



# THE VATSALYA FOUNDATION

QUATERLY NEWS

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Dear Friends,

Yet another month has passed in The Vatsalya Foundation and for the children it had been a month of fun. Many of our children at the Open Shelter Home have gone home to spend their summer vacation with their families and the rest have been involved with various activities held at TVF.

We want to extend our gratitude to all our staff/volunteers/donors who have made this month a memorable experience for our children.



It was a colourful day here at the Open Shelter Home of the The Vatsalya Foundation on 8 May 2014. Students of the B D Somani School came and interacted with the children through various creative activities. The day began with a video screening giving an introduction to the organization. The students then split up and formed groups with the children. Each group had something new to learn; from paper to paints, clay to clothes and food; they learnt origami, t-shirt painting with fabric paints, poster painting, clay modelling, preparing chocolate balls and decorating cakes. The children of the Open Shelter Home and Day Care Centre (Mahim) enjoyed their time of fun and learning. Many of them shared that at first they were wondering what all these activities would be and as things unfolded in front of them they were amazed and happy to have been able to learn and make something new.

15 children from TVF's Open Shelter Home and Day Care Centre (at Bandra) visited Liberty Videocon on 9 May 2014. The event was planned by the company as part of their CSR initiative. Some employees from the company had visited Vatsalya a year back and volunteered their time with the children. This year they reversed the interaction process by inviting the children to the company and orienting them about the kinds of work they do in order to motivate them to study well for a bright career. The children were taken to various depart-



ments in the office and oriented about the work these departments handle. This was accompanied by many games and all the kids were given chocolates and gifts for each game. Breakfast and lunch was provided to everyone.

The C.E.O of the company, Mr. Roopam talked to the children and motivated them to be focussed in life, taking challenges and working hard to achieve success. TVF presented him with a card made by the children, a sapling also grown by the children and a environment friendly bag. The children enjoyed thoroughly.



Around 55 children from TVF's Day Care Centre (Mahim) went for an educational trip to Nehru Science Centre on 12 May 2014. The children saw videos on natural treasures of the world, scientific and technological things, the uses of electricity, evolution of computer and music. They were at awe to see these things and said that this opportunity that they got was a gift for them.



Children from TVF's Open Shelter Home and Bandra's Day Care Centre went for a picnic to Anand Resort, Virar on 15 May 2014. There were around 100 children and staff members accompanying them. It was sight to see the children enjoy themselves in the water which was a respite from the scorching heat, this summer.



They did not want to return back to their home as they wanted to take back more memories of this joy-filled day. Three members from "Three Cheers" visited Vatsalya on 19 May 2014 to play a game of 'housie' with the children. Prizes were distributed to the winners.



Four employees from Corporate Executive Board (CEB) visited TVF's Open Shelter Home on 16 May 2014. They organised a plantation drive as part of their Global Impact Day. The volunteers interacted with the children; the children showcased their dance and also taught a few steps to the volunteers. The volunteers got samplings of 'laxmi taru' which is a plant that gives oxygen 24/7. This was an enlightenment for the children as they had not heard about this plant before. The children enjoyed planting these saplings in the compound of the shelter home.



Children at the The Vatsalya Foundation got an opportunity to face the camera for a short film on 20 May 2014. This was organised to thank our donors, Terre Des Hommes, Denmark for their support to the children at the Open Shelter Home of TVF and also Cantiloe Entertainment Pvt.Ltd. for helping in the video shooting and editing.

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There were 21 children from the Open Shelter Home of TVF to watch the movie, 'Hawaa Hawaa' on 27 May 2014. The movie which captures the emotions of a young boy and his dreams showcases friendship, courage and empathy in a beautiful way. All our children were engrossed in the movie and enjoyed every moment of it. Each child was given school bags along with popcorn and coke.

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An awareness programme was organized on 31 May 2014 on the occasion of World Anti Tobacco Day by the staff. The children were shown videos of why smoking is bad, some facts about its effect in the human body and how passive smoking is more dangerous. The children also asked questions and were motivated to do their bit in spreading this awareness. The older children went on the roads near the Open Shelter Home along with the staff to do a survey and also spread awareness about the side-effects of smoking. Along with the survey, the children even took initiative to talk to the people, and let them know that their smoking effects another person. This activity has helped in building the confidence of the children, as they got information on the topic and went out to share. After they returned back, the children made some colourful posters.



A workshop was organized on grooming and self-confidence on 4 June 2014 for the staff members of TVF Urban Project and Rural Project. The workshop consisted of information as well as various activities to help build self-knowledge and self-confidence. The introduction session in the beginning helped the staff to know the likes of other staff members. The workshop helped in staff in understanding their positives and negatives, to understand TVF's culture and how imbibing the culture will help in better work. The staff also learnt that one should always try to be a part of a solution and not a problem.



On 5 June 2014, Crisil Foundation organized a tree plantation drive on the occasion of World Environment Day. They also showcased 4 short movies on Dr. A P Abdul Kalam and organized a discussion on the same. This helped in motivating the children. It was a fruitful time of interaction with the employees of Crisil Foundation.

On 10 June 2014, women from Lioness Club of Breach Candy visited the organization and donated two Carrom Boards to the children. The children were encouraged to play and the volunteers distributed biscuits to the children.



On 12 June 2014, an awareness programme was organized on the occasion of World Child Labour Day. Adv Tejashree Rane was the speaker for the day. This was organized in collaboration with Government of Maharashtra. She mentioned few laws on Child Labour and motivated the children to complete their education. She also talked about the negative impact of reality shows and helped the children gain information on Child Labour.



The children from the Bandra and Mahim Day Care Centres have been visiting The Vatsalya Foundation's Open Shelter Home during the special lunch organised by donors. The children come enjoy the lunch as well as take part in various group sessions taken by the social workers.

