

SICW



**Society for Indian Children's Welfare**

**Annual Report 2017-18**



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It is my honour as Secretary to present a report on SICW's activity over the past 12 months. As we look back and take pride in our accomplishments it is also the time to learn from the challenges that we faced but overcame.

Our **Adoption Programme** brought joy to many waiting adopted parents, changing their lives forever. Half of the children who were admitted last year were special needs. It has been a challenging year for our medical team and caregivers who have risen to the occasion each time to keep our critical children safe. Relations with and support from Governmental bodies and the Child Welfare Committee have been cordial and grown more positive over the past year.

Our **Education Program** continues to bring in good results and hope to many a child aspiring to pursue formal education but who are unable to do so due to economic factors. SICW helps translate these children's dreams into reality, in turn educating their families too.

Our **Jan Seva Social Centre** is growing from strength to strength with children being supported, engaged and given holistic all round development in a safe environment. Our programmes are targeted at strengthening and empowering families of our children from the economically deprived sections. We are grateful to our sponsors whose support is invaluable to our centre's operations.

**Umeed & Udaan** our two centres for rehabilitation of Special Needs Children continue to do tremendous work while the **Heart, Eye & Thalassemia** programmes continue to serve its beneficiaries.

Last year SICW ventured into its first ever Exhibition of products made by members of its vocational training and contributions from others too, which turned out to be a memorable and enriching experience. The exhibition was a tremendous success and the brain child of this event was our Chairperson & Founder member Dr. Zarin Dadina. She opines that we have for far too long remained silent on our work and it was because of her perseverance that today we have a healthy digital presence and are active on Social Media. Enquiries for both volunteers and donors have grown manifold thanks to our online presence.

Our ever grateful thanks and appreciation to our partners and sponsors without whom we could not have achieved what we have been doing. Amicale, Pathways to Children, Hope Foundation Kolkata, Children's Hope Inc, AMI and IICP as well as individual donors and well wishers. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to our Auditors, J.K.Brahma & Co.

Finally I remain grateful for the support I have received from the Board, my colleagues and our amazing staff! And to all our volunteers and well wishers, thank you, as always, for your commitment to our cause and for sharing your time and talent. You are the reason for our everyday success.

"Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress and working together is success" Let us continue to walk this journey together to help make the world a better place for those in need.



**Medical Director: Dr. Z. P. Dadina**  
**Medical Officers: Dr. Sukla Lahiry**  
**Dr. Isita Ganguly**  
**Dr. K. Kowsalya**



Our Medical team had a busy and challenging year with 14 new admissions out of which 10 were males and 4 females. Of these, Indrajit and Prativa were severely special needs. Indrajit had multiple congenital anomalies (congenital heart disease, with CTEV) and Prativa with hydrocephalus were both treated at Government hospitals. Unfortunately both did not survive despite our best efforts. We try to maintain the highest quality standards to provide the best care possible to our children.



Rishav, Ritwik and Niladri had bilateral club feet treated with multiple plastering and surgery at a Government hospital. Niladri went home to his family while the other two are still with us.



Surya, Babu and Santanu left for their families. They were treated for their medical anomalies. Babu for his phiarosis, Santanu for congenital heart disease and Surya for multiple facial deformities.



They were all treated under our strict supervision and were on follow up till they went home to their adoptive families.

The other children who came to us were mostly malnourished with skin and respiratory tract infections. Special attention was given to their diet along with vitamin and mineral supplements. Physiotherapy and stimulation programmes were initiated. They soon caught up with their growth and developmental milestones and they were placed in adoptive families.

Leela Clinic set up in 2012 as a community development project has proved to be a boon to all those using its services. The number of beneficiaries has increased significantly with most of them coming with ailments such as skin infections, gastro intestinal problems, thyroid deficiency, joint pains besides cold and cough issues. We treated 1021 new patients along with 1261 old ones totalling 2284 patients through the year.



We have shut down the Immunisation Program for children as parents now avail of the free immunisation camps set up by the Government.

We remain grateful to our sponsor Sabena Puri for her continued support and commitment towards this initiative set up by our Chairperson, Dr. Dadina.

**Sheela Adige: Co ordinator**

**Nita Biswas: Assistant Co ordinator**

**Dipanwita Dhar: Social Worker**

“The Adoption took time but the LOVE arrived instantly!!!” For couples unable to have their biological child, infertility comes as an unexpected blessing. Forlorn parents have another option providing them solace through the miracle of adoption. And most couples, using this as their last resort, come to us looking to realise their life’s dream.

During the past year, our nurseries welcomed 16 new children (11 boys and 5 girls). Of these were three siblings, two brothers with a younger sister. Two children were severely special needs, one of whom was sweet little Indrajit, who finally succumbed to his illness. We were very relieved and happy to restore four children back to their biological families but not without the untiring efforts of both the Child Welfare Committee and Childline.



