



Vision

"An inclusive society where people with disabilities have equal rights and a good quality of life."



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Service User's Meet *[Theme: 'A voice of our own']*



'Service Users Meet' is an annual programme conducted to promote social participation and create a platform for recreation to our service users. The programme was graced by Ms. Antoinette Lopez from Accenture and Mr. Vishwanath & team from Computer Science Corporation (CSC). 80 service users and their families participated and showcased their talent in the cultural programme and enjoyed

playing various games. The programme has helped many service users to rebuild their confidence and enable them to accept social opportunities in their lives

The meet also facilitated a discussion among the service users on the need for amputee forum- a support group with a vision of sharing, caring & working together for their rights.

A platform to promote dance: a medium of communication which has no boundaries

14 children from the community programme (Urban Slums) - Bangalore participated in a dance show at Ravendra Kala Kshetra on 18th March 2012 organised by Swing N Sway Innovative Dance studio. Ms. Swarnapriya, who has post-polio syndrome, stole the show with her solo performance. She received a standing ovation from the audience. The dance show was a great inspiration to the children from the community. The Dance team would coach the children further to have a dance troop for Mobility India.



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Women's Rights



Identifying & channelizing the resources within the community becomes the best approach towards a sustainable development. Women are identified as the power centers from time to time who have the ability to conjure and amend change. Therefore, Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) programme has promoted Women's Rights in the slums to enable women to work towards the concerns that prevail in their community.

The Women Right's programme is facilitated in collaboration with the South Indian Cell for Human Rights Education and Monitoring (SICHREM) in the project area, to sensitize them about their rights and to empower them as agent of change. So far, 3 programmes have been conducted in Avalahalli, Kaverinagar and Rajendranagar slums of Bangalore. Through this programme, a need was realized for further intervention; as such, for the first time a Legal Cell was organized. During the programme, the problems of the participants were heard by the lawyers in a one-on-one interaction and measures were taken accordingly. Most of the cases heard were on domestic violence, these programmes have thus encouraged women to step forward and share their problems in a common ground.

Women rights and Legal cell is the ongoing programme being carried out in the 23 slums of Bangalore.

Eye screening camp



An eye-screening programme was organised in three government schools located in Bommasandra, Hebagodi and Tirupalya under Attibele hobli. It was an early intervention programme to prevent or remediate existing developmental problems. The programme was a joint venture with Narayana Nethralaya hospital. 790 children were screened (Male 365 & Female 425). 78 children were given necessary medication.

Corporate Support: Fundraising, Volunteering and Skills Sharing

The corporate support is an integral part of fundraising in Mobility India. Being our goodwill ambassadors, their association in various ways has helped us to carry forward our work towards enhancing the quality of life of people with disabilities and their families.

Accenture

Women's Day Celebration

Mobility India (MI) celebrated International Women's Day to mark the solidarity among woman and emphasize their contribution towards an inclusive society. The Accenture band created a lively atmosphere with the various musical scores that were played for the community members, the staff and students of MI present during the programme. A recreational platform that also hosted various fun filled games and encouraged participants to share anecdotes on their respective work-life balance.



It was the first time in MI where a general health check-up camp was organised for the staff and the community members - an initiative of the Accenture CSR.

Painting of Developmental Aids



For the last two months they have supported in painting 36 developmental aids for the service users. These aids are specially made for children with disabilities to improve in their everyday activities. The aids were painted in bright colours, depicting motives of interest to children in order to motivate and encourage them to take the support of these aids for their development.

“Consciously or unconsciously, everyone of us does render some service or another. If we cultivate the habit of doing this service deliberately, our desire for service will steadily grow stronger, and it will make not only for our own happiness, but that of the world at large.”

~ Mahatma Gandhi

Sports Day

Our students enjoyed a friendly cricket match with the volunteers from Accenture on 17th March. An interesting match with an interesting finish; where Accenture took away the trophy.



Amba Research

Education is a fundamental right of every citizen in the country. However, there are many children who do not enjoy the privilege because they are marginalized by factors such as poverty, gender, disability and caste. To work towards 'quality education for all' Amba Research (Amba Research is a global financial Institutions founded in 2003) joined Mobility India in supporting 10 children with disability from from the community (Urban slums of Bangalore) towards their education.



Further, the volunteers from Amba Research spent a day with the community children in Avalahalli, Bangalore where they interacted with both children with disabilities and non - disabilities. The Children had a great day painting colourful pictures and playing interesting games with them.

The support from our well-wishers have helped to make a difference to the lives of many individual with disabilities towards a quality life...

Kondama



Kondama's zeal and determination to grow inspires us all.....

Kondama is from Appamnapeta, Andhra Pradesh. She has Post Polio Residual Paralysis (PPRP) in the right lower limb. The parents had to carry her every day to school till she was in the 5th Standard.

Later, with the support of a stick, Kondama moved around places. The determination to succeed left no room for people's negative attitude. She says, "I never paid attention to people's gibes". Kondama simultaneously with her 12th Standard studies pursued classes for basic computer course in Association for Rural Development and Action Research (ARDAR), Andhra Pradesh. The computer instructor encouraged her to pursue a course on Rehabilitation Therapy Assistant (RTA) in Mobility India that would enable her to become a skilled health-care worker and perform the intervention plan of person with disability in the community and address social causes of disability as well. For the first time Kondama stepped out of her village to follow her career path.

