



Name of Project: Impart computer literacy to poor children in India

Project Period: Ongoing

Reporting Period: 1st November 2012 to 31st January 2013

Specific Objectives of the Project:

- To improve access to computers
- To increase computer literacy of the children
- To deliver quality computer education

Achievements of the Project:

- Improvements in the grades of the children.
- Innovative teaching methods employed
- One to one individualized attention is given to the students

Number of beneficiaries: 80 beneficiaries

Key Activities:

The two computer centres currently ongoing are in the following homes:

- Chembur Children's Home (CCH), Mankhurd
- David Sassoon Industrial School (DSIS) Matunga

Each center is well equipped with 10 computers. Each batch consists of 20 students. The computer classes are being carried out on all weekdays (Monday to Friday). The total number of beneficiaries is 80 (40 in DSIS and 40 in CCH).



Sahaara believes that every person has a dream, and our work centers around ensuring that marginalized persons are able to articulate and work towards achieving their dream. Children living in Mumbai juvenile homes are one of the most marginalized children in Mumbai. Institutionalized, these children are most often from highly poverty stricken families.

As a part of the holistic intervention therein, Sahaara imparts computer education to the children between fourteen to eighteen years of age in the juvenile homes. Sahaara's in-house computer course delivers a fitting foundation to the children preparing their skills for the technology-driven world outside the homes. The children attending the computer training get a start which will help them break out of the poverty cycle and fulfill their dreams of a stable future.

Below are the storied of some children who have benefited with the help of the computer training carried out by Sahaara personnel.

Rajkumar finds a way to turn his Passion into his Profession!

At a very small age, Rajkumar was admitted in the New Observation Home. He was too small to even remember who his parents were or how he got admitted in the home. As he advanced in age, he was shifted twice from one observation home to another. Finally, in 2007 he was admitted in the Chembur Children's Home where he was met by Sahaara personnel. He always loved drawing and his creativity was visible in his art work. On being encouraged, two years later he enrolled for the computer training provided by Sahaara, where he got the opportunity to explore his creative side. From the time of enrolment Rajkumar has been an enthusiastic and curious learner. At present, he is working at an eminent designing firm as a Graphic Designer.

Marching towards his dream!

Vishal was small child when both his parents passed away. He was left with his elder brother to take care of him. Due to extremely poor financial circumstances, his brother



admitted him in a Children's Home in Jalgaon. He was then transferred to the Chembur Children's Home, where he came in contact with the Sahaara personnel. He was encouraged to enroll for computer training and he completed his training in 2011. Currently, Vishal is pursuing his further studies and completing his apprenticeship in a leading engineering infrastructure firm Larsen and Toubro.

Vishal has found his worth!

Vishal Gaikwad was ten years of age when his father passed away. His mother took care of him, but due to extremely poor financial circumstances, she had to admit him in a Children's Home in Ulhas Nagar. Two years later he was transferred to David Sassoon Industrial School for further study and vocational training. In 2005, after being encouraged by the Sahaara personnel, he enrolled for the computer training and completed the course. Though he started with no foundational knowledge about computers, Vishal was quick to grasp theoretical concepts and practical skills due to his keen interest. Currently he is using his computer skills at Bajaj Allianz Insurance, where he works as a Sales Executive.

Trained for a brighter future!

Deepak Dhotre's father passed away when he was eleven years of age. His mother tried to take care of him and his two brothers, but due to extremely poor financial circumstances, she had to admit him in the New Observation Home. One year later he was transferred to Chembur Children's Home for further study. In 2010, after being encouraged by the Sahaara personnel, he enrolled for the computer training and completed the course. Currently, he is completing his apprenticeship in Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd.