

A silhouette of a person's head and shoulders is shown against a vibrant sunset background. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the right side, partially obscured by the person's profile. The sky transitions from a deep orange near the horizon to a soft purple at the top.

One Billion Literates


2016-2017
annual report

"All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them"

– Walt Disney

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever"
- Mahatma Gandhi



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2016-17

During the year, we adopted 10 more rural government primary schools in the Anekal Taluk of Bangalore District, to take the total to 25 rural schools, impacting over 1000 rural children.

We also continued to support 3 urban government primary schools in the Bangalore East Taluk, impacting about 160 urban underprivileged children.

For the next academic year, we plan to adopt about 20 more rural schools so as to impact about 2500 rural children overall.

We have provided financial and intellectual independence to over 30 rural women, by training and employing them as our Coordinators, to impart basic English language and Computer skills to the children of these schools.

About 25 more are being trained to be employed in the coming academic year.

OBLF IMPACT

- As in the past, we conducted a baseline assessment at the beginning of the academic year, to gauge the existing English language skills of the children and started teaching them at the levels that were comfortable for them. At the end of the year, assessments were conducted again, and a comparison of both these assessments indicates that 96% of our rural and 75% of our urban school children showed an improvement in their English knowledge levels.
- These assessments also indicated the quantum of progress made. Over 64% of our rural children scored over 60% marks during the year-end assessments, as compared to just 11% at the beginning of the year.
- We also assessed a small control group of children who do not attend the OBLF program, but attend the same schools / grades. The English language skills of these children are very low. While over 64% of OBLF children scored over 60% marks, 100% of the non-OBLF children secured less than 30%.
- We impact each individual life that we touch, in a different way -



Pavithra T – Her mother works in a Garment Factory and father works as security guard. She has 3 sisters and 1 brother. They are a BPL family. Pavithra was a student at Hale Chandapura government primary school and a part of the OBLF program. Her English improved dramatically and she has successfully transited to the 7th standard in Swamy Vivekananda English Medium School, where she scored 83% overall, and 86% in English!

PAVITHRA (RIGHT) IN AN ENGLISH SKIT – OBLF ANNUAL DAY 2015

Swapna N – became a young widow at 27 years of age, when her daughter Amisha was just 1 year old. She was in a state of despair, when she met our Founder Anamika at Lakshmisagara government primary school. She became OBLF's first Coordinator, and is now our Lead Coordinator, supervising about 10 schools.



SWAPNA CONDUCTING ORAL ASSESSMENTS

CURRENT YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

1. USE OF TABLETS

Our Technology Volunteer, Mahadevan, through his company PlayKnow, is developing Apps in sync with our new content, so that the children can reaffirm the English they have learnt, while getting comfortable with the latest technology. Our rural Coordinators continue to use the Tablets for Assessment purposes. We are truly grateful to Mahadevan for this humongous effort.



WE ARE GRATEFUL TO VANTAGE ADVERTISING FOR SPONSORING 20 TABLETS



2. ADOPTION OF 10 NEW SCHOOLS

During the year, OBLF adopted 10 new Government Primary Schools at Bikkanahalli, Byagadadenahalli, Chikka Thimmasandara, Ichhangur, Jigala, Kommasandara, Ramsagara, Singena Agrahara, Yedavanahalli, and Yarandahalli villages in Anekal Taluk.

3. REGISTRATION WITH GLOBAL GIVING, USA

During the Year, we were registered with Global Giving USA & UK

4. PRIZE DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION – AUGUST 2016

On 20th August, 2016, OBLF had its annual function to distribute prizes to the merit children of all our schools, at Lakshmisagara school.

To provide an incentive to the children as well as the parents, we opened Fixed Deposit Accounts with Canara Bank in the name of the 1st and 2nd ranked children. For the Seniors, we gave Rs.2,500/-, Rs.1,500/- and Rs.500/- to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked children. For the Juniors, we gave Rs.1,000/- and Rs.500/- to the 1st, and 2nd ranked children. All the children also received interesting English story books.

On the occasion, our children as well as our rural Coordinators put up a grand show of English songs, rhymes and skits. The function was well attended.

We are grateful to the Head Mistress and SDMC members of Lakshmisagara school for permitting OBLF to use their premises for this function as well as our weekly training and other sessions.

5. MUSE CHARITY BAZAAR – SEPTEMBER 2016

As in the past, OBLF participated at the Muse Charity Bazaar, organized by Mrs. Miho Malhan of Muse Creations. We thank Mrs. Malhan and the other Japanese ladies for inviting us, and for their unstinted support to our cause.

6. JOY OF GIVING WEEK – OCTOBER 2016

During the Joy of Giving Week from 2nd to 8th October, 2016, the employees of the Red Bus Line Co. once again very enthusiastically fulfilled the wishes of our 600+ kids that were put up on the Wish Tree.

Employees of Intuit India also fulfilled the wishes of about 250 of our kids in 3 different village schools, by buying them exotic gifts.

Also fulfilling many of OBLF's wishes were the generous employees of Happiest Minds, Biocon, IHS Global and Ibibo. We thank the employees of all these companies for their generosity, and their Managements for organizing these events.





7. NGO MELA AT YODLEE INFOTECH – OCTOBER 2016

This year as well, OBLF participated in an NGO Mela organised by Yodlee Infotech, as part of the Joy of Giving Week. We are grateful to the team at Yodlee Infotech, for inviting us.



8. COORDINATORS' TRAINING AT NIIT – NOVEMBER 2016

On 19th November, NIIT held a one-day workshop for our 30+ Rural Coordinators, on Work Ethics and Story-telling. The Coordinators gained a lot of insight into the Corporate Culture and the norms that govern a work environment. We thank the organisers at NIIT.



