



Nurturing children towards a healthier, happier and promising future

### Mission

We work towards holistic care and optimum rehabilitation outcomes for every orphaned child. We promote, support, network, advocate and act as Catalysts to achieve these objectives. We are an unstoppable force inspiring and channelizing action to bring about sustainable social change.

### Vision

A nation that cares for and protects its orphaned children in need and ensures that every child is nurtured into a happy and contributing member of society.

### Values

Every Child matters!
Child-centric
holistic approach to
rehabilitation
Sustainable change
Transparency &
Accountability

## Objectives

- Work towards systemic and sustainable change with scalable interventions and strategies
- Aide in the capability building of child care institutions and help raise their standards
- Work towards awareness and promotion of the right to dignified living for orphaned children
- Provide information on issues related to adoption and child welfare
- To encourage partnerships and participate in alliance building efforts
- To work with Government and other stakeholders like police, judiciary to streamline processes and improve implementation of policies for children in need of care and protection

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### From the Cause Ambassador



Hi Folks!

Every year, Annual Report time is also, the time for me to connect with all CSA stakeholders and I feel immensely pleased to do so.

I am a professional dancer; I choreograph, I perform and I train. Having been a part of the entertainment industry and with my performances, associations and media presence, I acquired a reputation of sorts, as a specialist dancer proficient in the Western forms of dancing. Quite by accident, post the adoption of my son Arjun, I also, became known as the first single male adoptive parent in Maharashtra.

Put together, CSA saw in me, value as a Cause Ambassador for Adoption and gave me the opportunity to work for the welfare of children in need. I treasure every moment I have spent with the children, the CSA family and all my associates. I must confess that initially I did wonder as to how CSA, then a small NGO, could synergize our mutual interests to take the cause further. We began small – in fact very small. With minimal public exposure during the initial years, our primary focus remained with children living in childcare institutions. I remember the first few events when I trained the children and had them perform. Those experiences were exhilarating! The children were so involved and enjoyed every minute of our togetherness. Some even wanted to grow up to become professional dancers!

Soon, as CSA grew, we got into the public space, conducting fund-raising events. The CSA Charity Dinner is now an annual event. First, it was my team and I, who were performing. Then, a couple of years later, some Adoptive parents decided to step in. 4 sets of adoptive parents and I, geared up last year for a show at a Charity Dinner at the Taj Lands End in Mumbai. It wasn't easy; stiff bodies and stiffer limbs but with hearts wide open and a passion for the cause got 4 couples in their mid-forties, cracking to put up what turned out to be a rollicking performance. The Show goes on.

CSA has made substantive progress and I feel happy. I cannot however, but be dismayed at the way the Adoption scene in India is panning out. I have never understood, how in a country with so many children in need, there can be no children in adoption. Can we allow a system to rob little children of such a wonderful rehabilitation outcome? I only hope that with continued effort, we will see a change.

I thank all CSA Supporters. I am sure all of you have enjoyed the association as much as I have. Together, let us continue to deliver on our promise to the nation's children.

CHEERS!!!!

Sandip Soparrkar



"I always questioned if I was ready to adopt and then realized no child was ready to be an orphan."

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### President's Foreword



We sailed through an illustrious decade of bringing about notable difference to child welfare and rehabilitation for orphaned children in India. This past year we have looked at a focused approach towards holistic child care, specifically 'health and hygiene'. A model has been evolved and a number of steps and checks have been put in place. Details on this model have been provided in the Annual Report 'Big Story' section. Several awareness sessions covering various aspects of personal hygiene have been done with children, thereby, paving the way for a lifestyle change which will directly reduce incidence of health related issues amongst children at childcare institutions and orphanages. We have already seen a marked improvement and reduction in overall health issues that children grapple with.

Aiding the registration of childcare institutions under The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 in Goa and Madhya Pradesh has been a significant milestone. The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 is the primary legal framework for juvenile justice in India. The Act provides for a special approach towards the prevention and treatment of juveniles and provides a framework for the protection, treatment and rehabilitation of children in the purview of the juvenile justice system. This Act provides for monetary funding per child that is available to childcare institutions once they are registered. Another landmark achievement is the adoption of 3 'special needs children' by families based outside India from a children's home in Maharashtra – Love Trust Special Needs Home that CSA has been supporting since 2009. It is heartening to know that these children will have a better chance at life in a loving family environment.

We have also been able to garner excellent support from Corporate patrons who believe in the cause. The past year has seen increased levels of employee engagement and participation with some of our projects, indeed, a step in the right direction.

Last but not the least, CSA's Annual Charity Dinner held in September 2013 was a grand success and helped further awareness on CSA's work tremendously. Dance performances by four couples who in their prime adopted children, agreed to shake a leg to raise awareness on adoption and also garner support for the cause even though dancing is not really their forte! Shibani and myself were one of the couples and this has been a one-of-akind experience. A special thanks goes out to CSA's cause ambassador, Sandip Soparrkar and his team who groomed us for the performances.

On a parting note, I would like to lay emphasis on the fact that children living in childcare institutions (CCIs) will benefit only when the CCIs themselves embrace a mind shift and drastically enhance their day to day functioning in order to provide children under their care with better facilities and opportunities. CSA is committed to working with these institutions on multiple levels with your continued support in realizing our vision of 'nurturing every child into a happy and contributing member of society!'

In Faith and Goodwill,

"Adopted Children are the same as Biological Children – They all deserve to be with families that will love them unconditionally."



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Vipul Jain President

### Our Genesis

### **HISTORY**

Catalysts for Social Action (CSA) started in 2002, as a result of the personal experience of the founders who adopted their children and wanted to share their wonderful experience. CSA is a Not-For-Profit organization dedicated to the cause of child welfare and rehabilitation for children living in children's homes.

CSA works as a "catalyst" focusing on a holistic approach to child care and optimal rehabilitation outcomes.

Over the past 11 years, CSA has become a very respected NGO with a solid body of field work. It has created scalable innovative and effective programmes to help orphaned children with a better life. CSA has enormous proven credibility and reputation for highest levels of transparency and governance.

## CSA'S WORK WITH CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS/CHILDREN'S HOMES

CSA supports 46 childcare institutions/adoption agencies in 4 states covering over 2200+ children and still growing. Our support covers areas of Health & Hygiene, Nutrition, Education & Vocational skills, Infrastructure support and

Recreation activities. These programmes are structured projects to achieve direct and measurable benefits for the childcare institutions and children under their care. We work out of the states of Goa, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Odisha.

### CSA'S WORK IN ADOPTIONS

CSA identified that while the adoption agencies in large cities had waiting list of prospective parents desirous to adopt, there are many adoption agencies in rural areas where children were languishing. CSA now works with over 20 adoption agencies in these rural areas and has facilitated the placement of over 200 children from these places with loving families.

CSA has, with the help of Child Welfare Committees (CWCs) moved children from children's homes to adoption agencies so that they can be placed with families. CSA also conducts sensitization programmes for the Police, Child Welfare Officers and Judiciary about adoptions and how to promote and facilitate the same.



### SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### SUPPORTING SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN'S HOME

Love Trust Special Needs Home in Buldhana district, Maharashtra (India) was initiated by Love Trust organization in 2009 that caters to children with special needs – children who are physically and mentally challenged. CSA has been supporting this home since inception. Caretakers and physiotherapists appointed have worked diligently with the children & most children have shown an improvement in their ability to carry out their day to day tasks, their IQ has improved and many children now go to regular schools and are doing well academically. A few children have been recently identified for adoption which would be an amazing life altering event for these children.

#### **HEALTH AND HYGIENE DRIVE**

In keeping with our focus on improving and enhancing the quality of care provided to children in childcare institutions, we conducted Health check up camps for 1600+ children across all partner children's homes. Remedial solutions in the form of treatments, hygiene, skin care and dental care awareness sessions, hygiene kit distribution and additional nutrition support to tackle underweight issues have been undertaken.

[More on this in 'Our Big Story – Health & Hygiene Model' in this edition]

### REGISTERING OF CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE JJ ACT 2000

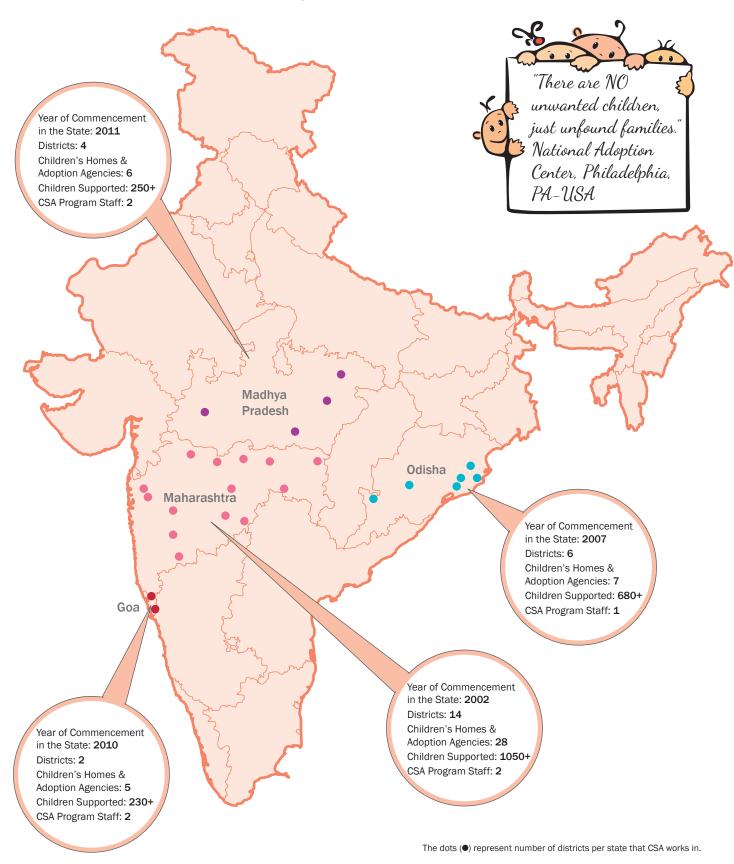
As part of our advocacy initiatives, we have been conducting workshops and raising awareness amongst childcare institutions to register under the JJ Act, 2000 and thereby, avail of the benefits and funds available to cater to the needs of children and overall management of the childcare institution. A similar exercise was initiated in Goa – 60 children's homes attended, 52 applied for registration. All 5 children's homes supported by CSA in Goa have received JJ licenses recently and 1 in Madhya Pradesh too. We assisted childcare institutions with their documentation and filing of records per child as part of this exercise & now aide these institutions in raising Standards as per the JJ Act on an ongoing basis.