Adoption can provide children in need with stable homes, loving parents and secure futures. The past year we were delighted to celebrate the homecoming of 18 children (7 male and 11 female) into their forever families! Seven children (5 boys and 3 girls) went in inter country adoption while eleven children found families residing in India. Two boys went to Indian families residing in USA.

Our joy knew no bounds when our cute 3 1/2 year old Surya, who came to us with multiple facial deformities, found a beautiful loving family in Italy. We are also grateful to Indian families who are now accepting children with correctible problems, sometimes major, which hitherto was unheard of.



There is a paradigm shift in the attitudes of adoptive parents over the years. A large number of parents who registered under SICW for completion of their vital Home Study Report, are now successfully enlisted as waiting parents under Central Adoption Resource Authority. Unfortunately the children who are legally free for adoption are drastically fewer in number in comparison to the number of registered waiting parents, resulting in long waiting periods for the waiting adoptive parents.

The five special needs children who had been transferred to the Child Care Institute of Medinipur, Mother Chak Naboday Kishalay Sangha and Asha Bhavan Centre Howrah, are happy and well settled. The staff of the SICW Adoption Team visit the Child Care Institutions at regular intervals and are happy to report these children's positive developments.



Children in our Home participated in different in-house programs with great joy and enthusiasm during the year so the children get acquainted with different regional as well as national events and festivals. Happy celebrations of the birthdays organized in the year brought immense pleasure and enjoyment in the life of the children.



Visit to Eco Park

As part of their recreational program and to improve their social skills, the children were taken on regular outings to restaurants, flower exhibitions, puja pandals, etc.

As in previous years many children came back in search of their roots and in the hope of finding their biological families. The quest for more information and to seek their roots is an important part of the adoption process and we spare no efforts in helping such children trace their beginnings.

A first ever Exhibition of products made by our older children along with those produced at our Vocational Training Unit at Jan Seva was successfully organized on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 at ICCR, Kolkata. The children's efforts were greatly appreciated by the visitors in the exhibition and more importantly our children were greatly enthused and encouraged to develop their creative skills.



We were honoured to welcome members of CARA's Advisory Committee in December, 2017. They included Chairman, Mr. R. R. Reddy, Administrative Officer & Officer on Special Duty to Chairman, Dr. G. Sreenu, Professor Joydev Majumdar, Ms. Sandhya Chettri, Program Officer, State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA), Kolkata.



SICW Adoption social workers attended the Orientation program for the Judiciaries in August 2017 which was organized by Directorate Child Rights & Trafficking, Govt of West Bengal. It was a great learning and sharing platform for the Adoption Team. Court procedures were comparatively stress free and obtaining passports for the inter country children were successfully coordinated by the staff members.

We are thankful to the Directorate of Child Rights & Trafficking, Government of West Bengal for the Grant-in-aid we received during the reporting year. It has certainly eased our financial burden to a great extent and helped us look after our ever committed and hard working caregivers.

The Adoption program is one of hope for abandoned children as they enter a new phase in life in the protective, secure and loving arms of their adoptive parents and families.

*Sarita Dhir - Project Administrator*  
*Supriya Bhaumick - Project Coordinator*



It gives us a sense of deep fulfillment to see the impact that the intervention, provided at UMEED, has made to so many children with disabilities, like cerebral palsy, mental retardation, Down's syndrome, slow learners and hearing impairment.

This Program has given us the confidence and empowered us to move forward confidently. SICW is now being recognized as an empowering residential "HOME" for the orphan and abandoned children with disabilities. Year after year our committed team works towards individualized goal oriented rehabilitation of every child who reaches our fold and tries to enable them towards a more meaningful and independent life.

UMEED has grown manifold since inception on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2005, serving 43 children with disability. Our Unit maintains great team spirit and strives constantly to provide the best to the children. Regular counseling and care to the staff has enabled us to maintain quality work and harmony. These classes of integration of normal and special children has been a win-win situation for both.



UMEED provides classes 5 days a week in the evenings within the premises of SICW. During the reporting period overall 19 children were present in the UMEED project. 3 children came from the surrounding community, who have never had the opportunity to attend any school, due to their poor financial resources and lack of information. Every child has been assessed and individualized goal oriented activities are carried out.



Intervention and rehabilitation is provided to improve their cognitive development, communication skills, physical abilities through physiotherapy, speech and language through speech therapy, social skills, academic skills, recitation, music, self help skills, number work, drawing, coloring, creative work with blocks and beads and physical exercises and activities of daily living.