Kondama came to Mobility India for the RTA course in 2011. At the time Kondama could only speak her mother tongue 'telegu.' She was coached for English lessons that helped her in her studies and improved her communication skills. Mobility India as well facilitated a surgery for Kondama to release the muscle tightness contracture of the right knee that has helped her to wear a Knee Ankle Foot Orthosis (KAFO). Her life since then has become easier and comfortable.

After three months Kondama will be a certified Rehabilitation Therapy Assistant. She says, "My heartfelt thanks to CBM AUSAID for sponsoring my programme. Furthermore, the diverse exposure given by Mobility India has enabled me to become a self-determined person today. I want to carry forward this determination to encourage girls like me to step forward in their lives."



Prashanth

“My excitement reaches no boundaries when I am out with my friends for the fun-filled games and the exposure visits” enthuse 10 year old Prashanth.

Prashanth is a boy studying in 1st standard. He lives with his parents and an elder brother in Avalahalli, Bangalore. Prashanth was born with a congenital disorder called Cerebral Palsy (CP). Since CP affects the muscle control of a human body, Prashanth had an unsteady gait and moderate speech impairment; because of this he preferred to lie on the bed or sit leaning against something.



When Prashanth reached the appropriate age to get enrolled in school, the management of most schools refused to admit him to their institutions.

One of the Self Help Group (SHG) members identified Prashanth and referred him to Mobility India (MI). After the assessment, Prashanth was given a walker and an Ankle Foot Orthosis (AFO) to have a proper body posture and to carry out his daily living activities independently. These interventions helped the family to rebuild their confidence and hope for a bright future for their son.



The dream of Prashanth's parents was assisted by the community facilitator of Mobility India. She educated the school management on the importance of 'inclusion' before agreeing upon enrolling Prashanth in their school. However, Prashanth's first few days in school were not very pleasant. In the school, students sat on the floor mat in their respective classes; Prashanth had difficulties to adapt to the environment with his AFO.

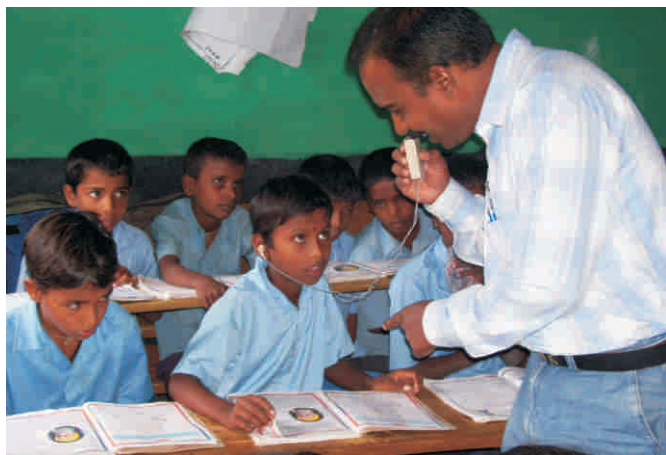
When it came to the attention of the management, they provided desks and chairs to the entire class instead for only one student. This shows that the realization for the need of one individual has today lead to the establishment of good infrastructure for the entire class. Furthermore, the teachers have adopted a modified teaching methodology that helps Prashanth to learn with ease.

Changing Lives

Constant support from his mother, teachers and peers has helped him to improve in his studies and he can now write sentences and count numbers.

The community facilitator also initiated play group sessions that has helped him to build rapport with his peers. Today, Prashanth is seen playing with his fellow classmates during breaks and also doing well in his studies. He takes part in excursion visits and attends summer camp without the help of any family members' support.

Inclusive education is the right of all learners to a quality education that meets basic learning needs and enriches their lives.



Donate Generously

- Assistive Devices (calipers, artificial limbs, crutches, walkers, developmental aids) ...2000 -5000
- Wheelchairs8000-9000
- Education / per child / per year2000- 5000
- Nutritious food1000-2000
- Any amount you wish to contribute

I am donating ₹ by Cheque/ Demand draft number
.....Towards

I would like to introduce a friend.
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Pin.....Telephone: E-mail :

(DD/Cheques to be made in the name of Mobility India)

TRAINING CALENDAR - FROM APRIL 2012 TO MARCH 2013

Long Term Courses	
1. Lower Limb Orthotics Technologist (ISPO CAT II Single discipline) 18 Months - 11th Batch	2nd July 2012 to 11th Jan 2014
2. Lower limb Prosthetics Technologist (ISPO CAT II Single discipline) 18 Months - 11th Batch	2nd July 2012 to 11th Jan 2014
3. Certificate course in Rehabilitation Therapy (12 Months) - 11th Batch	2nd July 2012 to June 2013
4. Bachelor in Prosthetics & Orthotics (CAT I Level) - 4 Years - 5th Batch	3rd Sept 2012 to Sept 2016
5. Lateral Entry for Bachelor in Prosthetics & Orthotics (CAT I Level) - FROM 3 Year	3rd Sept 2012 to Sept 2014
Short Term Courses	
1. Disability Equality Master Training	2nd April to 6th April 2012
2. Wheelchair Service Provision Training 10 days	11th June to 21st June 2012
3. CBR workers training- 4weeks	6th August to 1st Sept 2012
4. CBR Managers training	19th Nov to 24th Nov 2012

Application invited for:

- Lower Limb Orthotics - CAT II Single Discipline (18 months)
- Lower Limb Prosthetics- CAT II Single Discipline (18 months)
- Rehabilitation Therapy Assistant (1 year)



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