



# HOPE NEWS



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## Greetings from the Managing Director

Dear Friends, Colleagues & Co-workers,

Agnes Kunze society 'HOPE project' works towards empowering people specially 'Children at Risk' by closely engaging with the local community members so as to create long term impact in their lives. Our representatives or the agent of change - the staff - ensure that development is sustainable.

Our consistent work in the fields of education, health care, livelihood, environment, advocacy and empowerment has been acclaimed by the communities as well as the District, State, National and International levels stakeholders.

At the same time, we are also delighted to have experienced the growth of our Community based rehabilitation (CBR) programme in the fields of children with disability, HIV/AIDS infected and affected children, Tuberculosis (TB) infected children, Street /slum children and Children at Risk. Agnes Kunze society constantly aims to change the perception of the society towards such children. The main aim of Agnes Kunze society - 'HOPE project' is to bring these children to mainstream society so that they feel accepted as part of the larger society.

Despite the various milestones achieved by Agnes Kunze Society 'HOPE project', it is also time for us to reflect on our achievements and challenges. We have to continue to demonstrate our willingness to engage meaningfully with various stakeholders, and work actively in the field of education, health care, livelihood, environment, advocacy, empowerment.

Today, AKS 'HOPE project' has realized the need and importance of working in tandem with communities. Agnes Kunze Society 'HOPE project' has proven that by improving the lives of people, by empowering communities to realize their dreams, by building their capacities to sustain change, civil societies, NGOs and communities can grow in an inclusive manner.

As we look forward to the future, our prayer is that we would move 'forward together' despite the 'changing times'.

I am deeply honoured and humbled by the support of our friends, donors, well-wishers, staff and children for their constant love, support, prayers and blessings to continue this journey.

We also give thanks to our Lord Almighty for His faithfulness and blessings in the past year and strength to carry on this great task in the future.

I also want to take this opportunity to wish each one of you a Blessed Christmas and a very fruitful New Year from the entire Agnes Kunze family!!

*Manju Lawrence*

### Focus areas

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**Agnes Kunze Academy (HOPE Slum Community School)** re-opened after the long summer vacation on 11 July 2013. In spite of the onset of heavy monsoons, the children were all excited and enthusiastic to return to school. There are currently 250 students on the rolls. Every child gets individual attention, love, care and support by their teachers and staff, who believe that **EVERY CHILD IS OUR CHILD**. The society provided all stationeries, uniforms, remedial classes and mid day meal for all children to learn, grow and keeps healthy.



The curriculum followed at the school is inclusive of all round development of the child. Along with regular academic subjects, computer education, art and craft, games and sports, and other extra- curricular activities enable the children to develop to their full potential.

What children learn needs to be evaluated as well, keeping in mind that marks are not the only criteria of success. This also helps in removing the exam-phobia from the students' mind and helps develop them into more sincere, intelligent, smart and innovative children. Thus, monthly tests were conducted in August and Half yearly exams in

October 2013.

**Computer education** is an important part of regular studies. With the growth of information technology and the shrinking size of the silicon chips, the world is witnessing a much faster pace of life and increased exchange of information. The management, staff and children of AKS are very thankful to friends in the Netherlands (Itility) who have helped in setting up the Computer Lab in the Academy. Now all the children are learning to operate the computer. Not only the children, but the staff are also receiving training in upgrading their computer skills and are able to practice on the computers during their free time or during vacations.



**Founding member of AKS, Mrs. Caroline donates books for the school library:**

The management, children and staff at Agnes Kunze Academy are extremely thankful to Mrs. Caroline, one of the founding members of Agnes Kunze Society, for her initiative in helping realize one of the dreams of the school - to have a library for the children. There are approximately 400 books, which have been donated by her family and friends. There are all kind of books, ranging from story books to Encyclopedias, Dictionary, Educational games book and Biographies of great persons etc. The children are thrilled to use these books.



