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A Child- Friendly Joyful Learning Space for Tribal Students

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RAIN WATER HARVESTING: WAKALWADI, PUNE



#UnitedWeWin
#StrongerTogether

Leader Speaks



RAJESH KRISHNAN

Executive Director

Covid pandemic has thrown us many challenges at individual and organizational levels. The only mantra that kept whispering was 'Show must go on'. We had a responsibility of responding to the needy communities. With the cent percent commitment and a dedication of my team, I am proud that we have reached over 20L beneficiaries today, through variety of our covid relief response efforts.

Like anybody, we have gradually got back into the usual work mode with all the safety and precautionary measures. In this pandemic season, we were able to kick off innovative and effective programs especially in the area of environment. We did not let the pandemic stop us from hand holding our children towards their dreams. We reached out to every child with innovative and creative lesson plans digitally. The rural communities were supported with awareness programs on personal hygiene and family kits.

Importantly, the public health centers across urban and rural Bengaluru were identified and strengthened by providing required medical equipment such as HFNC Machines, PPE Kits and so on.

The little work we have done could not have been possible without the support from our stakeholders. I convey my sincere gratitude to each one who stayed with us in this quarter.

#WearAMask #WashAHand #StayHealthy #StaySafe

ICC Impact awards 2021



Two more feathers in our cap! We feel delighted and humbled to be recognized with the ICC Social Impact Awards for two of our programs - Winner for the One Million Drops (Environment sustainability) program and Runner Up for the LBGTIQ projects (Gender equality). We are grateful for this recognition, which also comes with an increasing responsibility on our part to keep up our efforts towards bringing change in the lives of people and our environment.

Angadihalli School

A Child-Friendly Joyful Learning Space for Tribal Students

Minority groups, especially tribal communities are often deprived of basic amenities and are also socially, economically, and educationally disadvantaged. To support such vulnerable communities, Collins Aerospace and United Way Bengaluru implemented the 'Village Nhancement Project' at Angadihalli, a remote village located in the Hassan district of Karnataka. The village constitutes more than 50% of its population under the Schedule Tribe category.



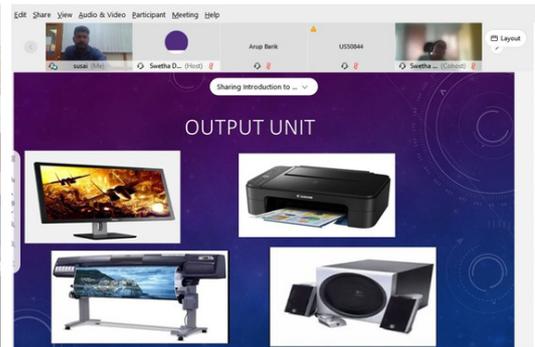
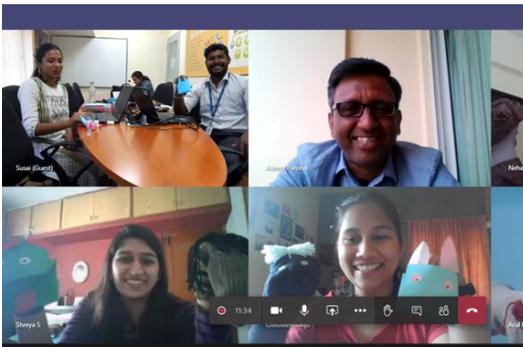
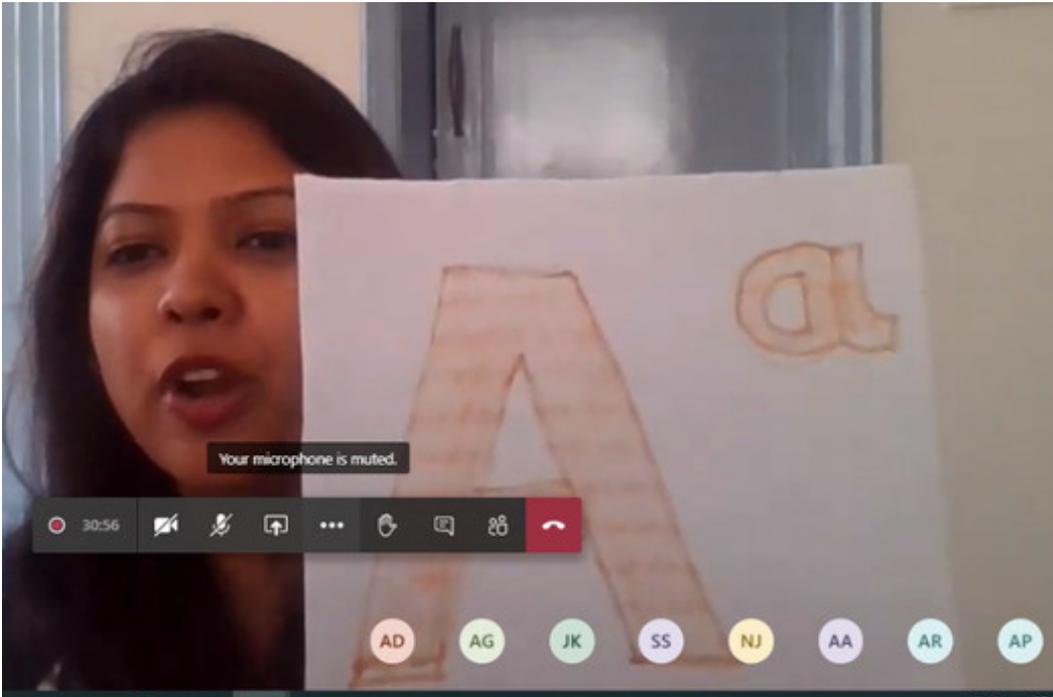
PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Government school located in the village vicinity lacked good infrastructure facilities and a conducive learning environment. United way in collaboration with Collins Aerospace, UWBe improved the school infrastructure by constructing a new building with four classrooms and also provided educational aids, benches, and other accessories that helped to create a safe and joyful learning space for the underprivileged children from the community who visited the school. This project was completed and handed over to the school in January 2021, and it is benefitting over 300 students of classes 1 to 7.