### FACILITATE CLOSURE OF PENDING COURT ORDERS FOR ADOPTIONS FROM MAHARASHTRA AND ODISHA

Many adoptive parents from different parts of India have adopted children from rural parts of Maharashtra and Odisha. However, several families with children under foster care had not received court orders and subsequently child's birth certificate was pending; some cases date back to 2009. Constant transfer of District Judges had led to these cases pending indefinitely. Some older children enrolled in schools had no birth certificates & schools were pressing parents to submit birth certificates. CSA has been rallying with the Judiciary to bring such cases to closure for a while now in states that we work out of. A breakthrough came in July 2013, when the District Judge of Nanded (Maharashtra) called for a meeting with some parents & a few adoptive parents were able to secure court orders the same day. Out of these, some cases pertain to CSA facilitated adoptions, so this is a huge respite to parents & an achievement for CSA. There has been a positive development since then and many cases are being cleared on an ongoing basis.

## Our Spread

TOTAL NO. OF DISTRICTS: **26**, NO. OF CHILDREN'S HOMES & ADOPTION AGENCIES: **46**, NO. OF CHILDREN SUPPORTED: **2210**, NO. OF CSA PROGRAM STAFF: **6** 



## Our Big Story - Health & Hygiene Model

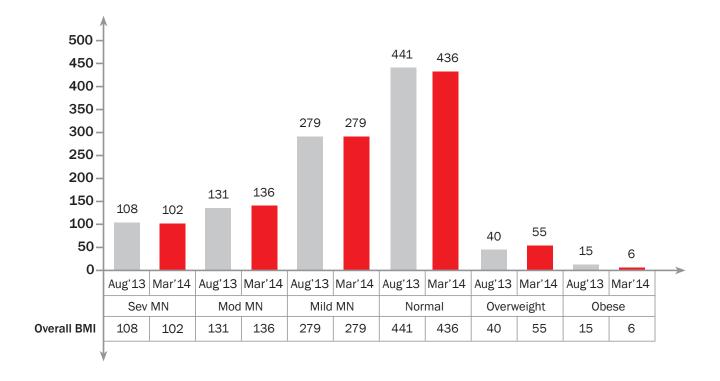
A pivotal task we took on this year was to get a comprehensive understanding of the state of children's health for those residing in Child Care Institutions. We conducted 2 Health Check up Camps – First in July/August 2013 and the Second in March 2014.

The following areas were evaluated

- (1) Height, Weight and BMI (Body Mass Index) (2) Other Health Issues (Dental, Eye, ENT, etc.)
- (1) **BMI** The BMI data was then categorized into severe | moderate | mild | normal | overweight and obese malnutrition. Over 50% children were found to be undernourished and CSA started addressing various gaps observed. However, there is room for improvement since the second health check ups too did not show a major improvement in the BMI levels we have now roped in nutritionists to help tackle underweight issues prevalent amongst the children and tackle issues on a case by case basis.
- (2) Other Health Issues Children were also examined for other health issues such as dental, eye, ENT, gynecological (older girls) & overall physical examination.
- 1692 children were checked in Jul/Aug 2013 and 658 were diagnosed with some issue or the other
- 1412 children were checked in March 2014 and only 141 were diagnosed with issues

This significant drop in number of health issues post second health check up is owing to the fact that we got children treated for various ailments detected the first time. Children were also provided with hygiene kits comprising of a toothbrush, toothpaste, bathing and washing soap. De-worming tablets were also given to children. Coupled with awareness sessions & workshops conducted with children on personal hygiene, dental care, skin care, hand washing etc. has helped reduce the incidence of health issues to a large extent.

Since a certain section of children either move out or come into the CCIs at different time intervals, we assimilated number of 'Like for Like' (children who were present during both health check ups) and **1014** children were common. The graph below represents Overall BMI status –

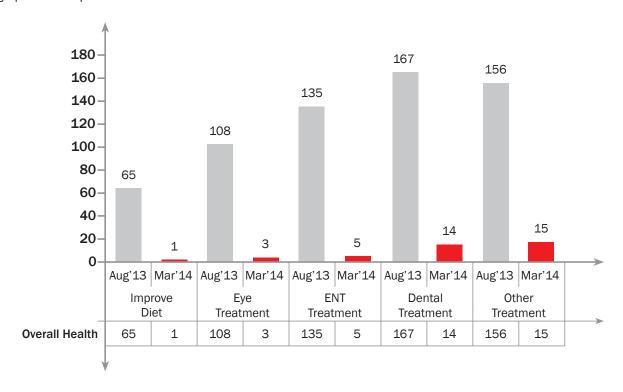


# Over 1400+ children underwent 2 cycles of health checkups with a 6 months gap

BMI – Over **50%** children found to be undernourished

Other Health issues down from 62.2% in Aug'13 to 3.7% in Mar'14

The graph below represents Overall Health status -



We now have a robust & scalable Health & Hygiene model in place which will be run annually at our CCIs



## Our Imprint

An overview of the support provided and work that has been accomplished this past year. A major focus has been on health and hygiene related initiatives and awareness sessions. Under our advocacy drive, we worked extensively with child care institutions to register under the JJ Act, 2000. Additionally, we have received heart warming support from our corporate partners in the form of donations, volunteering & participation of staff at several events.

## SUPPORT TO CHILDREN IN CHILDCARE INSTITUTIONS

#### **HEALTH & HYGIENE SUPPORT**

 Health Check up camps were undertaken at all our partner child care institutions across 4 states covering 1600+ children aged 6-18 years in July 2013. Major issues that emerged were related to dental, skin problems & underweight issues. Throughout the year, we have conducted awareness sessions, provided children with treatment for dental issues, eyes, ENT and other ailments and also supplemented their daily food intake with nutritious food items such as fruits, pulses, milk & milk products, ghee etc.



- Hygiene Awareness Sessions were conducted across the board based on outcomes from health check up camps that were done earlier. Many children had dental issues and skin problems which the doctors narrowed down to hygiene issues. Based on this feedback, CSA conducted awareness sessions on good overall hygiene and dental care practices. A hygiene presentation and video on dental care was shown. More than 1600+ children were part of this exercise
- CSA also provided Hygiene Kits to all children [comprising of tooth paste, tooth brush, bathing soap, washing soap].
   Provision of hygiene kits will ensure that children are

- equipped to follow through on the awareness trainings they have received & can make a permanent lifestyle change
- CSA celebrated Hand Washing Day in October at all child care institutions we partner with and over 1600+ children were shown an audio video clipping & demonstration on how and when to wash hands with soap, with an aim to inculcating a behavioral change and improving overall health & hygiene
- Children's Committees have been set up at children's homes to ensure involvement of children in running of the institution. The committee solely constitutes of children. Roles and responsibilities have been explained & children have been actively participating in meetings, putting forth suggestions & conducting cultural/recreational activities periodically. These children also monitor hygiene kits supply provided to each home
- Medical camp conducted in December 2013 in Mumbai for 100 children by doctors and specialists from Wockhardt Foundation. De-worming done, children in need of spectacles have been provided with the same, vaccine administered to all, children above 12 years of age were given teeth fortifying toothpaste. For girls found to be anemic, doctors suggested intake of leafy vegetables to reduce iron deficiency and iron fortifying capsules were provided
- Skin Care sessions were conducted across children's homes to educate children on how to take care of their skin and how to identify common skin infections such as insect bites, hives, rashes, dandruff etc. and seek help & timely medication
- In Pune, as a follow up to Health checkups, children in need of spectacles have been provided with the same at the Observation Home Boys, Observation Home Girls and Nirankar orphanage. At BVJSS, Budhrani Eye hospital sponsored spectacles, eye surgery, medication etc.



 Follow up Health check up camps have been conducted at all children's home in March 2013. Close to 1400 check ups have been done.

#### **NUTRITION SUPPORT**

- Many children were found to be underweight post medical health check ups. Hence, additional food items such as pulses and ghee is being provided on a monthly basis to improve the diet of 20 children from Girija orphanage at Kharghar, Mumbai
- 12 children from Matoshree children's home, Pune are being supported with grocery items to supplement their regular food intake
- Around 110 children from Bapuji Seva Sadan, Odisha will be receiving nutrition support to boost their overall health
- 120 children from Bethesda Life Centre, Goa are being provided with milk, pulses and ghee to help overcome underweight issues
- 36 children from KSSS, MP are being provided additional nutritional support in the form of milk
- We provide 400 children from the BVJSS orphanage in Pune with seasonal fruits as part of additional nutritional support. Till date, children have been provided with apples, chikoos, bananas, strawberries, oranges etc.