5 children attend classes at the Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy (IICP), 4 attend our Special Needs unit “UDAAN” at Jan Seva Community Project during the day, whilst all both normal as well as our special children, attend the UMEED integrated program in the evening.

Celebrations bring great joy into the lives of these children. Festivals like Holi, Sarawati Puja, Diwali, Durga Puja, Rakhi, Janmashtami, Independence Day and Christmas were celebrated.

The children were also taken to amusement parks and restaurants, to help them develop their social skills. It also gives them confidence and integrates them into society. People too have accepted them and they are always welcomed with warmth. Celebration of birthdays through the year provide a sense of community and belonging for the children, ensuring that the children feel like part of a family as they grow up.

The children also participated in the Hope Foundation Day putting up a well appreciated dance on stage along with their teachers.

**SPEECH THERAPY**



The children attend speech therapy session twice a week to ensure that the children will be able to communicate and understand words. Through regular speech therapy children have improved their verbal and communication skills.

**RIMA**, a 14 year old girl with Cerebral Palsy (Diplegic) was transferred to SICW from another Specialised Adoption Agency in 2015. She had previously never had any proper schooling before coming to SICW. With constant encouragement and positive reinforcement from her teachers in UMEED, Rima improved her reading and writing skills both in Bengali and English. She soon blossomed into a confident and responsible young girl. In July 2017 we got her admitted into Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy (IICP). She settled well into her new school environment. She also attends physiotherapy and hydrotherapy sessions at IICP. Her teachers are quite happy with her progress. Rima sings beautifully and loves to dance and has won several hearts with her charming personality.

**PHYSIOTHERAPY**



Mahua was given a pair of AFO (Ankle foot orthosis) to improve her walking. She was thrilled to be able to stand on her feet!

Regular effective physiotherapy has brought about a sea change in the mobility of the children!

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**Samita**, a 12 year old girl, suffers from Cerebral Palsy with seizure disorder and mild developmental delay with a record of epileptic fits. Through early intervention at Umeed, Samita showed tremendous progress and at the age of 8 years she was admitted into the Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy who are pioneers in this field and have mentored us with the Rehabilitation Program. This proved to be a turning point



in her life and since then she has not looked back. Samita has a naturally gifted voice and enjoys and excels at singing. She won the best singer's prize from the Junior Academics in her school.

She participated in various programs in school and Home - Sports day, concerts, dancing and music. Samita has grown into a confident 12 year old with improved cognitive and communication skills. She communicates in Bengali and a little English. Her motor skills have improved greatly. She is totally independent in all her personal skills. Her early reading, writing and number skills have improved. We hope she will soon overcome her shyness and reservation of strangers.



**SHABNAM**, is a 11 year old girl with Down's Syndrome along with delayed growth and development since early infancy. When she joined UMEED she could hardly read or write and was a very restless little child with speech difficulty. However, now she has calmed down a lot and performs any task of her choice with full concentration. She is very social, enjoys conversing with her teachers, friends and strangers alike. She likes to dance and expresses herself with her various facial expressions. She doesn't like any interference in her work!

Overall, Shabnam's social, emotional and academic skills have improved and her mother says she has become more self-sufficient. Umeed has indeed given this promising child a new lease of life!

We look forward to another fulfilling year. We take this opportunity to thank our donors, Hope Foundation, sponsors and well wishers who have constantly supported us through the years and assisted us in providing this platform to God's Own Children.

*Sarita Dhir - Project Administrator*  
*Sumaya Gupta - Project Coordinator*

**UDAAN** has successfully soared high! The program at Jan Seva, Kasba, reaches out to children with disabilities who live in the most marginalized community in and around Kolkata. This year 22 children with varying disabilities received rehabilitation. One child left due to health reasons and medical treatment and one more migrated to Nepal. The year 2017 – 2018 provided admission to 13 children with special needs in UDAAN.

UDAAN has become a local resource centre for the community and a place they trust and are happy to belong to. A Centre where **our primary objective** is to create awareness in our immediate community about disability and encourage and educate parents to come forward for early intervention. We have been providing individualized intervention with physiotherapy, speech therapy, augmentative and alternative communication, academics, co curricular activities, personal and social skill development, parent support and counseling.



Also prosthetics as required by them were provided, half the cost of which was borne by parents. This has enabled the children with physical disabilities to show remarkable improvement.

A platform and goal oriented program is provided to each child which deals with aspects like- self-feeding, toilet training, social development, number work, drawing, music, recitation, coloring, creative work with blocks and beads and physical exercises. Free services also include breakfast and nutritious lunch provided to the children.



This has been one of the biggest motivators for the families to send their children to Jan Seva! Two sets of uniforms, sweaters and books were provided at a subsidized rate.

Social and all religious festivals were celebrated with color, gaiety, fun and frolic.



### Capacity building and Awareness programs of UDAAN Staff and Parents:

Capacity building programs were conducted by our partners to enhance knowledge and develop the project further.

**Dr. Andrew Curran, Neurologist from UK** had visited Jan Seva on 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 accompanied by Mr. Arijit Ghosh of Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy. His advice and suggestions were noted and appreciated by parents of those special needs children with neurological problems.



This intervention was extremely helpful and a learning experience not only for the UDAAN parents but also for the staff and special educators who had attended this workshop.

Three parent- teacher meetings were held during which they were counseled on health, hygiene, punctuality, safety and protection of their wards from child abuse as well as awareness of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act (RTE Act). Mr. Arijit Ghosh from the Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy, explained to the parents the importance of the Aadhar card,

Disability card and Niramoy Medical insurance scheme of the Central Government for special-needs children.



Detailed procedure to acquire the above mentioned documents were explained. Some of the parents who have already made a Disability card, described their experience and success stories, encouraging many more to do the same.

### MEET OUR WONDERFUL STARS!

Suman Adhikari, 7+ yrs.of age with mental retardation, is a resident of the 'Bekind Boys Hostel', an orphanage in Kasba. His behavioural disorder is now manageable and he has developed a keen interest in stitching jute mats with coloured wool, under the guidance and instruction of our Special Educator, Riya Sarkar.



Debangshu Roy, 5+ yrs.of age (CP- quadriplegic, athetoid) has improved in academics and has developed communication skills. His fine and gross motor skills have improved with regular physiotherapy in Jan Seva.



Alfiya Rafik, 4 ½ yrs. of age with delayed development, has learnt to walk without support because of constant, intensive physiotherapy and by practicing walking with a K-Walker.



Eshaan Das, 5+ yrs.of age with Down's Syndrome has shown tremendous progress in various domains such as social, communication and academics. After continuous perseverance and practice, he can now interact and comprehend his special educator, Sumitra and his peer group.

## CLINICS: UNDER THE 'PATHWAYS TO CHILDREN'S PROJECT

The bi-weekly Mother and Child Clinic under Dr. Hartnett with Dr. Dadina, our Chairperson, as Medical Head had **1288** number of patients availing of the free medical facilities along with free medicines. Patients were mainly treated for general check up, skin disease, orthopedic, diabetes, gastro Intestinal infection, hypertension, gynecological and thyroid problems.



PHYSIOTHERAPY SESSION

**The Orthopaedic Clinic** under Dr. J. Panda was set up in November 2016. His consultation has resulted in proper diagnosis and prognosis of patients from the community who often went undiagnosed due to lack of financial support.

SPEECH THERAPY



'UDAAN', right from its inception from August 2013 till date, has been a source of hope, awareness, knowledge and intervention, reaching out to 47 marginalized children with disabilities culminating into the placement of more than 20 very happy and definitely much more self-sufficient children into integrated, mainstream schools and OPD centers.

Our heartfelt gratitude to our donors- Pathways to Children, USA, for supporting this program and reaching out to the less privileged.

**“Udaan has brought light into our lives and opened a new world for our son”**

**From the Heart of A Grateful Mother!**

**Shilu Pathak – Project Coordinator**  
**Senjuti Mukhopadhyay – Assistant**



The Education Sponsorship Program has completed 33 years. The past year had 270 children enrolled. The beneficiary coverage areas were Kolkata, Budge Budge, Habra, Rahara, Baruipur, 24 Parganas, Arambagh, West Mednipur, Garia, Belgachia, Hoogly, Howrah and Sodepur.

Some children in the program have completed important milestones-

- Ipshta Biswas completed her MBBS and is pursuing her internship from Bankura Medical College. She plans to specialize in medicine after her internship.
- Jayanta Paul completed his B.Tech and joined Indian Audit and Accounts Department as an accountant in April this year through Combined Graduate level Examination and is paid well.
- Chayan Pal completed his Computer Engineering and is working as teacher in Industrial Training Institute in Dakshin Dinajpur.
- Agnes Gomes having completed her Two Years Primary Teacher's Training Course from Loreto House secured a teaching job at Birla High School as a Nursery Teacher. Her perseverance and hard work has paid off . She was supported by SICW for 13 years. We are proud of her achievement and she has all the qualities of a good teacher and wish her all the success in life.

24 children graduated last year. 3 children Adrish Mahanty, Tumpa Pal, Archana Paul are pursuing B. Ed (Bachelor of Education) for a career in teaching.

22 children completed their Class 12 Senior Secondary Board Examination and joined different undergraduate courses.

18 children completed their (Class10) Secondary Board Examination and joined high school.



Each year there has been a steady increase of children completing high school and joining the under graduate courses especially the girls. New streams in colleges have opened avenues for children, especially girls, to pursue Para-science, Nursing, Computer, Polytechnic and Skill training.