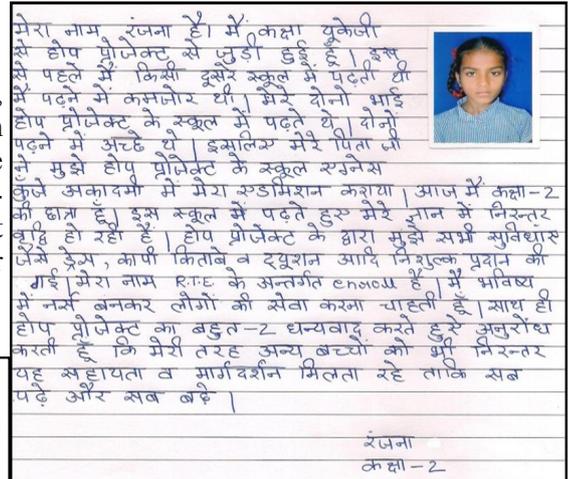
**Encouraging talent through Art & Creativity**

Activities like art, craft and creative work, enable children to express their feelings, emotions and potential through their drawings and models. Children make beautiful wall charts, models, decorative pieces, cards, etc. in the art and craft class. It gives them happiness and confidence to groom their individual talent.



### RTE Implemented

The **Right to Education**, a scheme introduced by the Government, has been implemented in the school since January 2002, even though the government sector made it mandatory only from the last three years. So far, under this scheme, a total of 35 students have been enrolled from 2011 to 2013. The Agnes Kunze Society makes an effort to support children without any discrimination on the basis of their background, caste, colour, creed or gender.



Ranjana, a class 2 student writes:  
 “I have been studying at AKS Hope Academy since class UKG. Previously, I used to study in another school. My two elder brothers studied at Hope Academy from the beginning. They were good in studies but I was not. My father took admission for me also at Hope Academy and since then I have been studying here. Today, I am in class 2. I receive everything from AKS Hope—books, stationery, tuition fee, school dress. I am enrolled under the RTE program. When I grow up, I want to become a nurse and serve the people. I am very thankful to HOPE project for helping me and humbly request to guide me in the future in all my endeavours.”

### Parent-Teacher meeting



Parents play an equally important role as the teachers in the overall development of a child. At Agnes Kunze Academy, it is expected of the parents to cooperate with the school to keep up with their child’s overall progress. In these past months, two parent-teacher meetings were conducted. All the parents came with great curiosity to know about their wards academic, behavior and social progress. This also encourages the staff at the school, as it shows that the parents are aware of the importance of education.

### Hope Mini Bank

One of the Best innovation of the Agnes Kunze Society was started in August 2011 - a sincere effort to discourage children from misusing their money in smoking, tobacco and gambling etc. To stop all these bad habits in children, the society took the initiative as the form of Mini Bank. In Mini Bank the minimum deposit amount is Rs -20/- and Rs- 300/- Maximum. Three years of duration is lock - in period then after amount can be withdrawal with a simple procedure in need. 10% of interest is giving by the society on the total saving amount individually. From September 2011 till November 2013, the total amount collected by the children is **Rs.1,91,559**.



### Visitors at the School

Saintry Alfred from Reliance Foundation,

Pauline and Sarah from France visited the school. Lena, Sina and Pia from Germany spend and gives their precious time to helping in musical instrumental practices and supporting weaker students. Mr. Joe Sieben from Netherlands was also impressed to see the improvement in the children. The founder member, Mrs. Caroline and her husband Mr. Emmeran also interacted with the children and staff at the Academy. Their lovely daughter also accompanied them. They were more than happy to see the great work of the staff and pupils.



## HOPE Higher Education sponsorship Program

Currently 62 students are enrolled under this program. After completion of primary education from Agnes Kunze Academy they attend other schools for secondary education. Through a sponsorship program, Agnes Kunze Society provides stationery, uniform, monthly fees, tuition classes, career and behavior counseling, an opportunity to participate in various activities and go out on excursion trips. Apart from this, the students of Hope Higher Education sponsorship program created awareness on SAVE A GIRL CHILD on International Girls Day. A big rally was organized on this occasion in which the children carried slogan banners and flex to raise their voice against female infanticide.



## Health Check up of children at HOPE Academy



A health check up of all the children at Hope Academy was conducted in which a proper check-up of nails, teeth, skin, body weight, height, etc. was done. Students were also De-wormed. Children were also told about good health and hygiene and cleanliness. They were encouraged to take a bath everyday. All children of academy, hope home and community had immunized Hepatitis – B booster doze by the partnership with Max India Foundation.