9. WISH TREE – AEGIS JIO – DECEMBER 2016

To celebrate their Founder's day on 28th December, employees of Aegis Jio put up a Wish Tree for OBLF and very enthusiastically donated to our cause. We thank the employees of Aegis Jio for their support.

10. REAPPOINTMENT OF THE TRUSTEES – JANUARY 2017

Five of our Board members, whose term expired in January 2017, were reappointed. Our Board of Trustees has six members, consisting of

S.No	Name	Gender	Age	Position in Board	Occupation	Total amount paid by OBLF
1	Anamika Majumder	F	43	Managing Trustee	Software Engineer	--
2	Aashu Calapa	M	49	Trustee	Ex-Director, Live Love Laugh Foundation	--
3	Arvind Malhan	M	44	Trustee	Partner, New Silk Route	--
4	Manosh Sengupta	M	58	Trustee	Founder brand-@itude	--
5	Sangeeta Mahendran	F	50	Trustee	Director – Global Capabilities & Shared Operations, Hewlett Packard	--
6	Rajan Narayanan	M	58	Trustee	Promoter Director – Second Avenue & People English.	--

11. YEAR-END ASSESSMENTS – FEBRUARY 2017

In February 2017, we had the year-end Assessments – written and oral - for all our over 1000 children, in the rural as well as urban schools to gauge the impact of our intervention.

The results indicate that 96% of our rural children improved their knowledge of the English language. Assessment of a control group of Senior children who do not attend the OBLF program definitely prove the effectiveness of our program.

12. SUMMER PROGRAM – 17TH APRIL TO 19TH MAY 2017

We love to keep the children engaged during the holidays. Our Annual Summer Program commenced on 17th April, 2017 at Chandapura and Kadujakkanahalli Government Primary schools. Children from most of our 24 rural schools gather daily for 3 hours of fun-filled learning – through games, songs, rhymes, activities, story-telling etc.

This year's attendance surpassed all the previous years', since the children thoroughly enjoy the learning that they do while "playing". As usual, they are absolutely thrilled by the experience of "school bus travel", thanks to the TTs provided, to convey them from their villages to this central place.

The children and OBLF are indeed grateful to Suprajit Engineering Limited, TaeguTec India P. Ltd., and Shetron Ltd. for assisting the children with transportation, to reach the Summer Program daily, and on time.

13. TCS 10K RUN – MAY 2017

As in the past years, we took part in the TCS 10K Run. This year, we had an unprecedented 67 runners participating on our behalf, of which 64 were from TaeguTec India. We are extremely grateful to their CFO, Mr. Rakesh Arakere, for driving this initiative.

OBLF also had an unprecedented number of Care Champions, who have raised well over Rs.6.00 lakhs. We thank all our Care Champions for their dedication to our cause.



OUR GRATITUDE

We are grateful to all our donors, supporters, mentors, volunteers and well-wishers. Thanks to your continued support, we are able to provide our children the quality of education they deserve – and need – to live a life of dignity, and hope for a better future.

Anamika Majumder
Ruby Kamdin
Founder & Managing Trustee, Director

PEOPLE

Director: Ruby Kamdin

Program Manager (Rural): Mahesh Shetty

Technology Volunteer: Mahadevan

Program Supervisor (Urban): Jayashree

Coordinators: Swapna, Manju, Veena, Vanishree, Padmavathi, Ashwin K, Shobha, Varalakshmi, Kavitha D, Baby, Vidyashree, Vanishree, Puthamma, Prema, Kavitha M, Kalpana, Pavithra, Geetha, Pramilla, Ankitha, Shilpa, Sushma, Bhavya, Vidya, Vinutha, Chenamma, Lakshmi, Ashwini V, Chaithra, Namratha.

Volunteers & supporters: Ruby, Mahadevan, Jayashree, Kavitha Prasad, Pratima, Pradip, Rohinton, Brojen, Sangeeta, Aashu, Archana, Simi, Tarun, Veena, Meena, Kanchan, Latha, Sudha, Himja, Anitha, Shubha, Nisha.



LEGAL

- Registered Charitable Trust u/s 12AA

- FCRA Approved

- IT 80-G approved.

- Chartered Accountants:

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FINANCIALS

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31 2017

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT(INR)	ASSETS	AMOUNT(INR)
General Fund+ Excess of Income Over Expenditure	3,557,905.25	Computers, Furniture, Books & others	1,98,176.41
Corpus Fund	1,050,000.00	Other receivables	1,53,533.35
		Products	106,915.20
		Cash/Bank Balance	4,149,280.29
TOTAL	4,607,905.25		4,607,905.25

CONSOLIDATED INCOME & EXPENDITURE A/C FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31 2017

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT (INR)	INCOME	AMOUNT (INR)
Opening value and Purchase of Products	124,768.65	Donations	4,144,360.80
Project Expenses	2,530,055.00	Interest	224,178.69
Management Expenses	37,791.50	Others	13,450.00
Events	160,770.00	Events	312,310.00
Depreciation	86,636.68	Closing value of Prod- ucts	106,915.20
Excess of Income over Expenditure	1,861,192.86		
TOTAL	4,801,214.69	TOTAL	4,801,214.69



WE BANK WITH:

Canara Bank, Cunningham Road Branch, Bangalore

Account name: One Billion Literates Foundation

Account no.: 0431101203551

FCRA Account no. : 0431101206628

IFSC Code: CNRB0000431

State Bank of India, Health City Branch, Hosur Road, Bangalore

Account name: One Billion Literates Foundation

Account number: 31445249698

IFSC Code: SBIN0010450

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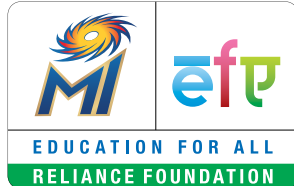


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