13 bright rural girls joined the GNM nursing course at SSKM & Jhargram Nursing training centres. 10 of the beneficiaries are sponsored by Tata Tinsplate. This program will give a good opportunity to the needy bright girls who want to make a career in this field and become financially independent.

TM International Logistics Ltd is providing education and nutrition to 15 cancer recovered children and 10 children for higher education.



Events like Holi, Christmas party and Hope Foundation Annual day were celebrated by the sponsored children.

A Health and Hygiene workshop was also conducted for beneficiaries and sanitary towels were distributed for girls between the age of 12-15

Giving Back is always Rewarding, that's what Bhola Biswas realised celebrating his Birthday with the Children of SICW. He was sponsored by SICW for 9 years enabling him to complete his education. Today he is a successful Inspection Engineer based in Oman.

Bhola organised a magic show, puppet show and treated the orphanage children with goodies.



It was a fun evening for the children to say the least and for us a joy to see one of our young minds blossom into a successful and caring Human Being. We wish Bhola all the success in Life.

We continue to support sponsored children in our Nutrition program and is an integral part of the Education Sponsorship program. There has been great improvement in their overall health and their attendance in school is more regular.

The Dance Therapy Classes continued to be a huge success and delight for the sponsored children. It has completed four years and selected children appeared for their dance examination under Bangiya Sangeet Parishad. Most of them cleared it with a first `division.

We are grateful to all our sponsors in India and abroad for their generous support and helping these children to access education.



*Shirin Y. Dastur – Project Administrator  
Twisha Ganguly – Project Coordinator*



### Creche Updates

Jan Seva is a popular Creche in the Kasba locality where working mothers can send their kids till afternoon and can go to work with a peaceful mind knowing that their child will be well taken care of. A system to check the socio economic condition of the family by the Community Health Project has helped filtered the actual needy poor people of the society.

The ones with good income and better living standard have been identified and excluded from the list of eligible children for admission.

Children enjoy coming to Jan Seva as they have playing facilities and learning materials in a healthy child friendly environment. Each year the children who pass out get admission in good reputed Bengali and English medium schools. This has created a lot of good will for the Institute amongst the people, who feel that for a poor man, the amenities that was not possible for him to afford, is now within their reach.



There were 109 new admissions into Crèches 1 and 2 and those who were in Crèche 1 and 2 were shifted to the other crèches as per their age and performance. Last year 64 students got admission in mainstream schools after completing their pre schooling from Jan Seva. 51 children got admission into Bengali medium schools and 13 into English medium.



Regular parent's meetings were conducted to make parents aware about the working pattern of the Crèches and the type of input and support expected from their end. During the past year 9 such meetings were held.



The feeding of a child takes place in a very caring manner in Jan Seva. Children learn to eat with the help of a spoon after joining the crèche. They are so fond of the food served in Jan Seva, that they know the diet chart followed on each day! Fish or chicken is given once every week. Vegetarian kichuri is given every Friday and is a hot favourite with the kids. Cornflakes, milk and banana is enjoyed once a week and the children relish it. Seasonal vegetarian dishes are compulsory in the plate for every child. A constant supply of fresh vegetables reaches the kitchen every day. A nutritional garden is maintained in the garden so that the regular supply for the kids remain uninterrupted.



## CLINICS OF JAN SEVA

CLINIC TYPE	NAME OF THE DOCTOR	TIMINGS
PIEDIATRIC	DR MARY ACHARYA	Every Monday
DERMA CLINIC	DR MANAS SEN	Once a month
ENT CLINIC	DR SARMISTHA SINHA	Twice a month
MCH CLINIC	DR JANAK HARTNETT	Twice a week
ORTHOPAEDIC	DR. SMRUTI RANJAN PANDA	Once a month
IICP CLINIC	MR. SOURAV DAS	Twice a month

These clinics not only serve the community but also give awareness to the people on different health issues. The poorer section of the community in this area are very dependent on these clinics and queue up from the morning to get themselves treated free of cost. Immunisation of MMR and Typhoid were given to 129 children (MMR : 57 Typhoid: 72) . Children with any physical difficulty or motor skill deficiency are taken to IICP clinic where they are assessed by specialists who guide the teacher and the parent on how the child should be handled.



Awareness sessions on Asthma prevention for children, cleanliness and hygiene practice, gender policy, and orthopaedic exercises for senior citizens are some of the sessions conducted for the people of the community.

