

## UMANG PROGRAM JANUARY TO MARCH 2017

### Success Story – UMANG:



Priti\* is a four year old girl at our Umang program. Her mother has been a commercial sex worker for about 7 to 8 years now. Earlier she used to only work inside the brothel, but lately due to economic issues she has started standing on the road side to get more costumers. She owes money to a brothel owner, to her ex-partners and also has to send money to the family. All the mental and physical worries have made her very weak. She takes proper care of Priti and visits her at the centre whenever necessary. Priti has been at AAWC night shelter for nearly a year. Last year she suffered with herpes, since then she has faced a few health issues. She is recovering well as we (AAWC staff) take her to the hospital for regular health check-up and also provide multi vitamin.

Priti is very interested in learning new things in academics. She is a bright child and is very obedient. Based on the curriculum Priti was taught and was writing the numbers 1 to 7 on her own. Priti wanted to learn more and would often ask her teacher to give more writing exercise. One evening the teacher noticed that priti was sitting with her slate and writing something near the yearly calendar. To her surprise, she saw her writing from 8 to 15. The teacher was very happy and encouraged the child. Priti felt very proud and showed it to her teacher and other staff members.

The Balwadi teachers other staff takes special care of her by providing with particular nutrition and encouraging her to do better.

*\*name is changed to protect the identity*

### Organization update:

- **Apne Aap Women's Collective (AAWC)** have been rewarded the top ranked organization of 2016 by Global Giving for being active, approved, top-ranked member of Global Giving

Network and for doing a fantastic work on & off Global Giving. We wish to express our sincere gratitude to Global Giving for this award.



### **UMANG PROGRAM UPDATES DURING JANUARY-MARCH 2017**

**EDUCATION:** Umang children attended daily kindergarten classes which included e-learning sessions, learning poems, counting, and days of the week through series of games. They are also learning yoga and songs, matching anatomy of the human body and skeletal system, matching animals with animal skeletons, solving puzzles, making floor mosaic designs with miniature painting card tiles, small architectures with Lego, imaginary travel around the world (India), reading readiness skills, sorting with delight using tongs, matching pairs with flash cards, revision of gothic architectural features, firsthand experience in using a stethoscope and sea shells during weekly educational sessions with our volunteer Marina Dutta.



Umang Sports Day



Umang Beneficiaries during Art and Craft session

**RECREATIONAL EXCURSIONS:** Umang children enjoy their weekly garden visits, indoor as well as outdoor games. This quarter the beneficiaries were engaged in puzzle games like

*“The magic box”* in group. It was nice to observe how the Umang beneficiaries had good team spirit and shared thing with each other to complete the puzzle.

**ART AND CRAFT ACTIVITY:** Umang children participated in making birds by pasting hands with colours, colouring, making flower with the top area of a carrot, vegetable painting, handprint caterpillar, letter hunting activity, cutting out an owl from a paper plate, items picked from a “magic bag” and describing them without looking at the item, clay activity, tortoise collage, paper dragon activity, creating dragon fly from an ice cream stick activity. The art and craft activities are related to the academics so that the beneficiaries are in a constant process of learning.



Umang Beneficiaries created paper snake

**ANIMAL-ASSISTED THERAPY SESSION:** The Dog Therapy included animal card activity, fetching the alphabet cards with the dog and vegetable and fruit puzzle game. The Dog Therapy session has made the children calmer and friendly & caring towards the animals.



Umang Beneficiaries during the Dog Therapy Session

**CELEBRATION:** During this period Umang children have participated in various celebrations. They celebrated and learn about *Makarsankranti*, where they made kites that they later went out to fly. They also celebrated Sports Day with activities such as running, lemon and spoon, Frog Jump and book balance. Umang children also celebrated Holi.



Umang Beneficiaries enjoying post playing Holi

**QUOTE:**

*"Teacher please give me drawing and colours to take home I will become good boy."* -  
Umang Beneficiary