





Accenture Board of Directors visit to Mobility India on April 15, 2015

A team of thirteen Board of Directors (BOD) from Accenture, United Kingdom led by Senior Managing Director Mr. Mark Beaton, visited Mobility India on April 15, 2015 to see the activities of MI and also the support provided by the Accenture India personnel.

A few Rehabilitation Therapy Assistant student representatives shared their experience on benefitting from the English, Mathematics and Applied Mechanics classes taken by Accenture Volunteers. Members from Bannashankari CBR tailoring unit, which is partly funded by Accenture, interacted with the BOD too.

In his feedback, Mr. Beaton expressed, "The passion, commitment and energy you give is inspiring and humbling. I am in awe of what you do." Ms. Ginger Dusek, Senior Managing Director at Accenture, Chicago Illinios spoke in her feedback, "You should be very proud of the support you are providing and the difference you are making in people's lives." Ms. Ginny Ziegler, Board of Director San Francisco said, "You are doing such wonderful work, touching so many lives in an incredible way."

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The other BODs were Mr. Andy Clark, Managing Director at Accenture, London; Mr. Rafael Rubio, Managing Director for Technology Consulting, Infrastructure services, Europe, Middle East, Africa & Latin America; Ms. Deepa Fazzari, Managing Director, Washington DC Metro Area, HR and Mr. Florentino Benito Arribas, Senior Managing Director, Business Process Outsourcing, Europe, Africa and Latino America.

Larsen & Toubro Visit Mobility India to extend a Supportive Hand to PwDs

As an initiative of their Corporate Social Responsibility, Larsen & Toubro India (L&T India) extended a supportive hand towards Persons with Disabilities (PwD)



Above: Mr. Agnel Gerald, Ms. Yamuna, Ms. Albina Shankar and Ms. Jaikodi Velayudham

through Mobility India. They visited MI, Bangalore on April 17, 2015 to personally hand over the assistive devices to nine service users. The visiting delegates were given an overview of MI and its activities and they interacted with the users. The delegation included Mr. Agnel Gerald, Area Manager; Ms. Yamuna, President of L&T Shakthi Ladies club; Ms. K G Elizabeth, Asst. Manager and Ms. Mitali Naik from the L&T Bangalore Area Office.

Refresher Workshop & Alumni Meet at Mobility India, April 20-22, 2015

Mobility India hosted a 3-day Refresher Workshop for MI-graduated Rehabilitation Therapy Assistants



Above: Mr. Robertangelo Ciccone, Ms. Romola Joseph, Ms. Albina Shankar, Ms. Ritu Ghosh and Ms. Mary Wernty

(RTAs) from April 20-22, 2015 at its office in Bangalore. The aim of the workshop was to help the graduated students upgrade their professional knowledge and skills. More than 50 graduates from India, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh participated in the workshop.

The Inaugural Ceremony was presided over by Ms. Mary Wernty, Head of Delegation, ICRC New Delhi; Mr. Robertangelo Ciccone, Physical Rehabilitation Programme Manager, ICRC Regional Delegation, New Delhi; Ms. Romola Joseph, Secretary, MI and Ms. Albina Shankar, Director, MI.

Ms. Ritu Ghosh, Deputy Director - Training, MI presented a paper on 'Impact Study of RTA Professionals in India and Nepal'. Talking about the study, Ms. Ritu Ghosh mentioned that a total of 26 graduates from 16 organisations in seven states of India and Nepal were included in the study. The study revealed that 71 percent of MI graduates continue to work in the field, with more than 50 percent primarily working in the CBR areas. Her study noted that in addition to providing rehabilitation services, the RTA graduates also follow several CBR guidelines such as prevention, skill development, and awareness. Mobility India has trained 136 Rehabilitation



Above: Presentation of the 'The Rehabilitation Therapy Handbook' (Revised Edition) in English, Hindi and Bengali Language (First Edition)

Therapy Assistants, recognised by the Rehabilitation Council of India, since 2002. Trained graduates are from different parts of India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Angola, Ethiopia, North Korea and Myanmar.

A highlight of the ceremony was the unveiling of the 'The Rehabilitation Therapy Handbook' (Revised Edition) in English, Hindi and Bengali language (First Edition), which aims to serve as a reference guide for students, trainers, rehabilitation professionals and educational institutions. "The handbook will enhance the role of physiotherapists and occupational therapists as trainers. It will also provide students with a unique educational experience that will aid value to their practice and enable PwDs to have greater inclusion and participation in their communities," noted Ms. Albina Shankar.

Ms. Mary Wernty stated that she was thrilled to visit MI and 'feel the beautiful energy'. She said that she was proud of ICRC's partnership with MI for over a decade and inspired the group by asking them to 'keep on shinning'. Mr. Robertangelo Ciccone in his address stated that MI is doing a great job and the training manual is proof that MI does not like to be 'still' and 'stagnant', but likes to be 'dynamic' and 'moving ahead' all the time and Ms. Romola Joseph addressed the gathering with her encouraging words to the students. The vote of thanks was delivered by Mr. Soikat Ghosh Moulic, Assistant Director- Rehab Services, MI.

Mr. M Munivel, Director of Pristine Therapy and Skill Development Centre in Sensory Integration presented a paper on Autism. Other paper presentations were 'Perspectives of Older People/Service Users' by Dr. Elizabeth Thomas and Ms. Satyavathi Shammhuddin; 'Counselling Challenges of Caregiver and Family' by Ms. Hazel Brooks; 'Clinical Documentation'; 'Community Based Rehabilitation'; 'Goal Setting - ICF Model' and 'Current Approaches in Therapy Management of Child with Cerebral Palsy' by various MI staff members. Jo Millar Memorial Award - 2015

The valedictory ceremony was presided over by **Mr. Charles Prabakar**, President, MI and **Ms. Antoinette Lopez** from the Corporate Citizenship Team of Accenture. An Important feature of the valedictory function, of the Refresher Course and the second Alumni meet was the presentation of the '**Jo Millar Memorial Award- 2015**', to



Ms. Amal Mohammed Hamood Mohammed in recognition of her "Outstanding performance both in academics and in overcoming barriers".

Though a lot of convincing needed at home, Ms. Amal Mohammed from Yemen completes three Years **Diploma in Prosthetics and Orthotics** course at MI in flying colours. Ms. Amal was working as a front office person at Prosthetics and Orthotics Rehab Centre in Taiz, Yemen where her help was sought several times to take the measurements and casting, for women patients who came with amputations. She quotes "These women would cry and tell me, that they were not willing to get checked by a male Prosthetist & Orthotist".

Mr. Ramsanehi from the very remote village Kosir, Chhattisgarh completes one year **Rehabilitation Therapy Assistant** course at MI overcoming multiple barriers-physical, financial, social and Linguistic.

Mr. Charles Prabakar, President, MI delivered an encouraging speech and presented the Jo Millar Memorial award to Ms. Amal. Ms. Antoinette Lopez noted that she is always encouraged by MI and its work and presented the appreciation certificate to Mr. Ramsanehi Ray. Nine senior students were also presented with mementoes in recognition of their professional progress.

Inclusive Summer Camp for Children with Disabilities (CwD)

Mobility India's CBR programme at Chamrajnagar organised two "Inclusive Summer Camps" for the children in April and May respectively. 112 (32 CwD)



Above: CBR children on Temple exposure visit

children from the surrounding villages participated in the 3-day camp. The main focus of the camp was to create an inclusive environment for CwD and sensitize other children to disabilities. The secondary purpose of the camp was to create a diverse platform for children to hone various skills like art, personality development and leadership qualities.

In the camp, children learnt to make Origami, Japanese paper cutting, Scooby wire activity and pot painting. They created beautiful designs on pots while enjoying the activity. Sahana, a girl with Speech & Hearing impairment, outshone in the pot painting activity. Vishnu, a child

with Speech & Hearing impairment, enjoyed Scooby wire activity the most and also made bracelets for all the trainers and resource persons as a gesture of kindness. The children also made bands to tie to their friends and had fun.

The 32 CwD were made to lead the divided children groups with help from the tutors. While they led the groups, the children of the respective groups gave them full support to make this step successful. This brought in renewed confidence and leadership skills. While this was the fun part of the summer camp, the children also had their bit of serious learning. They had a session on "Awareness of Accidents" to educate them about road safety and other important aspects to prevent accidents. At the end of the camp, all children emerged as equals with extensive knowledge and awareness gained from various activities.



