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Reaching Out to Serve Humanity with New Initiative



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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.



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 www.prabhateducationfoundation.org

“Ek Devaki aisi bhi!”

“Ek Devaki aisi bhi!” The heroine of the campaign is Prabhat's Devaki alias Devika, through whom the whole of Ahmedabad was buzzing with awareness about special needs. Devika was born in Rajasthan with a bright look in her eyes and a smile on her face. Devika lost her father very early in childhood and her mother moved to Ahmedabad with her two daughters. Her mother made a living by doing some work, which was sourced with the help of her aunt and grandmother.

In 2015, during Prabhat's door to door campaign and survey, it was found out that 7-year-old Devika was a victim of Cerebral Palsy. Since then, the girl has been associated with Prabhat family.

Since Devika had severe mobility problems, she was enrolled in the institute's homebase program. Which meant that a special educator would visit her at her residence for her sessions and a physiotherapist would visit her once a week for her therapy. As soon as the sessions started, a ray of hope was ignited for the family members anticipating that Devika would now be able to learn and be an active part of the society.

The sessions as well as the therapy started showing results, where in Devika who used to be unable to use her arms and legs at all, now started holding things, eat by herself, wear a T shirt on her own and could stand with the help of a walker. In spite of having severe stiffness in her arms and legs, she moved in the house and backyard, where she loved playing with mud and water

The interns from NID (National Institute of Design) were thrilled to meet an enthusiastic Devika and therefore took up the task of designing a trolley for Devika so that she could move independently. Devika loved the trolley as it gave her much needed mobility as well as use it to even sit and do various fine motor, sensory and academic activities.

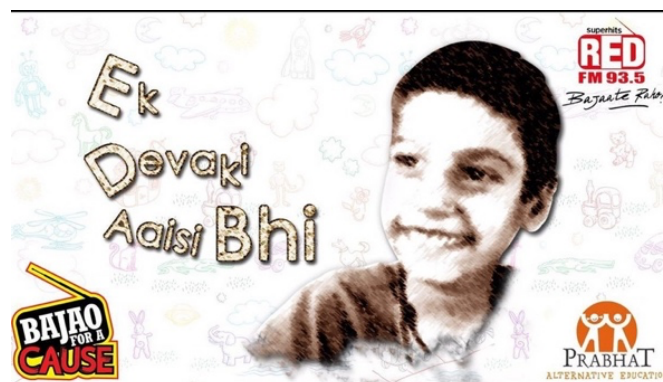
Devika became very popular in her area as she organized summer camps, drawing competitions, Garba and other activities in her locality.

Devika became the main protagonist when Prabhat joined hands with Radio Mirchi and came up with a campaign “Ek Devaki aisi bhi” with RJ Devaki. It was during this campaign that Ahmedabad Mayor Shri Gautambhai Patel visited Devika's house along with RJ Devaki. Devika became a face to the Awareness Campaign for Special Needs and reached out to the huge population of Ahmedabad through radio.

Recently, Devika started keeping unwell with fever, cold and cough. This made her weak as she started having difficulty even in eating food. In spite of her deteriorating health, she participated in the lunch program organized by Prabhat. Destiny made this visit her last visit as she left for heavenly abode a week later on 19th May 2022. Though Devika lived a short life, she lived an exemplary life teaching all of us how to live or lives happily and enthusiastically and not get bogged down by any limitations in life.

Prayers from the entire Prabhat family that God give peace to her soul.

By Jagruti Desai, Sp. Educator



Towards building smooth processes in education for children with disability:

Towards building smooth processes in education for children with disability: To strengthen the existing process of mainstreaming and regularise the transition of a child with disability from a preschool (Anganwadi) to a regular school, Prabhat has collaborated with Wipro Foundation from the past few months. Towards this Prabhat is striving towards strengthening Anganwadis and schools, especially municipal schools through regular sensitization trainings, along with which, preparatory classes at Prabhat's Centre for the identified children have begun. This month the Prabhat team sensitized 2 workers each from 20 Anganwadi in the Danilimda ward. The partnership of Prabhat with Wipro Foundation is also strengthening the capacities of the core team at Prabhat, who did a detailed presentation of the recent activities under the Wipro Foundation partnership. Prabhat and Wipro Foundation, aim to setup a model on inclusive education which can travel and be replicated in other areas as well.

"Ek Din Prabhat Ke Naam":

As the name suggests, individuals from various fields are encouraged to spend a day with Prabhat children. Many friends, well-wishers and donors take this opportunity to spend time with the children of the organization. This month, the organization's youngest friend Falak celebrated his birthday with Prabhat children. He did activities, played games and danced with the children. Our Prabhat children bonded very well with Falak and were very happy to have a friend like Falak. Apart from that, the children of the institute were fed good lunch in the memory of Bhavanbhai Parmar.

Assistive services - Proof of identity and need is a critical concern, and even more particularly for People with Disability (PwD). Addressing this concern has been an integral part of Prabhat's community-based, home-based approach which identifies needs through door-to-door contact.

Assistive services provided by Prabhat include procurement of essential documents (including identification proof, residence proof, medical certificate, etc.). These documents are imperative to access various state and central government schemes for PwD, and to understand rights.

This month the team provided support the below mentioned services to the children / individuals with special needs: * 09- Medical Certificate *01- Bank Account * 05- ST Pass

- 05 -Railway Pass * 09- Pension Scheme * 09- Medical Certificate

Building a self-reliant generation: Prabhat has been providing rehabilitation for children with varied disabilities for more than 15 years. Majority of the children at Prabhat are now at an age where they can seek employment and towards this Prabhat for the past one year has been devising a model for employment, for youth with intellectual disability (ID). Prabhat will be inaugurating its first vocational unit in the coming month, with the support from Social Venture Partnerships (SVP), Ahmedabad chapter. Skills and trade which have been shortlisted as per the interest, ability and market, include: tailoring, electrical work, making paper bags, baking, data entry and making clay products. Prabhat is overwhelmed with the support it has received for this venture. This month State Bank of India gifted Prabhat with laptops to enhance computer skills for the young adults preparing to enter into the job market.

In search of appropriate employment spaces: While it is important to prepare the young adult with ID for employment, it is equally important to find appropriate work spaces for them, where the team is ready to be sensitized and willing to welcome a person with ID in its work force. Towards this the Prabhat team visited Norquest Brands a leading global supplier of bespoke, eco-friendly bags in India. The brand has been a strong supporter for creating equal work spaces. Norquest Brands has already hired 5 young adults with ID from Prabhat in his factory. Prabhat looks forward to having many more such champions in its quest to seek employment for people with ID.

Monthly Activities:

The organization conducts different activities for the children every month keeping in view the needs and development of the children. The activities are designed by the special educator, keeping in mind the need of each individual child. This month the children were given activities, buttoning-unbuttoning in A.D.L, tying shoelaces, drawing activity, thumb painting, coloring, physiotherapy and art & craft. During the summer, the teachers prepared cool lemonade and got the children to drink it so that it keeps them hydrated through the day.

Photo Gallery



Norquest Brand Pvt Ltd Team Visit to Prabhat



Visit by NID Students



Learning to make Lemonade



Thumb Painting



Reading Time in the Library



Mahakumbh Mela Participation



Physiotherapy Session in Progress



Training for Vocational Skills

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