## ADULT LITERACY COURSE (ENGLISH, BENGALI, HINDI)

The National Institute of Open School (NIOS) exam was held in August 2017 and March 2018. In August 2017, there were 13 students who gave their exams. More than 60% of the students scored above 85% in the NIOS examination. In March 2018, we had 13 candidates in total (8 appeared for Bengali and 5 for Hindi). They all did very well in their exams. The students had to enroll themselves for the Swabhimaan under the Adult Literacy program format.



This exam takes place twice a year (March and August). Invigilators' Training at the West Bengal State Resource Center was organised in March before the examination. Aditi Majumdar and Mitali Sarkar attended the Invigilator's Training from Jan Seva Adult courses. The question papers were handed over to us by State Resource Adult Literacy Center. Jan Seva became the exam center for the districts of South 24 Pgs and Kolkata. A total of 37 students appeared from Jan Seva. This exam was held in collaboration with Rotary India Literacy Mission along with NIOS. Top officials and Members were present on the day of the exam from Rotary Calcutta Mega City, Inner wheel and Rotaract who were very happy with the exam arrangements and the environment.

Students enrolling in the English Adult Literacy course showed a steady increase as more and more students showed interest in learning English. School drop outs or aged ladies coming from very low income group wanted to do this course to get a job in the market. They are all interested in learning English so that they become eligible for the computer course from where they would be entitled to get office jobs available in the market.



Exposure visits with the English Batch continued at different educational locations like

- Wax Museum
- Kumartulli to see the clay model making
- Birla Mandir
- Indian Museum
- Gurusaday Museum

The course is for 6 months and an internal assessment is done. Based on that assessment certificates are given to the students.

It was observed that school dropouts who came were interested in attending the course. After completing the course they completed their education from a Distance Education Institute.

**Celebrations** of the following occasions and festivals took place with much enthusiasm and gaiety.

- RabindraJayanti
- Independence Day
- Kite Festival before Vishwakarma Puja
- Teacher's Day
- Diwali
- Children's Day (Magic show)
- Christmas
- Saraswati Puja
- Holi



**VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM**

Home makers and school drop outs are the main beneficiaries of this program. Many new students who joined this course aspired to become a seamstress or join a boutique. Ladies learn to make crèche uniforms, baby frocks, aprons, night dresses, cloth bags, Indian dresses, sari petticoats, sari fall and pico. Few good ones have learnt embroidery, knitting, stitching and hemming. Ladies from the local community and the parents of children in Jan Seva are included in this program.



It is an income generating program that helps the ladies work from their homes and earn an income by taking up small orders.



**COMPUTER LITERACY PROGRAM**

This program was designed to cater to both boys and girls who have passed out of Class X and for those who are either pursuing their studies or have left their education due to socio economic factors. The course is conducted with NIIT Foundation New Delhi. The students are taught the basic course which includes MS Word, Excel, Power Point, Internet and the Hardware systems. These youngsters are getting into Back office or data entry jobs.

The course helps them add value to their knowledge and gives them a chance of a sustainable income. A total of 65 students were enrolled in this NIIT course out of which 52 passed out with a certificate after appearing for the NIIT online assessment.

**Administrator :Dr. Janak Hartnett**  
**Coordinator : Indrani Dey Rakshit**

The Community Health Program, sponsored by Pathways to Children, was set up in 2016 and in two short years we have been able to make an impact in the community we serve. Initially interacting with our children in the creches and their mothers at our Jan Seva Centre, we expanded our services by venturing into the community to see how we could help bring about a change in the lives of these families.

**Survey of economic and public health conditions for new admissions:** A total of 190 home visits were done in the last year for children of creches and Udaan.

9 Awareness Programs were held.



### Activities:

- 1. Community Health assessment for male participants.** Its objective was needs assessment of heads of households, especially alcohol related violence and substance abuse.
- 2. Early adulthood for the community youth:** Its main objective was to educate the youth about the dowry system, marriage, early pregnancy and sexual relationship.



3. We conducted a workshop on the importance of good hygiene and how **improper hand washing and unhygienic practices leads** to various diseases of the children and elderly people. We tried to educate parents along with the crèche children about this.



4. According to WHO 2016 anthro report **almost 5% children were severely under weight and 2% children were severely over weight.** We did a need assessment and prepared a diet chart in regard to nutrition and well balanced meals which was shared with the parents in an interactive workshop.

5. We organized a workshop with parents in the month of July regarding the effects of seasonal **respiratory tract infections.**

6. Skin infections among the children were found to be widely prevalent and a workshop for the mothers was arranged with renowned specialist, Dr. Manas Sen who educated this group on how to prevent skin infections through better hygiene and prompt treatment.



7. A workshop on awareness and prevention of **Dengue and Malaria** was conducted.



We are working against domestic violence in the community. Post our surveillance we tried to reach out to as many families as possible to make them aware about the ill effects of **domestic violence**.

