months, to extend a volunteer experience platform for their students. The sessions were online all this while, where the students met the teachers and children of Prabhat through video calls and prepared online learning content, which has been circulated to the children. This month some of the students from AU got the opportunity to visit the Prabhat Centre and meet the special educators, children and also visit few homes. Although the online experience did provide a new way to connect with so many students at once, but as the students said 'nothing like an offline experience'.
- 4) **Survey & training:** With schools and anganwadis opening up, Prabhat has taken this opportunity to connect and collaborate with anganwadis. For this an initial round of survey is underway and in the Behrampura area a disability sensitization training was conducted for 20 anganwadi workers. Prabhat is also providing focussed group discussions to help the workers identify some forms of disability among the young children who attend. This is a part of the Early Intervention initiative at Prabhat.
- 5) **Ek din Prabhat ke naam (Dedicate one day for Prabhat):** This initiative was introduced to provide students, corporates, other working officials, and just about anybody an opportunity to spend some quality time with Prabhat and its children. The organization over the course of its 16 years of experience realized that everyone is not able to spend a lot of time serving for a cause, but also want to experience it. So this initiative was introduced to bridge that gap, it includes doing some fun activity with the children, sharing a meal with them, talking to their parents, interacting with the team and making it a memorable time for oneself and the Prabhat child. The organization has been finally able to resurrect this effort and to mark that occasion we had a little one celebrate his birthday with Prabhat. The organization looks forward to many such days!
- 6) **Some days you have to create your own sunshine:** Prabhat tries to bring sunshine in the lives of its children every day, towards this making spaces which are warm, child friendly and fun to be at is an important part. This month in a joint effort with the children, parents and neighbours a transformation of the Shah-wadi dehlui took place.
- 7) **Learning through outdoor fun games:** This month the learning incorporated a lot of outdoor fun activities and sports like the lemon and spoon race, cricket, etc. These games were also done to increase group/team activities to improve social interaction among children. Covid and the subsequent lockdowns have had deeper, intangible effects. These platforms mitigate some of the long term challenges of these new found issues.

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