### **INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT**

- Infrastructure support provided in Madhya Pradesh to Krupa Sadan Seva Samiti in the form of finances for kitchen renovation and roofing of kitchen
- CSA MP provided financial assistance to Gramin Adiwashi Samaj Vikas Sansthan (GASVS) to construct one toilet and bathroom, to provide better sanitation facilities for children



- CSA provided financial support to GASVS, MP to get electrical wiring changed & living area painted
- CSA donated various play equipment for infants and younger children to 2 adoption agencies in Nanded district and 1 adoption agency in Latur district of Maharashtra
- CSA supported the construction of few washrooms in Odisha – a much required necessity for children

#### **EDUCATION & VOCATION SKILLS SUPPORT**

- 375 children across all children's homes are being provided with Education support [school fees, stationary items, school uniform, shoes and transportation]. In addition, tuition teacher have been appointed after school hours at many homes
- BVJSS, Pune were finding it challenging to fund uniform stitching expenses for 400 kids. We helped fund a larger portion of the costs while BVJSS paid the rest. Children received new uniforms on Republic Day, 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2014



- 27 girls from Observation Home in Bhivandi, Mumbai received training in Mehendi course
- 222 girls from Observation Home in Bhivandi, Mumbai completed Basic and Advanced Tailoring course along with a course in Hand Embroidery during 2013-14
- 51 girls from Observation Home in Pune completed a course in Basic Tailoring and Fashion Designing during this financial year
- In MP, we have set up a Computer Training facility at Asha Kiran children's home in order to provide computer education for 80 children
- 46 children were provided new sweaters and woollen caps at GASVS and KSSS, MP for the winters
- Overall academic performance was reviewed in MP with teachers, school authorities and children were oriented on prioritizing and using their study time to the best of

their abilities. A tuition teacher has also been appointed at KSSS, MP to help 32 children with English, Maths and Science subjects

- Computer laboratory has been set up at Balmandir orphanage in Mumbai and 65 boys will be able to avail of the facilities & benefit from computer training
- In Madhya Pradesh, a vocational training assessment was carried out for children at the Children's Home in Jabalpur. Purpose is to train children in courses that will generate employment opportunities in the future
- 27 children from MP were trained in 2 certificate courses
   'Dona Pattal' [paper plate making technique] and 'Office Stationery'

### **RECREATION & FUN ACTIVITIES**

- More than 1600+ children relished different fruits throughout the year – apples, mangoes, grapes, watermelon, bananas, guavas, strawberries. Children were also shown presentations on these fruits
- Rajo Celebrations (Oriya festival): 100 Children enjoyed this fun event in Odisha and a no. of competitions such as Essay Writing, Painting, Singing, Carrom and Puchi (Local Dance for girls) were organized. Prizes and traditional sweets were distributed to the children
- Painting in Goa: Finger painting session organized for 85 children in Goa as part of Art based Therapy. Finger painting is therapeutic – children express their feelings visually & it stimulates creativity and imagination
- Friendship Day celebrations held in August 2013 with 85 children in Sr. Valentina's Little Heaven, Goa. Children made friendship cards and also exchanged friendship bands with each other
- Independence day celebrated on 15<sup>th</sup> August at Observation home for Girls in Pune. 15 employees from EagleBurgmann India Pvt. Ltd. visited this home. Mr. George Easo [Vice President – HR & ADMN] conducted flag hoisting ceremony and employees distributed eatables.

- They also donated generously towards sponsoring of tailoring classes for the girls
- CSA Odisha conducted two fun events at Banabasi Seva Samiti on 15<sup>th</sup> August. 250 kids watched an award winning regional children's movie 'A Rose for Pooja' and thereafter, they were treated to a snack of various fruits

   apples, grapes, bananas & chocolates with soft drinks
- On the occasion of Ganesh Utsav, CSA Mumbai organized lunch for children at Balmandir – Panvel; around 100 children were served a sumptuous meal which they thoroughly enjoyed!



- On the occasion of 'Joy of Giving ' week [Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>-Oct 8<sup>th</sup>] 2013, CSA organized a drawing competition for 34 children of Jeevan Jyoti in Indore, MP. Employees from one of our corporate sponsors, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Co. Ltd. were present during the event. The theme was 'My School My Future'. Objective was to understand their aspirations for the future; winners were jointly selected by ICICI Pru employees and management of the institution. They were then awarded certificates and CSA gifted the children new clothes and distributed sweets
- On the occasion of Diwali, 100 children from Bapuji Seva Sadan, Odisha enjoyed sweets, cakes, chocolates & soft drinks. Later they also enjoyed bursting crackers outdoors

### HANDWASHING DAY

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Home in Pune & **222 girls** from Observation Home in Mumbai completed a course in Basic & Advanced Tailoring, Hand Embroidery and Fashion Designing during this financial year

- CSA celebrated Diwali in Goa with 230 children across 5 children's homes and in MP, we celebrated Diwali with 34 children from Jeevan Jyoti children's home
- CSA arranged for Children's day activities at Observation Home – Girls, Observation Home – Boys, Nirankar Balgram and Matoshree Ashram in Pune. Totally, 267 kids enjoyed these activities.
- CSA celebrated Christmas with 400 children from BVJSS, Pune. Different types of group fun games were planned like musical chairs, straw game, numerical games etc. Children were served a special meal. Children were also treated to cake & chocolates. Children were happy to receive exam writing pads. Children made their own Christmas tree and decorated it beautifully. It was a fun day and the true essence of Christmas was shown – that of spreading joy and cheer!
- In Goa, 130 children were treated to 'Pizzas' which many children relished for the first time in their lives! In one of the children's homes, we gifted them a full length mirror & children were thrilled to see themselves in the mirror! Children enjoyed ice creams, snacks and received gifts too
- Children are always intrigued by so many things and especially technology, so we decided to let children explore the world of Digital SLR cameras! Children in some children's homes in Mumbai and Odisha paid attention to the different functionalities that were being explained & quickly gained confidence clicking a few images themselves!





100 children in Mumbai & Odisha explored the world of Digital SLR cameras!

85 children

Finger painting session in Goa as part of Art based Therapy.

Goa – 01,
Maharashtra – 26,
Madhya Pradesh – 03
and Odisha – 08
adoptions between
April 2013 and
March 2014

children from
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· Festival of colors 'Holi' was celebrated with much gusto & excitement in Goa & Odisha



### **ADOPTION FACILITATION**

- CSA facilitated 38 adoptions between April 2013 and March 2014; Goa – 01, Maharashtra – 26, Madhya Pradesh – 03 and Odisha – 08
- We successfully facilitated the adoption of a 5 year old girl child in Goa. Firstly, identified that she is a total orphan growing up in an orphanage; facilitated movement from an orphanage to an adoption agency; and then, she was adopted by a family

## STAKEHOLDER TRAINING & SENSITIZATION

- CSA in association with the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Goa organized a one day training and workshop titled "Registration of Children's Homes under the Juvenile Justice Act 2001".
   87 participants with representatives from 60 Children's Homes attended this workshop.
   52 children's homes applied for registration with the Goa Government.
- CSA Goa helped Sr. Valentina's Little Heaven staff with systematic documentation & maintenance of folders and files that was required for the Inspection in conjunction with obtaining license under the JJ Act 2000. A short orientation session was conducted with the staff in this respect; this improved their knowledge on the subject to a large extent and they have now procured their JJ Act license as a registered Child Care Institution
- CSA Pune conducted grass root level workshop at Latur, Maharashtra for ICDS [Integrated Child Development Services] workers, SHG [Self Help Group] and CWC workers; focus was to create awareness amongst these community workers regarding adoptions



- CSA Goa was invited by the Directorate of Women & Child Development (WCD) to attend a half day awareness programme on Government Foster Care Scheme
- CSA roadshows were done in Goa, Mumbai and Pune Accelya Kale offices to create awareness amongst staff regarding the work we do, support required and how they can engage and help. Post these sessions, we have received a heart warming response in the form of payroll giving, nutrition support, volunteers, hygiene kit support etc.
- A workshop on 'Understanding CSR from Corporate and NGO Perspective' was held by CAP – Centre for Advancement of Philanthropy in Dec 2013 and our cofounder Mrs. Bharati Dasgupta was invited to represent the NGO sector and be part of the panel discussion alongside other noted personnel from the NGO and Corporate world.

CSA organized workshops for childcare workers and staff who work with children in children's homes we support. We roped in child specialists/counselors to conduct these workshops which were interactive in nature. Staff and caretakers are a major influence on the children and have a big impact on the way a child's future shapes up at the home.

It became increasingly evident that as much as we support the well-being of children in children's homes, we must work with these staff too to address their concerns, stress management, provide them with ways & means of dealing with children in a positive & constructive manner and understanding children, their nature and bringing out the best in children and hence, the need for such workshops.

 We received good response in terms of attendance and positive feedback from staff regarding the way the workshops were conducted.

### ADVOCACY AND RESEARCH

- As part of our advocacy initiatives, we worked with the Government, WCD and Children's Homes in Goa and Madhya Pradesh, conducting workshops and raising awareness amongst childcare institutions to register under the JJ Act, 2000 and take advantage of the grants earmarked per institution under the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS). Consistent follow up sessions resulted in several homes obtaining their JJ ACT 2000 licenses as registered children's homes – a huge stride forward towards developing sustainable, model childcare institutions.
- Derogatory TV Commercial targeting Adoption taken off air – Reliance Communications had come out with a TV Commercial for its Mobile 'All Share Postpaid Family Plan' which showed Adoption in bad light.

The advertisement features actress Anushka Sharma poking fun at her younger brother stating that he is not in the plan because he is an adopted child. This did not go down well with Adoptive parents and adopted children/youngsters; subsequently, CSA filed a complain with the ASCI (Advertising Standards Council of India) & ASCI upheld our complaint deeming the TV commercial as being offensive. Following ASCI's decision, advert was taken off air on most media platforms. This decision will go a long way to help understand and support the relevance of child adoption in today's society

## CSA FUND RAISING/PROMOTIONAL EVENTS WITH CORPORATE PARTNERS

- CSA's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual fund raising Charity Dinner 2013 event was held at Taj Land's End – Bandra on 21<sup>st</sup> September and it was an evening to remember!
- We had a full house with over 200 guests present which included High Network Individuals, Professionals from IT, Finance & Banking sectors, Businessmen, Art aficionados etc. and members from the media fraternity were present to cover the event.
- Our principal sponsor for the event was ICICI Prudential
  Life Insurance Co. Ltd. and several other corporate
  sponsors such as Accelya Kale Solutions Ltd. | Aditya
  Birla Insurance Brokers | HDFC Mutual Fund | PN Gadgil
  Jewellers | Modi Group | ING Vysya Bank | Avendus |
  DSP Black Rock Fund | IDFC Mutual Fund | Deutsche
  Mutual Fund | Baaya Designs | ICICI Lombard | Clover
  Infotech supported this event.
- Interior stylist and columnist, Ms. Nisha Jamvwal presided over the evening as chief auctioneer and host.
- Everybody witnessed an action packed evening with some beautiful dance performances by adoptive parents who were trained by our cause ambassador Sandip Soparrkar and several family members, friends and guests pledged their support after each performance. This was followed by the art auction of handcrafted celebrity art creations by well known artists such as Arzan Khambatta, Bina Aziz, Brinda Miller, Gurcharan Singh, Jaya Lamba, Shola Carletti and other contemporary and folk artists. The art auction received a whopping response and several guests participated enthusiastically. A delectable spread of mouth watering, delicious snacks & food brought the evening to a closure.
- CSA raised over Rs. 25 Lakhs that evening and we are truly thankful to all our generous sponsors, donors, art buyers, media partners for their whole hearted contributions and support. We intend to use these funds to reach out



to many more orphaned children and increase existing support being provided.

- 'Airtel Delhi Half Marathon' Employees of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Co. Ltd. ran to support CSA at the Delhi Half Marathon 2014 and raised close to Rs. 3 Lakhs for us
- 'Pune Marathon Dec 2013' CSA along with Accelya Kale employees participated at the Pune marathon to promote and create awareness. Group of 20 participants ran the charity run along with CSA banners, posters. The event went off well and many people were interested in knowing about CSA and our work
- 'Mumbai Marathon Jan 2014' Staff from Accelya Kale and CSA participated in the dream run. We also had some of our longstanding supporters run the full and half marathon and raise funds for CSA



- 'Recycle A Bicycle' campaign During the month of July 2013, 'Recycle-A-Bicycle' campaign ran in Mumbai, Pune and Goa Accelya Kale offices with an aim to collecting reusable bicycles. Generous contributions in the form of cash was used to purchase bicycles for children in Odisha, Goa & MP. 5 bicycles received were distributed to different children's homes in Mumbai. Some Accelya Kale employees accompanied CSA programme officer to these homes, handed over bicycles to the children and witnessed the joy and smiles on children's faces which was priceless!
- 'Joy of Giving' celebrations During Joy of Giving Week [Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>-Oct 8<sup>th</sup>], **Accelya Kale** volunteers spent time with 30 girls at Balikashram, Mumbai and had great fun with them. Children had McDonald's burgers, smiley potato wedges, ice-creams and chocolates. For many children, this was the first time that they had burgers & it was a delightful evening of fun, games and snacks!
- Under the 'Joy of Giving Week' initiative, Givaudan India had collected funds internally and contributed towards providing a TV set, games, sports utilities and snacks to 65 children at Balmandir, Panvel – Mumbai. One minute games were also conducted and the children had a lot of fun
- As part of the 'Joy of Giving Week Grant a Wish' program, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Co. Ltd. staff visited several children's homes in Odisha and Madhya

Pradesh covering about 400+ children and gave them cakes, chocolates, snacks and various indoor and outdoor games – most of these items were things that children had wished for & it was a pleasure to fulfill their wishes!



'Christmas celebrations at Girija, Mumbai' – As part of the festivities, we organized Christmas celebrations for 25 boys from Girija orphanage at Kharghar, Mumbai. Children decorated little cup cakes and the best cup cakes won prizes. They also enjoyed playing 1 minute games. Santa Clause was the 'show-stopper' for the evening and gave away prizes to winners and also handed gifts to all children. Volunteers from Accelya Kale together with CSA distributed snacks to the children and had a fun evening with the kids. Media personnel covered the event and an article featured in the Times of India and Sakal, a popular Marathi newspaper too.



- On the occasion of Christmas, CSA gifted children with cartoon print T-Shirts
- In Mumbai, we celebrated Christmas with 30 girls from Balikashram. Cake decoration competition, one minute games, snacks, prizes and gifts were highlights of the day. Volunteers from Anglo Eastern Ship Management accompanied our program officer and had a good time interacting with the girls
- Drawing competition for 65 boys from a newly identified orphanage Vivekanand Balakashram in Thane, Mumbai was organized in Dec 2013. The theme revolved around their 'village & how they would like to see it develop'. Volunteers from Standard Chartered Securities were present and they had sponsored special lunch for these children. They also played cricket with the boys and everybody enjoyed a lot

## Our Impact

NAME OF ACTIVITY	INDICATOR OF ACTIVITY	BENEFICIARIES
Rural Adoption Facilitation	Number of Adoptions Facilitated Directly	38
Number of Adoptions Facilitated	Jointly with Partner Adoption Agencies	300+
Nutritional Support	Number of Children supported with Nutrition	490+
Recreational facilities, Events & Hobbies	Number of Children supported with Recreational facilities and hobby classes	1700
Infrastructure facilities	Child Care Institutions where Infrastructure upgraded	4
Vocational Training	Children provided with Vocational Training	390
Awareness Programmes	Beneficiaries reached through Awareness Programmes	2050
Special Needs Children	Special Needs Children receiving support	10
English Medium Schooling	Children receiving English Medium Schooling	48
Educational Support	Children given Educational Support	325
Child Care Institution Support	Children at Child Care Institutions supported with Health and Hygiene Kit	1750+
Advocacy Support	JJ Act Registration Consultation (Goa)	100
Capacity Building Support	Capacity building for Child Care Institution Caretakers & Workers	95
Festive Apparel	Children Provided with Festive Apparel	300
Behavioral Health Support	Children provided with Counselor for overall behavioral health support (mental wellness)	230

# Spotlight on 'State of Adoptions in India Today'

Every time I visit an adoption agency, I feel a deep sense of loss. As each pair of those little eyes follow me (as they do, every other visitor), I feel she is searching for something. What does she search for? A face that vaguely flashes through her mind's eye? Or perhaps, that single miraculous moment when a simple eye contact works magic and sets up a life-long relationship? Why are those children there? And, why must they remain for a day longer than is necessary? I feel helpless and depressed.

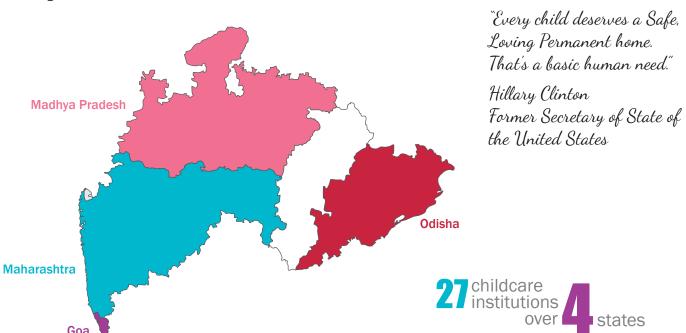
I am rejuvenated by a sheaf of pictures that I have with me – those of children who have found homes through our efforts. As I shuffle through them, I cannot each time, but be amazed at the contrast between the faces in the pictures and those that I have left behind in the agency. Here, there are beautiful smiles, bright clothes, clutched toys or fingers, a parent, a sibling, a park, a book, a school and most importantly, a look that says "I have arrived!". Those pictures soothe my nerves and help me get back with reinforced determination.

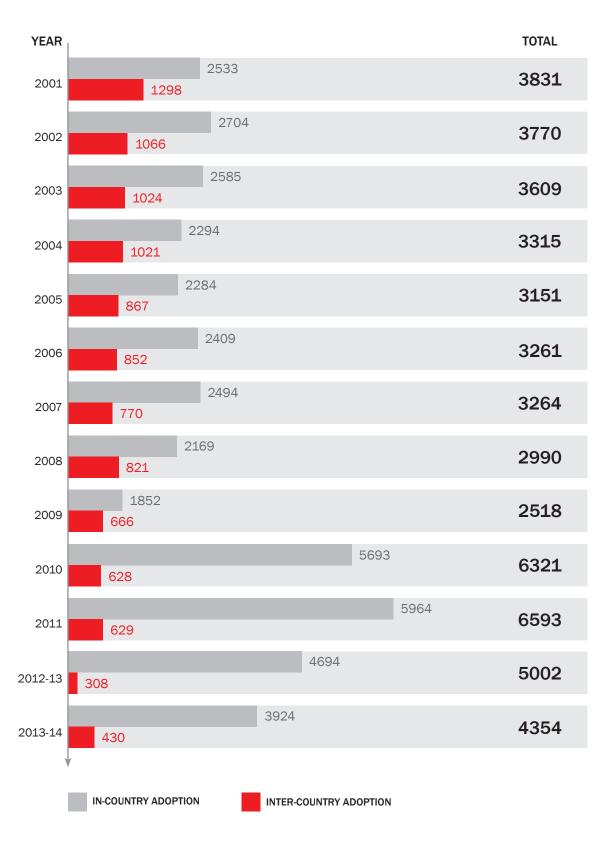
Of late however, we have been riddled with doubts about the future of adoption. The number of children being adopted is shrinking. This is borne out by the CARA statistics (table). Except for the years 2010 and 2011 (an incremental shift that was perhaps, the outcome of additional state level adoption agencies being brought into the CARA network), the numbers are falling.

The dwindling numbers would have been a welcome change had it been the outcome of fewer people giving up their children. But surely that is not so. Abandoned babies are still found in garbage bins. Little children still beg on the streets, child labor is still rampant and child sex flourishes with gay abandon. You can see children in orphanages; they are at work in agricultural fields, roadside eateries, embroidery shops and tobacco factories-exploited, abused, even ravaged.

One sure-shot source of adoptable children are the childcare institutions across the country. Quoting from our personal experience we have the story of an unregistered orphanage in Odisha where there are 5 'immediately-adoptable' children. Those children should have moved into adoption. However, all our efforts to persuade the owner to do so have failed. The Owner apparently, has applied for an adoption license. If and when that happens, he will place those children in adoption. In the meanwhile, the CWC refuses to intervene and the children languish.

Our belief that adoptable children are available in orphanages prompted us to undertake a sample survey covering 4 states (Maharashtra, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Goa) and 27 childcare institutions (that we work with). The findings are revealing!





Source: http://www.adoptionindia.nic.in/database.htm [CARA website] http://adoptionindia.nic.in/Resources/Adoption-Statistics.html [CARA website]

### CSA Statewise Consolidated Child Data for Eligible Adoptive Children in CCIs

		Category of	Children in Childo	are Institution			
State	No. of CCIs	Total Number of children in CCI	Number of Children (less than 10 years)	Total Number of Orphans (less than 10 years)	Number of Semi Orphans (less than 10 years)	Number of Children with Single Parent (less than 10 years)	Other Children (less than 10 years)
Goa	6	648	233	51	8	169	5
Madhya Pradesh	4	127	67	10	4	23	30
Maharashtra	4	150	63	6	5	29	23
Odisha	13	1086	102	5	2	47	48
Total	27	2011	465	72	19	268	106
Percentage			23%	4%	1%	13%	5%

Total orphans - No parents, relative or guardians

Semi Orphans - No parents but have relatives/children from broken families/unhealthy parents or children born out of wed lock etc.

Single Parent - Either father or mother is alive and in touch with child

Others - Both parents alive but either poor economic condition or child is enrolled for Social Security purpose or parents are in conflict with law etc.

There are **2011** children across institutions.

Of those, 465 i.e. 23% are below the age of 10 years.