Child Abuse: Our main focus was to educate the children and their parents about how to differentiate between good and bad touch. We organized many workshops on this very vital issue and we are also planning to provide them POCSO training with the help of West Bengal State Commission for Protection of Child Rights.



We disseminated important information to patients on multiple medical problems such as arthritis, gastritis, ear and eye problems and hypertension through our OPD clinic.



*Shirin Y. Dastur – Project Administrator*

The whole of last year we received many applications especially for Heart surgeries of children from families of low income strata in society. It was difficult to choose which ones should be given preference. By the end of the year we helped almost all the applicants except those who were asked by the hospital to wait for surgery due to medical reasons. In all we operated on 50 heart cases. Some of them were very tiny babies. These are the ones who are the fighters and survive because they have the gumption to live. God helps these in His own beautiful way.

The number of Eye surgeries in Rotary Narayana Nethralaya Hospital was 44 Cases. Some cases were brought from Camps held in nearby villages while the rest came from in and around Kolkata.



Along with the process of conducting Eye surgeries, we educated the parents of these children in EYE CARE. This is very important especially in rural areas where to lack of education. They are not aware of the importance of eye care and its related problems that occur due to negligence. Many children have suffered loss of eye sight in one eye because of late realisation and poor medical treatment in villages.

Our Thalassemia project has now only a hand full of children. Many children who are now adults have started earning. They were advised a year back that their sponsorship would stop. In the coming months we will be taking few more patients. These children will benefit from the treatment.

All these surgeries and treatment are sponsored by well wishers of SICW. We are very grateful to them for their interest and support towards a noble cause.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To  
**The Members of**  
**SOCIETY FOR INDIAN CHILDREN'S WELFARE**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the **SOCIETY FOR INDIAN CHILDREN'S WELFARE** ("the Society") of 20 & 22 Colonel Biswas Road, Kolkata 700 019 which comprise the Balance Sheet as at **March 31, 2018**, and the Income & Expenditure Account and Receipts & Payments Account for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position and financial performance of the Society in accordance with the Accounting Standards generally accepted in India.

This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records for safeguarding of the assets of the Society and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We have taken into account the provisions of the accounting and auditing standards applicable to the Society. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Those Standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and the disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal financial control relevant to the organisation's preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on whether the organisation has in place an adequate internal financial controls system over financial reporting and the operating effectiveness of such controls. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the financial statements



**Opinion**

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the financial statements give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India:

- (i) in the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the abovenamed Society as at **March 31 , 2018;**
- (ii) in the case of the Income & Expenditure Account, of the:  
***Excess of Income Over Expenditure (Surplus)*** of the Society for the year ended on that date
- (iii) in the case of the Receipts & Payments of the receipts and payments for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018

**For J. K. Brahma & Co**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
Firm's Registration No: 304100E



  
**J.K. Brahma**  
**Proprietor**  
Membership No: 006434

Place of Signature: Kolkata  
Dated: **10<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

# SOCIETY FOR INDIAN CHILDREN'S WELFARE

20 & 22 COLONEL BISWAS ROAD , KOLKATA 700 019



## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2018

Particulars	Note No:	31.03.2018 ₹ (Rs)	31.03.2017 ₹ (Rs)
<b>I SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>			
(1) General & Project Funds			
(a) General Funds	1		
Corpus Fund		2,69,85,793	2,65,88,681
Fixed Asset Fund		2,23,05,179	2,37,27,217
(b) Project Funds	2	53,47,520	73,19,272
(2) Current Liabilities	3	59,839	1,51,345
Total		5,46,98,331	5,77,86,515
<b>II APPLICATION OF FUNDS</b>			
(1) Fixed Assets	4	2,69,83,384	2,85,58,728
(2) Investments	5	1,17,59,119	57,00,000
(3) Current Assets, Loans & Advances			
Cash & Bank Balances	6	1,52,86,806	2,28,01,879
Advances & Deposits	7	6,69,022	7,25,908
Total		5,46,98,331	5,77,86,515

Additional Notes to Financial Statements

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Significant Accounting Policies

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The Notes referred to above form an integral part of the Statement of Profit & Loss

Note: Figures in (parenthesis) indicate negative (debit) values.