## HOPE Vocational Training Program

**Sewing classes** – There are 20 girls getting training of stitching. They can make different kinds of baby dress, skirts, suits and blouses.



**Beautician Classes** - There are 13 girls enrolled in beautician. They can do bleach, facial, waxing, threading, hand massage, makeup, different kinds of hair style, manicure and pedicure etc. These small training make girls and women financially independent with skill development. Thus they can support themselves and secure a valuable place with respect in their family.



## HOPE Higher Education Parents Meeting

This meeting was held once in a month and till now three meetings conduct in hope schools with both parents and students those who are studying in other schools. The purpose of this meeting is that the parents should know the performance of their children and we encourage parents and children's to come school and remedial classes daily as they have a 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> board exams this year .we advice children's to make their own schedule of study in home and pay attention in your studies. The children's promised that we will bring 80% marks in board exams and pay attention in our remedial classes and studies.



## Conference on Child Protection - Nagpur

The Head Mistress, **Mrs. Bindra Rana** and Hope Home Boys in-charge, **Mr. Ganesh** went to Nagpur for three days of conference on Child Protection Policy. Other initiatives to capacity buildup are that all staff conducted seminar, group discussion and presentation time to time by theirselves and make guidelines for result orientation.



### Inspection by Director of Secondary Education

An inspection of the School was conducted by the Nager Siksha Adhikari Mr. Baludi and Director of Secondary Education Uttarakhand, Mr. C.S.Gwal. They were impressed to see the dedication of staff, valuable guidance of management and determination of the children to work hard and succeed in spite of their tough situation.

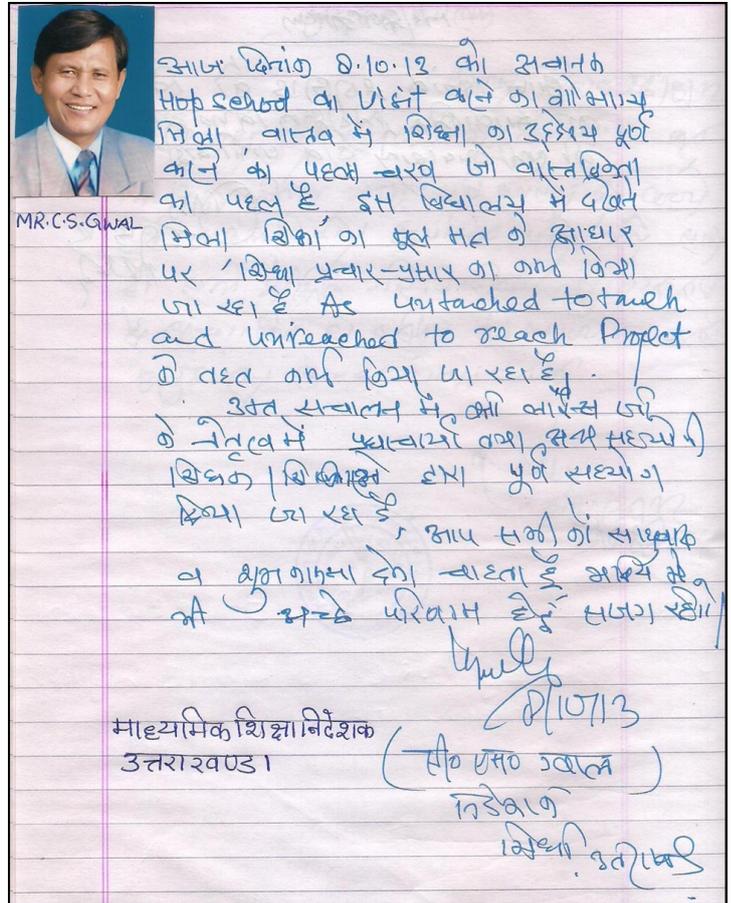
Letter from Mr. C. S. Gwal:

“Today, 8.10.13, I had the privilege of visiting HOPE School and I could see that the basic aim of teaching and education is being fulfilled in this school. Education is being imparted to the children and real work through the project Untouched to touched and un-reached to reached is being carried out at the school.

Under the able management of Sh. Lawrence, the Headmistress and the staff at the school are working with full cooperation and dedication.

I wish to convey my best wishes to all for their hard work and dedication and for excellent results in the future.

—Sh. C. S. Gwal



### A Tribute to Sister Agnes Kunze

On 14<sup>th</sup> November, the children, Staff and the management of AKS went to the graveyard to pay tribute to Sister Agnes Kunze on her death anniversary. It was a memorable day for all as she is the inspiration and ideal of our society. The children and staff lit candles and laid flowers on her grave and remembered her for her noble cause.

She spent her whole life to ensure that the poorest of the poor become self sufficient, independent members of society by earning their living and supporting their families.



**AKS HOPE PROJECTS**

**Self Help Group Meeting**

There are currently eight Self Help Groups which are functioning. Help is provided to them by helping them acquire loans from various banks, which enables the community to start up their own small businesses and thus improve the financial condition of their families. The groups meet twice every month. In the meetings, the members discuss about loan facilities given by various banks like JAN LAKSHMI, MEMO etc. to start up small businesses like vegetable shop, shoe shop, candle making, agarbatti making etc. There are 25 women in this group who are running small general merchant shop, tea stall, shoe shop, vegetable shop etc. They are submitting their bank interests regularly and are very happy that they have a key role in bringing financial stability in their families.



**Youth Club Meeting**

A meeting is held once in a month with the youth of the community counseling them about moral behavior, education, and career development programs, which would help them succeed in life and keep them away from wasting their youth and talent in devious and crooked ways.



**Advocacy**

Regular visits to the community are made by the AKS Hope Staff. These past months, 108 houses in both Madrasi Colony and Chandan Nagar have been visited by the staff advocating about the various projects of AKS HOPE such as health awareness programs, children’s admission process in AKS Hope Academy, old age plans, vaccination and immunization of women and children.

**Mother and Child Care**

Mother and Child Care meeting is held once a month in which pregnant women and women with children in the age group of 0-5 years are counseled about pre/post natal care, immunization process, hygiene and health, etc. The women are also motivated to have deliveries at the hospital for the safety of both the mother and the child.



**Health Check Up and Testing of the Community**

We have recently started a new programme which is conduct a regular health check up and testing of patients for diabetes, blood pressure, etc. 28 people from the Madrasi Colony community have had their examination done. Out of 28 people, 2 were found to be positive. They were told about diabetes and the precautions that need to be taken with regard to diet and regular check ups with the doctor. The staff also explained to them about the different kinds of tests that they need to get done.



**Old Age (Pension Plans, Birth & Death Certificates) Ration Distribution**

Awareness on pension plans provided by the government for people above 60 years of age, birth and death registration certificates, voter cards, adhaar card, ration card, opening bank account, etc. is done through this program, a meeting of which is held once in a month. So far four such meetings have been held. AKS also distributed food items like pulses ,rice, spices, flour, cooking oil etc to the old women who are dependants and do not have an occupation.



## HIV/AIDS & TB Testing

In the four meetings that have been held so far, a total of 40 persons were sent for TB (sputum) testing and ICTC Centre for counseling. A few of them were reported positive and treated in a CAT-1 stage and the others who were found Positive and had undergone treatment before but due to some problems left their course in between are in CAT -2 stage. This meeting is to motivate and create awareness about HIV/AIDS & TB. At present there are four peoples including one children being treated and provided with DOTS medicine and till now four people are cured of TB. Those under treatment are given counseling every Monday, Wednesday and Friday regarding health and hygiene, healthy diets, use of masks or handkerchiefs, stop smoking, chewing tobacco, alcohol etc.



## HIV/AIDS Awareness Campaigning



On 27<sup>th</sup> November, an HIV/AIDS Awareness meeting was held with the participation of AKS HOPE and Nursing College students from Chandan Nagar. The motive of this program was to create awareness amongst the community about HIV /AIDS. 80 people from the community attended this meeting. Prevention, cure and counseling was done through skits and charts. Pamphlets and condoms were distributed. The next day few people went to Doon hospital for HIV test especially pregnant women.

## Anti Smoking Tobacco

The main purpose of this meeting is to discourage people from using tobacco and drugs. Awareness is created amongst the youth and people in the community about the disadvantages of smoking and chewing pan, tobacco, charas, afeem, alcohol, etc. This meeting is held twice in a month. Till now 8 meetings have been conducted in both Madrasi Colony and Chandan Nagar.