**12** children are total orphans and

106 have parents who may never claim them

(being in prison/mental home/irretrievable circumstances)

In the case of children without parental contact, while a contact address may exist, no one seems to have ever made an effort to trace the parents and reestablish contact with the child. One wonders whether those parents will ever come back for their children. And if they do, would they be driven by the parental urge or, would s/he just want to add another earning member to the family? What indeed, would then, be the rehabilitation outcome? Our study is only a small sample of 27 institutions. Extrapolated across all CCIs in the country the numbers could be substantial.

Further, all data available in the public domain relates to state-recognized CCIs. There are many more that are not recognised. Those Institutions house thousands of children. A case in point is a study conducted in the state of Odisha (A Resource Book on Childcare Institutions published by Basundhara, Odisha). In a survey done across 15 districts, the researchers have identified 161 unrecognized institutions with 9633 children. Surely there are a phenomenal number of adoptable children in that child-population?

It is nobody's case that all children without parental contact should be moved into adoption. However, the scope for further exploration cannot be negated. All orphaned children in institutional care must be identified. If a child does have a traceable parent, contact must be renewed; if not, she must move into adoption/foster care or specialized care.

A story that we take immense pride in, is the success of our placement efforts for disabled children. In 2009 while working with adoption agencies in Maharashtra, we came across stray cases of abandoned mentally challenged children who had reached the adoption agencies. Not equipped to handle such children, most adoption agencies took scant care of them. One adoption agency in Buldhana Maharashtra had two such children and agreed to look after more. We helped them get the license and supported them with manpower resources, special equipment and material. 8 mentally challenged children from different agencies in Maharashtra were moved into this facility. 3 children have been adopted from there! Foreigners are known to adopt and care for differently abled children. And several disabled children remain abandoned in homes for the disabled.

A critical analysis of adoption is not the intention of this article. We are simply examining the sourcing of children in adoption in the context of our conviction that children are available within the system and simply need to be tapped. It needs no rocket science to conclude that a coordinated approach is perhaps the only way to look for a possible solution. Despite the decentralization initiative from the Ministry of Women and Child Development, where both adoption and institutionalized childcare are with the State WCD and despite the fact that the Child Welfare Committee is the authority addressing both, in reality the two remain separate and distinct. We have yet to come across a CWC that has suo-moto initiated the identification and subsequent movement of children into adoption.

With Corporate Social Responsibility having assumed so much importance, there is a strong case for a large Corporate assisted by an enterprising NGO and backed by the Government, to take up the cause. What is required is a focused, coordinated and planned approach where the lead corporate through its lead NGO will address the issue of orphaned children. They will coordinate with other social stake holders such as Childline, NGOs dealing with Street Children, disabled children, Shelters, etc. The work process will be a reversal of the current one where the initiative will be to find a family for the child rather than the other way round where a family initiates the search for an adoptable child. Every orphaned child must find a home through adoption or foster care. Those that remain behind must be extended special rehabilitation measures.

Mrs. Bharati Dasgupta Co-Founder & Secretary



"The ADOPTION was challenging — the LOVE arrived instantly."
Unknown

## **Adoption Success Stories**

Adoption is a beautiful, life transforming experience. It is a blessing for the child and parents and unfolds joys which know no bounds!

Each adoption story is special, memorable, full of hope and anticipation and a triumphant moment for the entire family! We are committed to our Vision 'Every Child Matters!' and are constantly working towards finding a loving and nurturing home for an orphaned child.

Here are a few heart warming adoption stories...

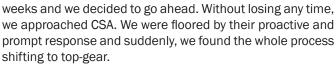
## Not related by Blood... Yet our Own!'

This is Sakshi Neelakantan's story who was adopted by Neelakantan P. & Sindhu Neelakantan when she was 6 months old from Odisha.

Does one need to be related by blood or marriage to another to give unconditional love and affection? We learnt that the answer to that question is a resounding- NO. And we are proud that our daughter, Sakshi taught us that. It had been the childhood desires of my husband, Neelakantan and I, to adopt a child when we grow up. Very soon after our engagement, we learnt that we had this common desire and it strengthened our bond.

Our son, Saket was born in May 2011 and when he completed 6 months, we decided to commence the process to adopt a baby girl, as we expected some administrative delay. We contacted a few organizations involved in adoption in Tamil Nadu. Almost all of them refused us point blank as we already had a biological child. A few asked us to leave our details, which they would, waitlist and asked us to contact after a few months. But they also asked us not to have any expectations of getting a child in the immediate future. Nevertheless, when we returned to them almost 14 months later, we had moved from 95 down to 250 in the waiting list, as childless couples were always placed above the rest.

Just as we were wondering whether we had to wait indefinitely for our daughter, we learnt from a common friend, that Mrs. Subhasri Sankar [Editors Note: Mr. Shankar & Subhasri's adoption story featured in CSA's Annual Report for 2012-13] had adopted a child from Odisha through CSA. It is relevant to point out here that some friends and relatives were initially skeptical about adopting from outside the state saying that the child's features would be a giveaway and advised us against it. Mrs. Subhasri was however categorical and told us how her child had integrated in the family within a few



Words cannot express in adequate measure our gratitude for the support rendered by CSA, their staff, Ms. Lucy Mathews, Ms. Bharati Dasgupta and Mr. Anupam Subhadarshan who interacted with us and they virtually held our hand and took us through the entire process. Within a couple of weeks of contacting CSA, we found ourselves at the Shishu Bhavan of Bapuji Sevashram at Chandipur near Balasore. As its secretary, Mr. Gaurachandra Khamhari placed the nearly 7 months old Supreeti in our hands (we have since renamed her Sakshi), we realized that we were indeed holding our daughter. Saket was beaming with pride as he held his sister for the first time. Sakshi all the while was smiling and enjoying.

After finishing the preliminary documentation, we returned to our hotel room for the night. The next morning, we took her to a local hospital for medical examination. A housemother from the Shishu Bhavan accompanied us for the medical examinations. Sakshi was inconsolable from the moment the regular housemother of Shishu Bhavan was replaced midway by another housemother, Ms. Mamta, who usually took care of the bigger children in the Ashram. We were wondering how we will bring Sakshi all the way to Chennai if she was going to cry like this all the while.

But quite magically, all the crying stopped when Ms. Mamta handed Sakshi over to me for a brief while. Sakshi was comfortable with Neelakantan, Saket and I and surprisingly she refused to go back to Ms.Mamta. Mamta kept remarking for the rest of the day that Sakshi had identified her parents.

With all the medical examination and the foster agreement formalities completed, we took Sakshi back to the Shishu Bhavan from the Ashram's office to bid farewell to those who had taken care of our daughter for all these months. There were tears all around. We felt sad for causing this pain and resolved to re-compensate all this by loving Sakshi more than all of them put together.

Now 6 months later, Sakshi has adjusted very well with all in our extended family. There are a lot of people who comment that she resembles Neelakantan and Saket a lot. Neelakantan calls it "Environmental Genetics" and propounds the theory that the child takes the features of her adoptive family!





## My Sister... My Best Mate!'

Satish Kumar Viswanathan & Anita Balsubramanyam adopted Yukti (2.5 yrs) their second daughter on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2014 from Dhule Maharashtra. They had adopted their first daughter Nidhi (6 months) on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2010 from Odisha.

Here we share an excerpt from a blog spot where Nidhi (the older sibling), all of 4.5 years, expresses her feelings towards her younger sister Yukti who is now a part of her family...

We now have a little baby at home, my younger sister, Yukti She is 2 years old I really like that she is home, it is a lot of fun. We went to Dhule to adopt her and brought her home First we went to Mumbai by plane, we stayed at my mama, mamis place for 3 days. Then we took a taxi to the train station and took a night train. I fell asleep and in the morning we went in the car to a restaurant (hotel). Then I woke up and we got ready and went to where Yukti was. There were 4 other children, young ones, younger than Yukti. And we brought Yukti back to the restaurant, gave her a bath, gave her food, took her to the doctor, he checked her, she cried and then we came back to Mumbai. And took the plane back and came home. Now, we make kan, if for her, food for her, I play with her and I help take care of her whenever amma asks me to help.

And here is a picture of me carrying her. And oh, Amma says she is also trying to see if Yukti can get a blog of her own.

She is doing so many interesting things you know.

Nidhi

## A Story of Hope & Triumph!

Lydia and Isabel, aged 9 and 6 are siblings and were adopted in 2010 by Mr. José Joseph P and Sarah P. Jose from Nanded, Maharashtra. At that time, Lydia was 5 and Isabel was 2 & half years old.

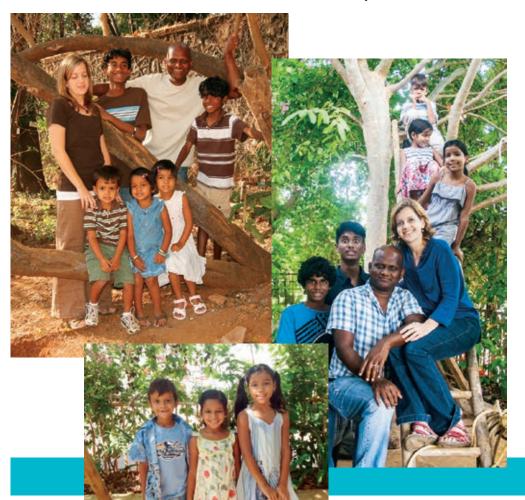
Isabel had a challenge with her knees and hence, was unable to walk. It was difficult to find a family willing to adopt these girls since Isabel was a special needs child and Lydia was getting older. CSA decided that adoption chances for the siblings would substantially improve if corrective surgery could make Isabel walk. We therefore, got an orthopedic surgery done for Isabel in 2009 and she started walking unassisted thereafter.



Mr. José and Sarah had already adopted 2 boys (José elder brother's sons) since they had passed away in an accident. The family also had their own biological son – Isaiah aged 3 in 2010 & they were looking to adopt a girl or two at that time. When CSA informed Sarah about these little girls, they readily agreed to welcome Lydia and Isabel into their family.

Today, the family is a complete family in every sense and the younger siblings – Lydia, Isaiah and Isabel get along superbly.

Lydia and Isabel – theirs is truly a story of Hope and Triumph!



"Orphans are easier to ignore before you know their names. They are easier to ignore before you see their faces. It is easier to pretend they're not real before you hold them in your arms, But once you do, everything changes."