Above: Dr. Poornima in action!

Eye Screening Camp in Jigani: An Initiative to Spread Awareness and Bring Eye Care Services to the Rural Poor

As a part of the CBR initiative, Mobility India conducted a 2-day Community Eye Screening Camp with the objective of bringing eye care services to the rural poor at two villages - **Begihalli** and **Hennagara** in Jigani Hobli. As a part of awareness, the children were presented with the various aspects and importance of sight while educating them on taking better care of their eyes with the intake of a balanced diet and hygiene measures to clean the eyes, etc. Dr. Poornima from the Primary Health Centre, Jigani was empaneled to conduct the camp.

During the two-day camp, **217** people were screened, out of which 7 children and 10 adults were prescribed to use spectacles. Four adults were also advised to undergo cataract surgeries.

Pole to Win: Indulgence in the Joy of Giving

It was an eventful afternoon on June 20, 2015 when a team of corporate employees from the **Pole to Win India Private Limited** decided to make a difference in the lives of 20 underprivileged children from the LR Nagar urban slum of Bangalore, one of Mobility India's community projects. With this being PTW's first visit to Mobility India, they were briefed about the organisation through a formal presentation and taken on a guided tour of the building to get a glimpse of the activities of MI.

With the aim of teaching the children in their own way, they invested quality time in them. They started the interactive session with an ice breaker activity. They adopted the best method that children would learn- the play way method. While the games and activities were fun, there was learning behind it all, the teaching of the spirit of team work and co-ordination. Shedding their inhibitions, the children too gave a cultural dance performance for the PTW team.



Above: Interactive session - Pole to Win team along with children from Community Education centre

The start of the academic year is very demanding for the parents as they have to provide for the school fees, stationery and uniforms of the children. The PTW team was the guiding light to 20 children and their parents who want nothing but education. They provided the children with school bags, books, stationery and also provided the Community Education Centre (CEC) with sports equipment for indoor and outdoor activities. The children too showed their gratitude with smiles and a huge chorus "Thank You" to the entire team of corporates.

Lions District 317E visits Mobility India to partner and work for the noble cause

Lions Club International has been in existence since 1917 and has been doing a great deal of work in the fields of community health, environment and disaster relief. They serve with passion and a thought always etched on their hearts: "Where there is a Need, there is



Above: Lions District 317E members on a MI building tour

a Lion." With the aim of establishing a lasting partnership, a team of five members of the Lions District 317E visited Mobility India, Bangalore on the 20 June, 2015. They learnt about the various activities conducted at MI through a formal presentation and a guided tour of the various departments.

Lion G. Srinivas, Governor, Lions District 317E has quoted, "Mobility India is a highly dedicated team working for a noble cause. All the best. We will work with you for this noble cause."

Razia Sultana discovers herself

Born to an overprotective family in the Garden Reach City of Kolkata, Razia Sultana was hidden from any form of social interaction. She was confined to her house and was not even allowed to meet people who came to her house for visits. When the community staff of Mobility India, Kolkata identified her, she was doing nothing but watching television. Closely observing her, they noticed that she had difficulty in walking and was unable to perform any of the age-appropriate activities. MI assessed her and found that she was suffering from Cerebral Palsy, Hemiplegia. She

was given regular therapy intervention along with assistive devices of a right hand splint and bilateral arch support to help her walk without support.

As she was deprived of social interaction and society from birth, MI staff made it a priority to give her an inclusive environment. For this purpose, they enrolled her to art and tuition classes. Today, she is able to read and write Urdu, write her personal details and also perform simple math like addition and subtraction. As she likes art, she particularly enjoys the art and craft classes and also learns very quickly. MI's initiative to provide her with an inclusive environment showed results as she now likes spending time with others and has developed good social skills.



Razia participating in the cultural program

She was also an active participant of the Cultural and Sports

Programme conducted by the Centre recently. Razia's mother proudly says, "Seeing the improvement in my daughter, I have slowly started to involve her in the household activities. She helps me with simple activities like folding clothes. I hope to see more improvement in my daughter."

The centre staff are her friends with whom she shares a close bond. She includes them in all the happy and sad moments of her life. While she takes pride in now being a contributing and responsible member of the family, another feather to her cap is the casting of her vote during the corporation election.

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