*S. Y. Dastgir*

*Sheela Adige*

For Society For Indian Children's Welfare

Kolkata

Date: 10 Sep 2018



ANNEXURE TO OUR REPORT OF EVEN DATE

For J. K. Brahma & Co

Chartered Accountants



*J.K. Brahma*  
J.K. Brahma  
Proprietor  
Memb. No: 6434

**SOCIETY FOR INDIAN CHILDREN'S WELFARE**

20 &amp; 22 COLONEL BISWAS ROAD, KOLKATA 700 019

**Auditor's Report****INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2018**

Particulars	Note No:	2017-18	2016-17
		₹ (Rs)	₹ (Rs)
<b>I INCOME</b>			
- Donation Received		5,34,704	5,22,704
- Rent Received		2,41,000	2,04,000
- Sale of Scrap		11,850	4,670
- Dividend Received		15,486	-
- Receipts from Exhibition		1,31,000	-
- <u>Interest Received:</u>			
Savings Account with Banks		1,95,223	92,363
Term Deposits with Banks		7,02,592	13,05,110
Other Investments		5,91,418	4,94,302
Income Tax Refund		15,099	18,139
On Security Deposits		2,182	14,170
Sundry Balances written Off		93,596	-
Total		25,34,150	26,55,458
<b>II EXPENSES</b>			
- Administration and Establishment Expenses	8	19,74,242	18,84,653
- Depreciation		1,62,796	1,91,206
Total		21,37,038	20,75,859
<b>III SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>			
(Transferred to Corpus Fund)		3,97,112	5,79,599
		<i>Surplus</i>	<i>Surplus</i>

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S. Y. Dastur

Sheela Adige

For Society For Indian Children's Welfare

Kolkata

Date: 10 Sep 2018



ANNEXURE TO OUR REPORT OF EVEN DATE

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Chartered Accountants
  
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**SOCIETY FOR INDIAN CHILDREN'S WELFARE**

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**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for the period 1st APRIL 2017 to 31st MARCH 2018**

Particulars	Note No:	2017-18 ₹ (Rs)	2016-17 ₹ (Rs)
<b>I RECEIPTS</b>			
(1) Opening Cash & Bank Balances		2,28,01,879	2,22,40,848
(2) Grants in Aid			
Donation Received	9	5,34,704	5,22,704
Project Donation		2,02,87,328	2,08,90,566
(3) Other Income			
Rent Received		2,41,000	2,04,000
Sale of Scrap		11,850	4,670
Dividend Received		15,486	
Receipts from Exhibition		1,31,000	
Interest Received:			
Savings Account with Banks		1,95,223	92,363
Savings Account with Banks (utilisation accounts)		40,439	71,727
Term Deposits with Banks		7,02,592	13,05,110
Other Investments		5,91,418	4,94,302
Income Tax Refund		15,099	18,139
3) Adjustment for changes in Current Assets/Current Liabilities		58,976	35,538
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,56,26,994</b>	<b>4,58,79,967</b>
<b>II PAYMENTS</b>			
(1) Administration & Establishment Expenses	10	19,72,060	18,70,483
(2) Project Expenses	11	2,20,73,719	1,92,89,383
(3) Fixed Assets Addition		2,35,290	19,18,222
(4) Closing Cash & Bank Balances		1,52,86,806	2,28,01,879
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,56,26,994</b>	<b>4,58,79,967</b>
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Kolkata  
Date

10 Sep 2018



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### Child Care Fund

Ava Ayrton  
Adelene Basu  
Akbari Begum  
Alka Bagree  
Alpana Kumar  
Ambika Mukund  
Amit Nathany  
Amit Sawant  
Amrita Bhoumick  
Anuradha Purushottam  
Anvi Goel  
Aparna Kumar  
Arpita kundu  
Asha kharga  
Ayush Saxena  
Balrampur Chini Mills Ltd  
Bhisakha Sen  
Bhola Biswas  
Dilip Ghosh  
Erucg Dalal  
Feroza Jamshed Pandey  
Gouranga Bakshi  
Haresh Awatramani  
Harsha Charitable Trust  
Homa Gazder  
Indira Ankleseria  
J. Balakumar  
Jay Kumar  
Kaniska Roy  
Kaushik Basu  
Kavita Kripalani  
Kiran Shaw  
Kookie Jar  
Little Shop  
Louisa Desouza  
Magardi Power India Pvt. Ltd.  
Manisha Brahma  
Manoj Jaggi  
Mudit Kumar  
Mukta Ahmad  
Neeraj Bharadwaj  
Nikhil Niyogi  
Pawan Lohia Charitable Trust  
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Pooja Agarwal  
Pranati Chakraborty  
Priyodop Kundu  
Purnima Bagaria  
Raja Mansukhani  
Rajani  
Rakesh Shenoy  
Reena Bansal  
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S Raghavan  
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Shweta Pillai  
Sreeparna Saha Mondal  
Sudhir Raj  
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Sweety Kapoor  
S. Y. Dastur  
T.M. International Logistics Ltd  
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**Thank You!**



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AMI

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Children's Hope India (Inc), USA

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The Hope Foundation

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Prabha Katyal

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Reena Bansal

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Sari Roiha

Shruti Gupta

Smriti Lohia

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Surinder Khera

Sunita Saxena

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