David Platt

## Our Change Catalysts

### **Our Volunteers**

### 'WE CARE!'

Bhushan Chopade, Mitali Bhende & Omkar Athalekar – young, sprightly management trainees interned with CSA for three weeks as part of the NMIMS [Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies] 'We Care 2014' program in February 2014. It surely turned out to be a good experience for all of them. Read on to know what each of them had to share about their experience with CSA –

**Bhushan** – 'The internship was a great learning experience. It sensitized me to the issues plaguing children in children's homes. It helped me realize that there are so many things that we take for granted which are a luxury to these children.

I learned various new things like the Juvenile Justice Act, Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) and how activities like health check-up camps are organized for the children. The entire staff of CSA was very helpful and supportive and provided us with information whenever required. The sincere efforts and the work that CSA is doing in the field of child adoption is indeed praiseworthy and I hope they continue this great work and expand their operation so that many more children can benefit from their work.

I would recommend to my friends and family to also volunteer with an NGO like CSA so that people can get in touch with the ground reality and the social issues plaguing children who are underprivileged and are in child care homes.'

**Mitali** – "For the things we have to learn before we can do them, we learn by doing them." — Aristotle

We Care Internship provided an opportunity to learn something which one cannot learn just by reading books. We all know that our society has many problems. We read about them see them in television every day but we cannot understand depth of such issues without having a first-hand experience of going in the field, experience the issue and how people are committed to work towards them. We

Care provided a platform where we could go to the field, understand the issues, work with people committed in this field, extend our help and doing our bit for the society.

One such opportunity was a field visit to an Orphanage at Panvel. This helped me understand the seriousness of the work done and the impact created. It made me more aware about the gravity of living conditions prevalent at children's homes and the scope to bring about improvement.

It made me more aware about the various laws governing child rights and various agencies like CARA, CWC who play the role of watchdog for adoption processes. Through this project, I acquainted myself with the work done by various NGOs relating to child care and child rights. It also gave me an opportunity to learn content writing to create CSA website content, understand the audience and convey CSA's message in a concise and effective manner. To sum it up, it made for an amazing and a great learning experience.

Omkar – 'The experience we had while working with CSA was really enriching, especially because we got to understand various aspects of the work carried out by CSA. Ranging from identifying all the important stakeholders and making sure a harmonious relation is maintained with them to helping the organization secure tie ups with companies to benefit the various supported children's homes, all the activities involved knowing about all the processes and possible positive impact on the children that CSA supports. The field visits gave us a first-hand experience about the significant difference that CSA makes to the lives of the children in the supported children's homes and adoption agencies. The importance of the background work that needs to be done to successfully support the children's homes was realized. Everyone at CSA, including our mentor, Mr. Sidney Rocha, and the concerned department leads gave us timely updates and answered our queries effectively to help us speed up the learning process and thereby enabled us to contribute more efficiently.'



## 'NEW ENVIRONMENT....SWEET EXPERIENCE!'

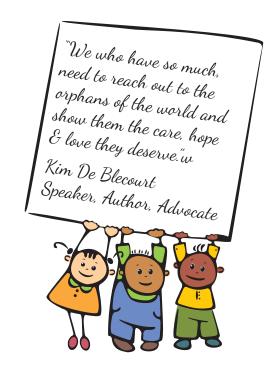
Gautam Ashok is a Marine Engineer by profession but his heart is set on establishing a career in the field of Social Design. Gautam came to volunteer with our partner childcare institutions in Mumbai during April this year. He has been successfully conducting origami sessions with the children. Here is Gautam's first hand account –

"What is the best part of working in a new environment? Meeting new people, different situations, having new experiences, yes – but mostly, it breaks our own preconceptions. The greater the hold of these preconceptions on us, the break is that much more painful; but the surprise that comes after is exponentially sweeter. When I first joined CSA (Catalysts for Social Action); I had no idea what to expect, having never worked in a NGO before. There had been voluntary activities that I had participated in during school, but these had been special drives undertaken usually for getting additional grades on the internal assessment.

Volunteering with an organization had been a first. However, I put my trust in my desire to connect with the children and went ahead. And what a reward that was. The first day itself was a revelation to me. All the kids were so nice!! Very polite,

very interesting, and extremely eager to learn (this goes for both the places I visited). As I went along with my teaching schedule, the experience started to unravel for me, and I loved every minute of it. Lot of learning experiences for me, not the least of which were the amazing new origami structures I got to explore (origami is awesome), plus understanding the children, their hopes and expectations, their learning methodologies, their expression.

The CSA team was very helpful – thank you to Wilma and Sidney for entertaining me the first time, even though my turning up there unexpectedly might have been completely unnerving. Ms. Pallavi – thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to introduce me to the children and for helping me all the other times. And all the rest of the staff – Yogesh, Bhushan, Manoj – you guys are all awesome and are doing great work. Thank you all for allowing me to be a part of your team and I hope you allow me to continue working with you in the future."



### **Our Passion**

### 'PROGRESSIVELY TRANSFORMING YOUNG LIVES'

CSA had set up Tailoring units at the Observation Homes for girls in Mumbai and Pune towards the later part of 2012 with an aim to help the girls hone a set of skills that would help them stand on their own feet in the long run.

We are proud to state that many girls have and continue to benefit from these Tailoring courses and now confidently stitch different kinds of outfits such as frocks, skirts, salwar suits, cotton bags etc. Besides, they have also made several embroidered items such as embroidered handkerchiefs as a result of the Hand Embroidery courses that they completed.

Indeed, this is a new lease of life for them and our staff are witness to the progressive & steady transformation the lives of these young women have taken!









Course	Total Number of Girls Trained in 2013-2014				
	Mumbai Observation Home - Girls	Pune Observation Home - Girls			
Basic Tailoring	70	31			
Advance Tailoring	72	-			
Hand Embroidery	80	-			
Fashion Designing	-	20			
Total	222	51			

Total of 273 girls have benefited from various modules of the Tailoring courses conducted at Observations Homes in Mumbai and Pune and many more continue to avail of these opportunities!

 $\hbox{P.S: Faces have been blurred to protect identity of children at the Observation Homes in Mumbai and Pune}\\$ 

## **CSA Organisation - Board of Trustees**

Sr. No.	Name	Age (Years)	Gender	Occupation	Relation to Board of Trustees	Position on Board	No. of Years Associated with Organisation	No. of Meetings Attended out of Total During the Year	Remunera- tion & Reimburse- ments in ₹
1	Vipul Jain	58	Male	Service	Husband of Shibani Jain	Co-Founder & President	12	3	NIL
2	Bharati Dasgupta	72	Female	Retired	Mother of Shibani Jain	Co-Founder & Secretary	12	3	104,545.00
3	Shibani Jain	49	Female	Business	Daughter of Bharati Dasgupta, Wife of Vipul Jain	Co-Founder & Trustee	12	3	NIL
4	Mathew Thomas	48	Male	Service	None	Treasurer & Trustee	6	3	NIL
5	Javed Tapia	48	Male	Service	None	Trustee	5	-	NIL
6	Rahul Kulkarni	39	Male	Service	None	Trustee	4	3	NIL
7	Vinayak Kamath	44	Male	Business	None	Trustee	4	1	NIL
8	Brajesh Mishra	45	Male	Business	None	Trustee	5	1	9,091.00
9	Meher Gandevia- Billimoria	43	Female	Service	None	Trustee	3	1	NIL

### **Board Meeting Details**

Dates of Board Meetings				
17/08/2013	Managing Committee Meeting & Annual General Body Meeting			
07/12/2013	Managing Committee Meeting			
22/02/2014	Managing Committee Meeting			

## **CSA Secretariat**

### Staff Details as on 31/03/2014

Gender	Employees full time (remunerated staff)	Employees part time (remunerated staff)	Consultants Full time (remunerated)	Consultants Part time (remunerated)	Volunteers Full time (pro-bono/ not remunerated)	Volunteers Part time (pro-bono/ not remunerated)	Total Team Full time	Total Team Part time
Male	5	_	1	7	2	113	8	120
Female	3	_	8	6	1	64	12	70

### **Full-Time Staff**

Sr. No.	Designation	Male	Female
1	Director	1	-
2	Programme Officer, Pune	-	1
3	Programme Officer, Mumbai	-	1
4	Programme Officer, Madhya Pradesh	1	-
5	Programme Officer, Goa	1	-
6	Programme Coordinator, Odisha	1	-
7	Finance & Admin Officer	1	-
8	Public Relations & Marketing	-	1
Total		5	3

### Project (Field) Staff (on contract including part-timers)

State	Designation	Full Time		Part Time	Part Time		Total	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Maharashtra (Mumbai)	Caretaker	-	5	-	-	-	5	
Maharashtra(Pune)	Tuition Teacher	_	-	-	1	-	1	
Madhya Pradesh	Consultant	1	-	-	-	1	-	
Madhya Pradesh	Tuition Teacher	-	-	3	2	3	2	
Madhya Pradesh	Caretaker	_	2	-	-	-	2	
Goa	Counsellor	_	-	-	2	-	2	
Odisha	Tuition Teacher	_	-	4	1	4	1	
Odisha	Caretaker	_	1	-	-	-	1	
Total		1	8	7	6	8	14	

### **Gender-Wise Distribution of Project Staff**

Category	Male	Female
Full Time	1	8
Part Time	7	6

### Credibility Alliance Norms Compliance Report

### 1. Distribution of Paid Staff According to Compensation Levels as on 31/03/2014

Slab of gross salary (in ₹) plus benefits paid to staff (per month)	Male staff	Female staff	Total staff
Less than 5000	7	14	21
5,000 - 10,000	_	-	_
10,000 - 25,000	2	2	4
25,000 - 50,000	3	1	4
50,000 - 1,00,000	1	-	1
Greater than 1,00,000	_	_	_

### 2. Staff remuneration [Monthly salary + benefits] in ₹ (including Professional Charges)

Head of the Organisation	₹ 1,00,000 per month
Highest paid staff member	₹ 1,00,000 per month
Lowest paid staff member	₹ 11,000 per month

