The Dream of Conquering the Skies



Sania was born on 23rd January 2008. She was identified as a child with visual impairment soon after birth. However, she was brought up by her mother and grandparents who love her a lot. She was sent to Jyothi Seva Blind School in Bangalore at the age of three for her pre-primary education, but they refused to admit her due to her multiple disabilities. Instead, she was referred to Mathru School for the Blind. At that time, she had difficulty in expressive communication and only used gestures for communication.

In June 2017, she was enrolled in the deafblind programme with our partner organisation. After joining the programme, proper assessment was carried out and based on that she was given training on:

- Communication, using sign language
- Finger spelling
- Socialisation
- Orientation and Mobility

Later, she was Sania was integrated to the hearing-impaired section. Today she is studying in 5th Standard.

With proper training and appropriate intervention today, Sania -

- Communicates through sign language
- Does finger spelling
- Has improved in socialisation
- Counts till 100

- Can write spellings of small words with 4-5 letters
- Does simple additions
- Can copy the words from text to notebook

Her parents are pleased with the progress she has made and are supportive of her completing her studies through 10th grade and then moving on to higher education. With their continued help, it will be possible for her to achieve her goals.

Heena, her mother says, **"When Sania was born, I was totally upset and had no idea about the interventions to be given, but when my daughter joined in the programme for persons with deafblindness, we could provide the right interventions and I am thankful to everyone who are supporting her.** "

The support received from donors through Global Giving has helped Sense India to provide the required resources and training to so many children with deafblindness and multiple disabilities like Sania to enable them to access education and bringing them closer to their dreams.

We thank Global Giving providing such a platform to fulfil the mission of the Non-Profit Organisations like Sense India.



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