## Non-Communicable Chronic Care Disease Awareness

The purpose of this meeting, which is also held once a month, is too create awareness of various chronic diseases, which are very common nowadays, like **BLOOD PRESURE, STROKE, DIABETES, and CHRONICCARE**. With proper diet, medicines, treatment and regular consultation with the doctor, these diseases can be minimized.

## HOPE Night Shelter Project

AKS Hope Project runs Night Shelters, the space for which is provided by the Nagar Nigam (Municipal) Dehradun. In the Night Shelter, around 50 homeless people are given shelter daily. These people are provided with good blankets, beds, fire at night, water facility, wash room, first aid, good environment with dignity.

The people who come to the night shelter are told about cleanliness, adverse effects of smoking and alcohol, which causes Cancer, TB, etc. Awareness is also created about HIV/AIDS & TB. In the last two Months medical facility has been provided to 20 people who were referred to Doon Hospital. Many people coming to the night shelter are those who have left their homes or are unemployed. The staff provides counseling to them and helps them to understand the value of life.

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## AKS HOPE TARGET TB AT A GLANCE (September to November 2013)

- 1-Awareness Camps- 12
- 2-Population covered in one to one counseling- 3200
- 3-Training & feedback for new and existing DOTS providers-15
- 4-Ensure that people who have TB symptoms get testing (sputum) provide transportation, support advice-326
- 5-Follow up visits with patient who have not completed full sputum test-15
- 6-Home visit to verify address and provide support-90
- 7-Collection of sputum samples for testing during treatment phase-30
- 8-Provide Nutritional food to TB patient-30
- 9-Provide Additional medicines and vitamins to TB patient-70
- 10-Provide Anti TB medicine to family members under 6 of TB patients-30
- 11-Complete in home follow up with patients who do not complete treatment-15
- 12-Counseling and support for TB patients who are HIV +ve or referred to ICTC-30
- 13-Counseling and support for patient with MDR-TB-38 patients each month
- 14-In Home training for DOTS providers and patients-25
- 15-Training and Feedback sessions for CHW's-3
- 16-Setup TB patients SHG's -3
- 17-Setup DOTS provider SHG's-2
- 18-RNTCP & HOPE staff meeting to updates on progress -3

Special awareness programs were conducted on Anti smoking day in 10 school/colleges. The program covered approximately 5000 people. One to one counseling for students was conducted. HIV/AIDS Rally on AIDS DAY & AIDS/TB Awareness program was conducted in Transport Nagar.

### HOPE Comprehensive Care Support Service/Community Care Centre (CCSS/CCC)

The CCC provide a range of HIV services including care, treatment & support depending on the progression and stage of the HIV infection. Medical services, Opportunistic Infection, (OI) diagnosis & treatment, ART Adherence, Referral-or Linkages, Education& Home Base center call of bedridden patient, Infection prevention, Hygiene & Sanitation ,shelter & protection, Linkage to Respite home & Orphans care, Reintegration family, Advocacy ,against stigma ,positive prevention, I, prophylaxis, Health seeking behavior, positive attitude, psychosocial support including counseling, life skill counseling are all provided at the CCCs.

#### KEY-HIGHLIGHTS

1. 114 New PLHAs were treated for Opportunistic Infection,164 PLHAs revisited were admitted in IOver 3 month
2. 164 PLHAs were provided with Nutritional support
3. 250 PLHAs were counseled
4. 10 PLHAs were referred to SHGs for income generation support 3 PLHAs were reinstated in their job. 50 Children received Nutrition food for CSC Project .

#### Hope CCSS/CCC at a Glance

Total Patient Registered (Master Register) - 94  
 Total Inpatient at CCSS/CSC from Sep.13 to November-2013 - 164  
 Total Outreach activities - 194  
 ICTC (Counseling & Testing) - 30  
 Educational Support (HAKK) - 20  
 (Infected & Affected children)  
 Families Benefitted (SHGs) - 50  
 Legal Aid Provided to PLHIV- 01  
 Total Client/Patient/ Families Govt. Pension/other Scheme Process - 05  
 Home Based Care Kit Provided - 20  
 Faith Based Organization Mobilised - 30  
 Linkage to TIs NGOs - 15  
 Other Support to Infected Children - 50  
 Other Support to Affected Children - 20  
 Transportation Support to the Client - 92  
 Nutritious Food Supported children - 50



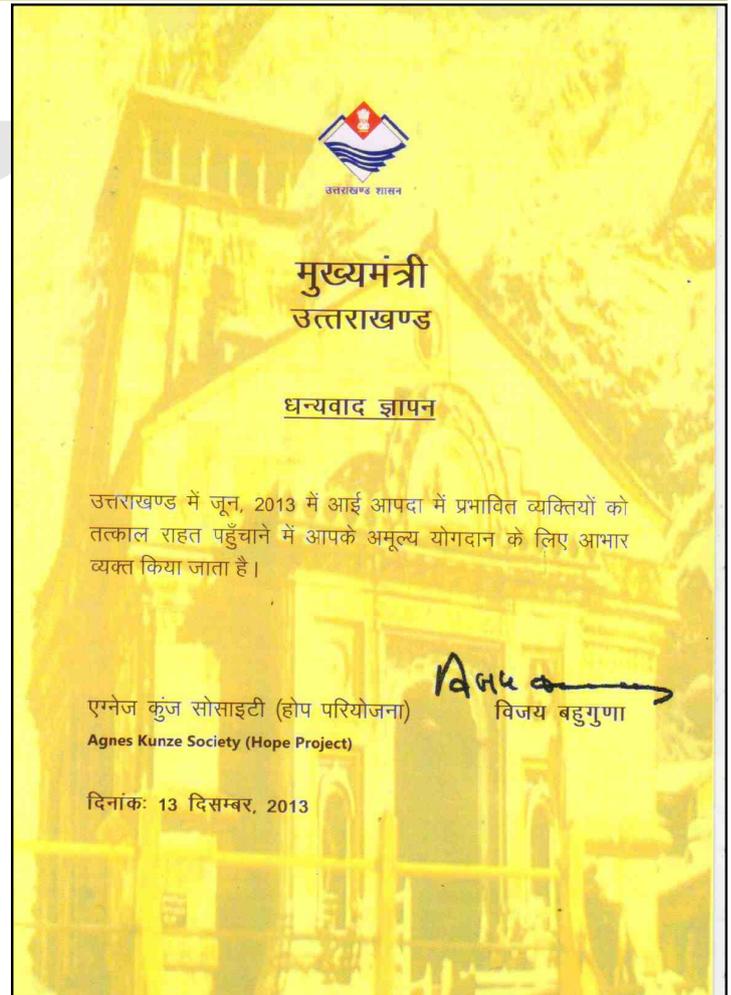
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## ACHIEVEMENTS

The 'Himalayan Tsunami' of June 2013 ravaged various districts of our state, Uttarakhand. Several NGOs came forward and immediately initiated relief and rehabilitation efforts to help those who had lost everything in life.

On Friday, December 13, 2013, Honorable Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Sh. Vijay Bahugunaji felicitated all the NGOs who worked selflessly during the disaster and continue to do so even now to rebuild Uttarakhand, by giving out Certificates of Appreciation. Mr. Sanjiv Issachar is receiving the Certificate on behalf of AKS HOPE Project. The whole relief initiative was lead by KHW-India, Director, Mr. J. P. Singh.



## WINNERS OF DRAWING COMPETITION

Simran, class 9<sup>th</sup>, Soham, class 9<sup>th</sup> and Akash, class 10<sup>th</sup>, all HOPE Home children, stood first in the drawing competition held at their school, Boxa Inter College. The competition took place in October and they were given two hours time to draw or paint.



## MATH TALENT COMPETITION

On Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> of November, 14-year-old Akash, who is one of the first Hope Home children, participated in a Maths' Talent Competition. He was selected by his teachers to take part in it. The results have not been declared yet, but his teachers are confident that he did very well.

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## New Children at HOPE Home

Within the last six months four new children joined HOPE Home. Anushka, five years old, attends Kindergarten. After her father died in an accident she moved from Ghaziabad to the hostel. Prerna and Praveen came in September. They are sister and brother. Prerna is eleven years old and studies in class 7<sup>th</sup>, Parveen is 10 years old and attends class sixth. Due to the terrible floods which took place in Uttarakhand their house was destroyed and they lost all their properties. Only one month ago, in October, Pawan arrived at HOPE Home. He is eleven years old and attends fifth class. Originally he comes from Didihat (Pithoragarh) in the mountains and sadly he lost both his parents.



PRERNA



PAWAN



PRAVEEN



ANUSHKA

## HOPE SAMVEDNA PROJECT

### Badate Kadam Program at Raphael Home



Badate Kadam Program was organized by Raphael Institute is an awareness program about disability. HOPE Samvedna was there with one stall to display handmade aprons and caps and lemon grass tea, which is produced in the HOPE Samvedna Project. They gave also information, showed photos, and were inspired by the other projects.



The **CHGN UKC Accessibility Fund** provided a CP-chair, wheelchairs and an accessible toilet to the community. With the help of the fund also an accessible bathing place as well as a ramp could be built.



Ramp provided at Mehtab's house



Bathing place for Mehtab— before and after



Provided toilet chair & room for Kajal

Provided CP chair to Kanhaiya



## HOPE SAMVEDNA STORIES

**Anus'** father Mr. Dishad, who also has a physical disability works as a tailor, his mother Mrs. Jhahira is a housewife. To her a tragic accident happened when she was pregnant with Anus. She fell down and therefore took medicine. This could be one reason for her son's handicap. In his left hand he has a muscle weakness.

Since 2011 he is visited at home by the HOPE Outreach Program. Due to this support the six-year-old boy is now able to attend Primary School successfully. Also his parents are very thankful and happy that their son has good prospects for his future. It is planned that the Project provides him a splint for his left hand and his chest so that he will be able to sit properly.



## ASLAM CAN WALK!!

Eleven-year-old Aslam is a brave boy. He was born with a physical disability. His feet were curved inwards. Nevertheless, he was able to take few steps, but most of the time he fell down. His parents, Mrs. Aamna and Mr. Matloob Hasan, sent him to Primary School, but soon they realized that there was no improvement. Aslam did not get the support he needed and did not feel comfortable there. So his parents decided to send him to Hope Samvedna and on April 17<sup>th</sup> 2012 he joined the group. There he did not only get support in studying according to his skills, but also a big dream came true. The Director of KHW India (Kinderhilfswerk India), Mr. J. P. Singh assured the financing for an operation which would give to Aslam the opportunity to walk properly. His assurance covered not only the surgical intervention, but also the costs of special shoes and medicine.

Aslam's parents could never have imagined this offer. They could not have afforded the operation on their own. His mother is a housewife and his father, a laborer and their economic condition is really bad. They live in a simple mud hut with a thatched roof.

After a check up the operation took place on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2013 in a hospital in Dehra Dun. He and his family were more than just happy. They are really thankful to KHW and HOPE Project that Aslam has now better prospects for his future and is already able to walk. The plan is that he can learn vocational, domestic and practical skills at HOPE Samvedna, which will help him to find a proper job later and to be independent. Let's wish the best for him, until now he has managed to live with his handicap in a great manner.



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During the last six months two new children joined HOPE Samvedna. **Sophiya** is a girl who suffers from enormous malnutrition and is not able to speak so far. She came in May. At Hope Samvedna the staff are taking good care of her. In September, **Aaman** came to the group. He is a boy with an intellectual disability and cannot join group activities or sit in one place. Slowly he is improving and starting to play with the other children. Our aim now is to teach him how to eat properly. Both are really cute children and the group is pleased to have them here.



AAMAN



SOPHIYA

### VOLUNTEERS AT HOPE HOME

At the moment there are three volunteers from Germany living at HOPE Home. Sina and Lena who arrived in September will stay for six months. Pia just arrived in November and will stay for three months. All three help in HOPE Home, HOPE Samvedna as well as in HOPE School.



**HOPE HOME** has a new Television donated by the founder of HOPE Home, Jo from the Netherlands.

Children are enjoying watching programs, especially News, Wildlife, Cricket, etc.

**Thank You, Jo!!**



## HOPE Dairy Farm

In November two new cows and two new calves arrived for the dairy farm that is situated on the HOPE Home campus. So far the dairy farm was delivered fresh milk to the village nearby, but now it is planned to sell the milk in Dehra Dun. The children of HOPE Home enjoy drinking fresh milk which is not yet sold.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2014**

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