### 3. Staff International Travel (in the year 2013-2014) = NIL

### 4. Annual Gross Remuneration paid to Board of Trustees

Sr. No.	Name	Gross Remuneration (₹ p.a.)
1	Vipul Jain	NIL
2	Bharati Dasgupta	NIL
3	Shibani Jain	NIL
4	Mathew Thomas	NIL
5	Javed Tapia	NIL
6	Rahul Kulkarni	NIL
7	Vinayak Kamath	NIL
8	Brajesh Mishra	NIL
9	Meher Gandevia-Billimoria	NIL

### 5. Amount reimbursed (in ₹) to Board of Trustees in the financial year 2013-14 for the following items

1	International Travel	NIL
2	Domestic Travel	₹ 9,091.00
3	Local Conveyance	₹ 104,545.00
4	Entertainment Expenses	NIL
5	Others	NIL

### 6. Main Bankers & Statutory Auditors

Main Bankers	Statutory Auditors
Name of Banker: ICICI Bank	Name of Audit Firm: V G Dadhe & Co.
Address: A Shangrila Gardens, Bund Garden Road, Pune - 411001	Address: Yashoda Niwas, Sheela Vihar Colony, Opp. Hotel Yatri, Karve Road, Pune, Maharashtra - 411038 Tel: 020-25452183 Email id: vgdca@yahoo.co.in

### 7. Date of Filing Returns

Income Tax Return	Sept 30, 2014
FCRA Return	Yet to be filed (Due Date: Dec 31, 2014)
Trust/Society/Company Annual Return	Sept 30, 2014

## Looking Ahead

"Do the BEST you can until you know better. Then when you know BETTER, do better." - Maya Angelou [African American author & poet]

As an organization dedicated to the welfare of children residing in child care institutions, focus has been on providing the 'Best' possible amenities and opportunities available to these children with a goal to enable these children to be self sufficient and become contributing members of society in the future. In this ongoing endeavor, we aspire to delve deeper into the existing state of affairs and take on 'Better' initiatives towards a more holistic approach to child care and rehabilitation outcomes.

We, therefore, will be focusing on two critical aspects in the coming year –

- (1) Education Model
- (2) Raising Standards of Child Care Institutions (CCIs)

(1) Education Model – Children are the future of a nation. For an emerging and developing country like India, development of underprivileged children is important (official figures state that nearly 2.5 million under privilege children live in India). Education for underprivileged children is the key whether we are addressing healthcare, poverty, population control, unemployment or human rights issues.

Children in CCls/children's homes are in a safe and protected environment as compared to those on the street or who are made to work. While it appears that children in CCls go to schools and are receiving elementary education, evidence shows that 'learning outcomes' are far from satisfactory. ASER (Annual Status of Education Report) 2012 throws light on some grim facts indicating that reading and arithmetic levels are of serious concern. For e.g. more than half the children in Std. V are at least 'three grade levels' behind where they should be.

The problems in CCIs is further compounded by the fact that children come from diverse backgrounds and at different ages. They may, thus, have either weak educational

backgrounds or learning disabilities which are not addressed further impairing the learning outcomes.

Hence, CSA will work on creating an 'Education Model' mapping end to end processes and documenting various phases therein. Individual child assessments, tracking, monitoring, evaluating various stages, creating child education/learning plan for each child based on child's aptitude and interest, working with the CCI to improve standards etc. will be a part of the detailed study.

We aim to have a robust, replicable Education model in place that can be successfully applied across CCIs and help us identify gaps that exist and come up with action plans that will enable children to truly benefit from the education imparted.

(2) Raising Standards of Child Care Institutions (CCIs)

- There is still a long way to go before CCIs can truly be called 'child care' homes in the real sense. CCIs are lacking on several fronts ranging from infrastructure, health and sanitation, nutrition, safeguarding children, professional staff - counselors, welfare officers etc. and child care plans. We will be conducting a detailed assessment of CCIs on various parameters in collaboration with the Aangan Trust and 'rating' institutions based on the evaluations. Thereafter, we will work with the CCIs to improve their rating on different parameters and take cognizance of critical areas that need immediate attention.

A change in mindset in the way CCI staff deal with children on a day to day basis is also being addressed by way of workshops and trainings for staff.

Our dedicated and passionate team at CSA is growing and positioning ourselves to take on the unique challenges that lie ahead. We're bracing ourselves for exciting times ahead!



From left to right – Front: Lucy Mathews (Programme Officer-Pune, Maharashtra), Pallavi Koli (Programme Officer-Mumbai, Maharashtra), Wilma Correa (Donor & Account Management-CSA)

Back: Suchith Rao (Programme Officer-Goa), Anupam Subhadarshan (Programme Officer-Odisha), Yogesh Govind (Finance & Admin Officer-CSA), Sidney Rocha (Director-CSA), Ryan D'mello (Programme Officer-Madhya Pradesh), Dadasaheb Sargar (Programme Officer-Madhya Pradesh)

## V. G. DADHE & CO. CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS



## **Auditors' Report**

We have examined the Balance Sheet of CATALYSTS FOR SOCIAL ACTION as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2014 and the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date which is in agreement with the books of account maintained by the said Trust. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We have conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those Standards require that we plan & perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our Opinion.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of the audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Trust so far as appears from our examination of the books.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the information given to us, said accounts give a true and fair view:

i) In the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs as at 31st March, 2014 and

ii) In the case of the Income and Expenditure Account of the Surplus of Income over Expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Date: 14.06.2014 Place: Pune Chartered Accountants
Firm Regn. No. 101979W

CA Sarang A Deo Partner

Membership No. 119 624

For M/s. V.G.Dadhe & Co.,

Yashoda Niwas, Sheela Vihar Colony, Opp. Holel Yatri, Karve Road, Kothrud, Pune 411038. **Telephones**: 25452183, 25450458, 64017592 **E-mail**: vgdca@yahoo.co.in

## Auditors' Report (contd.)

Report of an auditor relating to accounts audited under sub-section (2) of section 33 & 34 and Rule 19 of the Bombay Public Trust Act,1950

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p)	Whether the minutes book of the proceeding of the meeting is maintained	YES
q)	Whether any of the trustee has any interest in the investment of trust	NO
r)	Whether any of the trustees is debtor or creditor of the trust.	NO
s)	Whether the irregularities pointed out by the auditors in the accounts of the previous year have been duly complied with trustees during the period of audit.	NIL
t)	Any special matter which the auditor may think fit or necessary to bring to the notice of the Deputy or Assistant Charity Commissioner.	NIL

Date: 14.06.2014 Place: Pune



For M/s. V.G.Dadhe & Co., Chartered Accountants Firm Regn. No. 101979W

CA Sarang A Deo

Partner

Membership No. 119624

### **BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 2014**

Particulars	Schedule	As at March 31, 2014 (₹)	As at March 31, 2013 (₹)
SOURCES OF FUNDS			
Corpus Fund	Α	9,461,819.00	4,888,728.00
Reserves and Surplus		6,412,679.78	4,963,530.16
Total		15,874,498.78	9,852,258.16
APPLICATION OF FUNDS			
Fixed Assets			
Gross Block		2,688.00	6,720.00
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		1,613.00	4,032.00
Net Block		1,075.00	2,688.00
Current Assets, Loans & Advances			
Cash and Bank Balances	В	16,349,791.53	10,441,339.91
Loans and Advances	С	104,940.00	25,384.00
Other Current Assets	D	277,257.00	189,131.00
Total		16,731,988.53	10,655,854.91
Less: Current Liabilities & Provisions			
Current Liabilities	E	394,238.75	225,347.75
Provisions		464,326.00	580,937.00
		858,564.75	806,284.75
Net Current Assets		15,873,423.78	9,849,570.16
Total		15,874,498.78	9,852,258.16

The Schedule referred to above and notes in accounts form an integral part of the Balance Sheet

For V.G.DADHE & CO., Chartered Accountants

SARANG A DEO PARTNER

Membership No. 119624

Place: Pune

Date: 14 June 2014

For Catalysts for Social Action

Trustee

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### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2014

Particulars	Schedule	For the year ended March 31, 2014 (₹)	For the year ended March 31, 2013 (₹)
INCOME			
Donations	F	10,636,540.70	5,146,139.96
Bank Interest		1,259,795.00	731,982.00
Other Income		44,272.00	9,291.00
Total		11,940,607.70	5,887,412.96
EXPENDITURE			
Programme Expenses	G	6,599,540.66	5,223,337.42
Fundraising Expenses	Н	842,333.00	135,208.00
Administrative Expenses	1	1,258,493.42	658,382.36
		8,700,367.08	6,016,927.78
Surplus (Excess of Income over Expenditure)/ (Deficit)		3,240,240.62	(129,514.82)
Less: Transferred to Corpus Fund from current year's surplus		1,791,091.00	-
Add: Surplus (Excess of Income over Expenditure) brought forward from last year		4,963,530.16	6,217,297.98
Less: Transferred to Corpus Fund from earlier year's surplus		-	1,124,253.00
Balance Surplus transferred to Balance Sheet		6,412,679.78	4,963,530.16

The Schedule referred to above and notes in accounts form an integral part of the Income and Expenditure Account

For V.G.DADHE & CO., Chartered Accountants

SARANG A DEO PARTNER

Membership No. 119624

Place: Pune

Date: 14 June 2014

For Catalysts for Social Action

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### **SCHEDULES**

Particulars	As at March 31, 2014 (₹)	As at March 31, 2013 (₹)
Schedule A		
Corpus Fund Opening Balance Additions during the year Transferred from Surplus during the year	4,888,728.00 2,782,000.00 1,791,091.00	2,924,475.00 840,000.00 1,124,253.00
Total	9,461,819.00	4,888,728.00
Schedule B		
Cash and Bank Balances Cash In Hand Bank Balance Saving Accounts	11,573.50	23,470.00
ICICI Bank Limited ICICI Bank Limited – FCRA HDFC Bank Limited	1,504,669.69 725,729.34 21,000.00	2,952,870.13 321,038.78 -
Term Deposits with ICICI Bank Limited	14,086,819.00	7,143,961.00
Total	16,349,791.53	10,441,339.91
Schedule C		
Loans and Advances Advance to Vendor Advances to Staff Deposit with Landlord Other Deposits	56,840.00 37,500.00 9,600.00 1,000.00	8,571.00 16,813.00 - -
Total	104,940.00	25,384.00
Schedule D		
Other Current Assets Tax Deducted at Source Prepaid Expenses	268,037.00 9,220.00	183,025.00 6,106.00
Total	277,257.00	189,131.00
Schedule E		
Current Liabilities Taxes Payable Other Liabilities	210,470.00 183,768.75	61,579.00 163,768.75
Total	394,238.75	225,347.75
Particulars	For the year ended March 31, 2014 (₹)	For the year ended March 31, 2013 (₹)
Schedule F		
Donation - Donation - Corporate & Institutions - Donation - Individuals - Donation - Trusts/Foundations - Donation - Art Auction	3,319,950.00 2,340,195.00 4,011,437.74 964,957.96	678,125.75 864,790.00 3,477,474.21 125,750.00
Total	10,636,540.70	5,146,139.96
Schedule G		
Programme Expenses - Support to Children	2011-1-1	
Health Hygiene Nutrition Education	334,458.00 418,985.00 503,524.00 1,195,900.66	93,122.00 130,738.00 698,265.75 646,649.00
Infrastructure /Equipment	370,120.00	367,885.00