The children also come for training in Capoeira (a Brazilian martial art) on Saturdays.

The community outreach workers go for house visits of families from where the children come to the centre. They try to resolve problems and give solutions related to studies, economy and vocational trainings and motivate the children and parents to send their children to regular schools.





### TVF's Rural Project

The education project 'Dhyan Sampada' has catered to a total of 278 children through 11 learning centres. This month the learning centre was closed for summer vacations. Shahpur and Murbad has a total of 20 SHG's (Self Help Groups) and 243 women are benefiting from it.

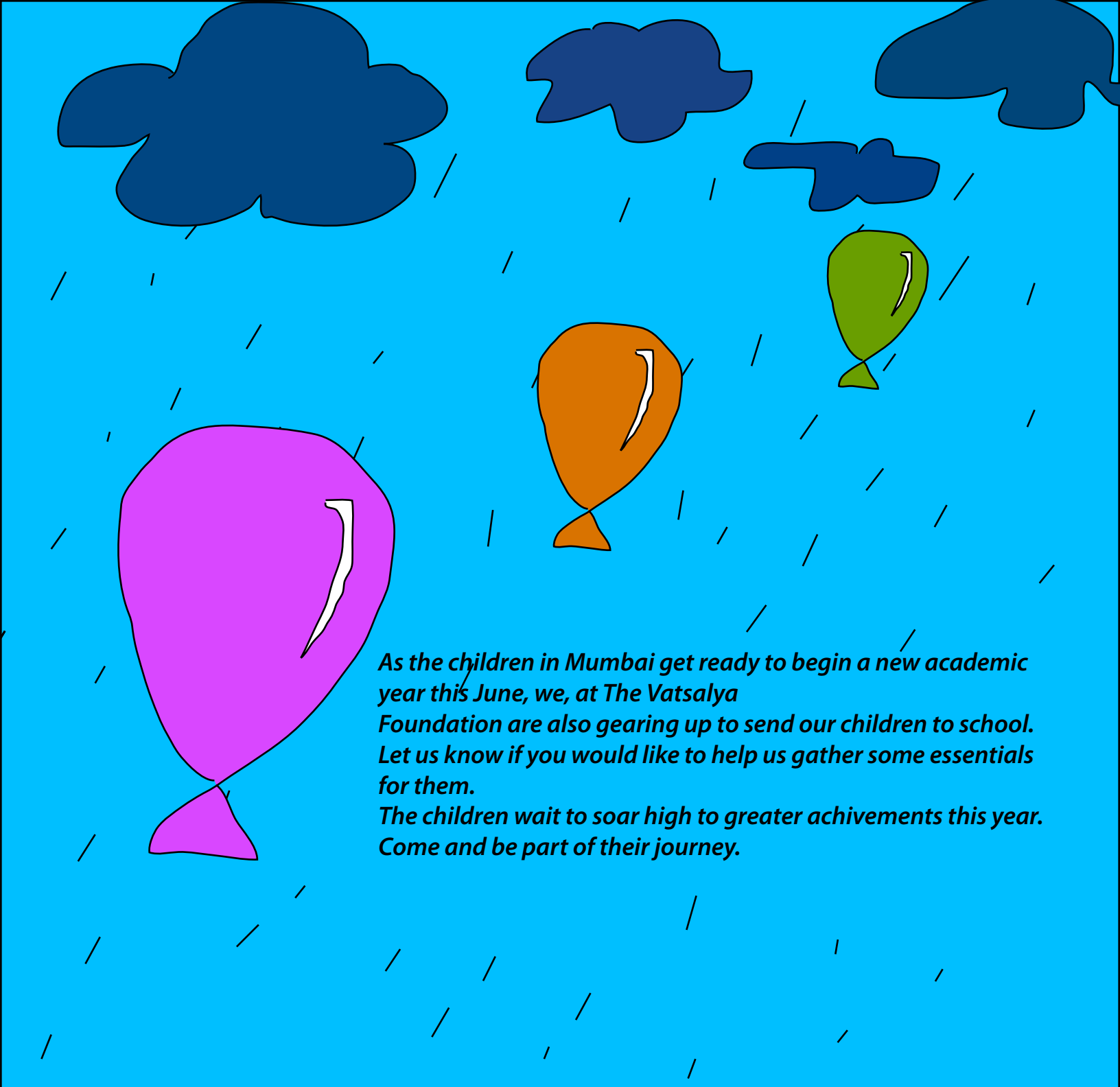
The young women's entrepreneur programme supported by Lufthansa Help Alliance and Chance of Life has given Computer, sewing and beautician

courses to 14, 31 and 6 women respectively. The project will train and empower the young girls and women's towards Information and Technology. Exams for sewing course were held in the month of April and this month the new batch of 6 students commenced.

TVF organizes teacher training programmes; Leaderships and Personality Development Programmes (LPDP) for enhancing the level of education and teaching skills among young women. A total of 13 trainees participated. This is conducted twice a week.

A Community Development Center is being constructed at Zaadghar village situated in Murbad. Also to give access to safe drinking water to the villagers of Banachiwadi, a bore well was drilled and a hand-pump fixed on 27 May 2014. The plan is to make a provision for a solar pump through the cooperation of the community. A survey and research is being organised in a village at Shahapur to know the impact the 5 years of our work. Currently coding and tabulation of the information has been completed.





*As the children in Mumbai get ready to begin a new academic year this June, we, at The Vatsalya Foundation are also gearing up to send our children to school. Let us know if you would like to help us gather some essentials for them. The children wait to soar high to greater achievements this year. Come and be part of their journey.*

Like every year this year too we, The Vatsalya Foundation is gearing up to raise funds through the Standard Chartered Mumbai Marathon.

**Come and be part of this journey!**

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