

Vision

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



Newsletter

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Celebrations, Seminar & Award

Recreation Programme - 3rd Dec 09



The International Day of Disabled Persons aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities.

35 people with disabilities, their family members and the staff of Mobility India participated in the Cultural Programme to mark the International Day of Disabled Persons. A fancy dress competition, singing, dancing, musical chairs, puzzle activities and games designed based on the children's abilities were conducted. Family

members and care givers of people with disabilities also had events that they could participate in.



Abilis Foundation Seminar

ABILIS Foundation is a development fund, founded by people with disabilities in Finland in 1998. It gives small grants to projects initiated by disabled persons.

The Abilis Foundation Partners Seminar on Mainstreaming Human Rights Based Approach to Disability in Development was held from 22nd -28th November 2009, at Mobility India, Bangalore.

The participants of the Seminar included five representatives from the Abilis Foundation, two representatives from Bangladesh, two representatives from Cambodia, two representatives from Tajikistan and three representatives from Mobility India.

The Seminar provided an experience sharing platform for all the partners from Asia to help understand Human Rights Based Approach to Disability.



Best Organization on Reporting:

Mobility India received this award for Documentation from Terre Des Hommes(TDH) - Netherlands India Programme. TDH is one of the organisations that has been supporting the Community Based Rehabilitation Programme(urban) of Mobility India. It covers a population of 2, 31,428 in 23 slums works on Health, Education, Livelihood, Social & Empowerment issues.



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habilitation & Rehabilitation Services

Appropriate provision of assistive / mobility devices is most important in the successful rehabilitation of people who need them for mobility. They enable person with disabilities to attain and maintain maximum independence, full physical, mental, social and vocational ability and full inclusion and participation in all aspects of life. At Mobility India people with disabilities have access to affordable and appropriate assistive devices such as wheelchairs, orthoses, prostheses, hearing devices, mobility devices and other rehabilitation devices. Physiotherapy and Occupational therapy services are also available. A unique taxi service is available for people using wheelchairs to travel in comfort and safety.



Sumit is a boy with Cerebral Palsy and hails from Gujarat. His family moved to Bangalore in 2004. Sumit is unable to walk independently and needs support for his activities of daily living like eating, toileting, bathing etc.

Mobility India Intervention: Sumit came to Mobility India along with his mother during the 3rd week of December. After assessing his condition thoroughly he was provided with bilateral calipers (Knee Ankle Foot Orthoses) to enable him to walk and he is on regular therapy as part of his rehabilitation plan.

“Our aim is to ensure that Sumit gets a good education and carries out his day to day functions independently” says his mother who thanks Mobility India for bringing about the change in Sumit’s life.

Changing Lives



Accidents are on the rise and are one of the major causes of disability. This is the story of young Abussamad of Kottapura village in Kerala. His hands were amputated after an accident in which he came in contact with a live electric wire.

Abussamad is totally dependent on his parents for all day to day activities like eating, bathing and toileting. A first year student of Sociology, he has acquired the skill of writing with his feet.

Abussamad came to Mobility India through a referral from his doctor. He was fitted with artificial hands with his right hand designed to hold a pen so that he can write with his hands again.

A determined Abussamad wants to be less dependent on parents. He intends do his personal tasks on is own and complete his degree in sociology after which he hopes to get a job and support himself financially.



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Changing Lives

Six year old Areifa has Cerebral Palsy. She lives in Faizabad slum with her parents and 4 siblings. She was identified through Mobility India's Community Based Rehabilitation Programme 4 years ago. At that time, she was unable to roll, sit and had spasticity in her limbs. All this led to a delay in Areifa becoming independent in her activities of daily living. Areifa required regular therapy to bring about a change in her.

Home Based Therapy activities were designed for her developmental milestones and hand functions. It included different positioning techniques and stretching & strengthening exercises.

After 2 years of regular therapy, Areifa was able to roll by herself and to sit and walk without support. She could hold objects/ toys and release them with much lesser difficulty. These achievements encouraged her to take biscuits to the mouth and feed by herself. Currently Areifa walks independently and is partially independent in all her activities of daily living.

Over 3000 adults and children like Sumit, Abussamad & Areifa access the rehabilitation services for various disabilities each year.

Ride to work:

Nirmala works as an Accounts Assistant at Mobility India. She travels about 40 kms by public transport each day to get to work and back. Having a disability in both her legs as a result of polio, this everyday activity is a big ordeal. Nirmala applied to Rajiv Gandhi Foundation for a modified scooter. The request was accepted and she received her vehicle on 19th November at a function in New Delhi. Now that Nirmala has the much needed vehicle, she looks forward to a rather smooth ride into her future.



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