### **SCHEDULES**

Total	1,258,493.42	658,382.36
- Professional Fees	1,685.00	14,147.00
- Audit Fees	16,854.00	11,236.00
- Website & Software Expenses	33,571.00	9,739.00
- Depreciation	1,613.00	4,032.00
- Membership Charges	8,500.00	1,500.00
- Office Expenses	53,258.00	104,550.00
- Bank Charges	32,766.42	224.36
- Repair & Maintenance	5,950.00	4,023.00
- Postage & Courier	3,241.00	3,076.00
- Staff Training	4,300.00	, = -
- Travelling Expenses	21,401.00	38,414.00
- Printing & Stationery	75,477.00	73,842.00
- Staff Salaries & Allowances	999,877.00	125,000.00
Administrative Expenses		
Schedule I		
Total	842,333.00	135,208.00
Other Fundraising Expenses	19,438.00	42,368.00
Marathon Registration & Participation Expenses	41,843.00	18,964.00
Charity Event Expenses	781,052.00	73,876.00
Fundraising Expenses		
Schedule H		
Total	6,599,540.66	5,223,337.42
- Other Programme Expenses	178,071.00	474,672.00
- Adoption Facilitation	10,430.00	-
- Programme Staff Salaries & Allowances	2,334,745.00	1,688,810.00
- Capacity Building	182,200.00	354,066.67
- Training of Stakeholders & Sensitisation	107,536.00	91,279.00
- Advocacy & Research	80,250.00	530,000.00
Recreational/Fun activity	606,415.00	253,121.00
Career Development/Vocation	276,906.00	163,328.00

### Schedule J

Significant accounting policies and notes to accounts

#### I. Significant Accounting Policies

#### 1. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and in all material aspects comply with the mandatory Accounting Standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

### 2. Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

#### 3. Depreciation

Depreciation on Fixed Assets is provided on written down value method in accordance with the rates prescribed under the Income Tax Rules, 1962.

### 4. Interest Income

Interest on fixed deposits/term deposits is recognized on a time proportion basis over the term of the fixed/term deposits.

#### II. Notes to Accounts

- 1. Donation received from Art Auction is the net amount alter deducting the cost of art material.
- 2. Previous year's figures have been regrouped/reclassified wherever necessary to make them comparable to current year's figures.

For V.G.DADHE & CO., Chartered Accountants

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SARANG A DEO PARTNER

Membership No. 119624

Place: Pune Date: 14 June 2014



For Catalysts for Social Action

Trustee

Trustee

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2014

Particulars	For the year ended March 31, 2014 (₹)	For the year ended March 31, 2013 (₹)
Receipts		
To Opening Balance		
Bank Balance	3,273,908.91	2,896,168.98
Cash Balance	23,470.00	22,832.00
	3,297,378.91	2,919,000.98
To Donations	10,636,540.70	5,146,139.96
To Corpus Fund	2,782,000.00	840,000.00
To Other Income	1,318.00	9,291.00
To Bank Interest	323,285.00	8,403.00
	13,743,143.70	6,003,833.96
Total	17,040,522.61	8,922,834.94
Payments		
By Programme Expenses	6,578,037.66	4,812,220.67
By Fund Raising Expenses	841,428.00	167,823.00
By Administrative Expenses	1,218,984.42	616,662.36
By Term Deposits	6,100,000.00	27,750.00
By Loans & Advances	39,100.00	1,000.00
	14,777,550.08	5,625,456.03
By Closing Balance		
Bank Balance	2,251,399.03	3,273,908.91
Cash Balance	11,573.50	23,470.00
	2,262,972.53	3,297,378.91
Total	17,040,522.61	8,922,834.94

F. R. No. 101979W

For V.G.DADHE & CO., Chartered Accountants

SARANG A DEO PARTNER

Membership No. 119624

Place: Pune

Date: 14 June 2014

For Catalysts for Social Action

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## Acknowledgements & Our Well Wishers

We wish to thank all our corporate and individual donors, funding partners, volunteers, silent supporters and well wishers for your invaluable support and faith in CSA. We also wish to acknowledge the valuable contributions of those who we may have inadvertently missed out from the list below -

- Sandip Soparrkar for his association with CSA as the Cause Ambassador
- · Accelya Kale Solutions Ltd. for ongoing support
- Accelya Kale Human Resources & Administration, Finance, Marketing and IT Teams
- Baaya Design for their immense support during the CSA Charity Dinner 2013
- Well known Indian Celebrity Artists Arzan Khambatta, Bina Aziz, Brinda Miller, Gurcharan Singh, Jaya Lamba and Shola Carletti for very generously creating one of a kind art pieces for the CSA Charity Dinner 2013 – Art Auction
- Sandip Soparrkar's Dance Troupe for training Adoptive Parents performing at the CSA Charity Dinner 2013
- Ms. Nisha Jamvwal, interior stylist and columnist, who was the chief auctioneer at the CSA Charity Dinner 2013
   Art Auction
- Three Blind Mice Art Gallery for their support during the CSA Charity Dinner 2013
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- Trusts & Foundations Tapia Charitable Trust
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- Accelya Kale Solutions Ltd. employees who donated towards CSA via monthly salary contributions
- ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Co. Ltd. employees who donated towards CSA through various campaigns

### In the News

### When CEOs shook a leg to raise funds for charity





# Making dreams come true

ime introducing childless couples to the joys of par inthood. Catalysts for Social Action, an organisatio which empowers orphaned children and finds suit-ble homes for them, is a blessing for such couples

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Navigating the waters of adoption can be tricky but it is how you steer the boat that makes the difference between

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tranquility, says

the expert in the last of our two-

part interview





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### NGO helps Goa orphanages get legal sanctity under Juvenile Justice Act

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### Adoption eludes children with special needs

## wait, nine families 'legally' adopt children

After four-year

## पाचच अनाथालयांची नोंद

### साठहून अधिक अनाथालये कार्यरत

पणजी ता. २२ (प्रतिनिधी) : तदान मुलांच्या डक्कांच्या संरक्षणासाठी देशातील अनाधालयांची बाल न्याय कायदांतर्गत नेदियो आवश्यक आहे, एण याबाबत राज्यातील अनाधारुयांप्रध्ये अज्ञान आहे. पासाठी मुंबईस्थित कॅटलिस्ट ऑफ सोशल ॲक्शन अर्थात सीएसएने पुदाकार पेतत्य आहे. संस्थेच्या प्रयत्नामळे आतापर्यंत गोञ्चातील पाच अनाधालयांची या कायदांवर्गत नींद

राज्यातील विविध भागांपध्ये सारुद्दन अधिक अनाधारुये आहेत. वा अनाधान्यांमध्ये दोन हजारांच्या आसपास अनाथ मुळे आहेत. या अनाथारुपांची राष्ट्रीय पातळीवरीरु बात न्याय कायदााखाती नींद झाल्यास राज्य मरकार्यार्पन अनुशास्त्रयांना निधी पिठलो. याणिवाय अनाधारुयांच्या दस्तावेजीकरणासाठीठी विशेष सवलती मिळतात. एण राज्यातील बहुतांशी अनाधारुयांपध्ये सरकारी नोंदीबाबत अज्ञान आहे. यासाठी सीएसए संस्था. पठिला आणि बाल कल्याण खाते आणि चिल्डून सईट इन गोवा संस्थांच्या पुदाकारातून एप्रिल २०१३ मध्ये विशेष कार्यशाक्षेत्रे आयोजन करण्यात आले होते. या कार्यशालेत सीएसए संस्थेमार्फत झालेल्या मार्गदर्शनानंतर सुमारे ५६ अनाथालयांनी राज्य सरकारकडे नोंदीसाठी अर्ज केले आहेत.

बाह्य न्याय कायवासाली नेदीसाठीठी अनेक संस्था पुढे येत आहेत. सध्या दिव्यालय व्हेंसेटिनान सिटल होप, विविधन निवास सोशल सेंटर, बेतोडा लाईफ सेंटर स्मॉल बॉईन होम, बेतोड़ा गर्ल्स होम आणि बीग बॉईंज होम या

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दरमावेजीकरणावदल अनास्था दिसून येते. दाखल झालेल्या मुलाबी माहिती, वैद्यकीय पार्स्वभूमी यांचे दस्तावेजीकरण गरजेचे असते. मुले दलक देताना या दरतावेजीकरणाचा फायद होतो. ग्युएनाईल जस्टिस कायद्यांतर्गत नोंदणी दस्तावेजीकरणास प्रदन प्रियम अस्मन्याचे मीप्रमण्डे संचालक विदनी रोचा यांनी सांगितले.

असाधारुयांनी सीएसएच्या मदतीने नोदमी केली आहे. राज्यातील इतर संस्थाठी या नोंदणीसाठी पुढे येत असल्याचे सीएसएचे संचातक सिद्धनी रोचा यांनी सांगितले.

सीएसएपार्फत व्यवस्थापन सुधारण्यासाठीठी मार्गदर्शन करण्यात येते. केअर टेकरसाठी विशेष प्रशिक्षण पेऊन अनाथ पुत्रांशी संवाद वादवण्याचे धारे देण्यात येतात. अनाधारम्यांसाठी पेण्यात आरहेल्या आरोम्य शिविशंत मुलांमध्ये दृष्टी आणि दातांसंबंधी आजार अधिक असल्याचे सीएसएच्या नजरेस आले आहे. त्याकडे विशेष तक्ष पुरविण्याची गरज सिडनी रोचा यांनी



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