In addition to this, a Culture Center has also been built at the heart of the village, to promote social gatherings for the Hakki Pikkis tribal community and encourage the practice of their traditional art forms

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13 Virtual Volunteering Events | 850 Volunteers | 1000+ Man-hours | 850 Beneficiaries Mobilised



CONTEST ALERT

A new volume from April 2021 will have lots of corners to engage each one of you. One such element is showcasing your creativity and thoughts. Send us your essays, poetry, drawings, photographs and art works.
Contest Theme: "Together and Stronger" Send your entries on or before 20th March 2021

Write It! Win It!

Write a caption and win a gift hamper. The best 3 captions will win a hamper. The winners will be featured in our newsletter and social media channels. Last date: 20th March 2021.

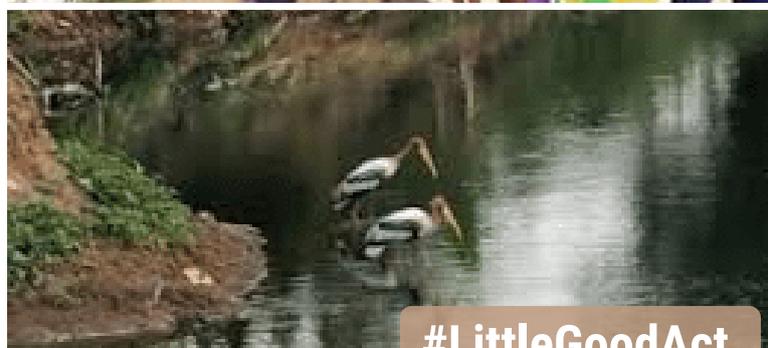
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DID
YOU
KNOW?

DRINKING WATER

- Water is needed in the process of sweating and removal of urine and feces.
- Water that is stored in the middle layers of skin comes to the skin's surface as sweat when the body heats up. To cool the body.
- Water delivers oxygen throughout the body; blood is more than 90% of water
- Kidney are in charge of regulating fluid in body, kidney stones are formed due to lack of water
- Water can prevent skin Ideally a person has to drink 3.5 litres of water to maintain the balance and stay hydrated
- from becoming vulnerable to skin disorders and premature wrinkling.



#LittleGoodAct

Suresh is an active environmentalist who raises public consciousness about tree planting and waste separation. observing the deterioration of Kanamangala Lake He has planted 5000 saplings on the lake's premises and takes children from his apartment on nature walks on weekends.

MEET

#UWBeBusyBee

DAVID KUMAR



We have all known of He-Man, Spinder Man...but have you seen a Water-Man? By now you must have guessed it right. Yes, it is our very own, David.

Mr David Kumar comes with a solid 18 years work experience in the social sector. His heart is amidst nature . Currently he is on a mission to revive the dried and encroached lakes of Bengaluru. His contribution towards reviving over 35 lakes in and around Bengaluru is remarkable. His day starts with identifying areas and water bodies that need attention and he does whatever it takes to address the problems and bring a postive change in the field of environment.

Looks serious, but you soon get to know about his pleasing personality as you start working with him. David, you are quite a star for us!

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Unlock your potential with good nutritious food

In the present days, eating nutritious food remains an important part of maintaining your health. While there are no specific foods that can help protect you and your children from the diseases, a nutritious diet can boost your immune system or help you fight off symptoms. United Way, in collaboration with the GVK technical team, demonstrated food recipes to SHG participants, mothers, and anganwadi teachers at Anganwadi's, where mothers were taught to cook different recipes using local products and nutritious leaves. In three anganwadis in Bengaluru, 90 mothers were taught about nutritious food recipes.

A Home for the Homeless

Thanks to Collins Aerospace

In India, there are over 1.77 million homeless people who do not have access to adequate healthcare or shelter. Reckoning the need, UWBe and Collins Aerospace came together to set up the St. Theresa Grace Hospital in Bengaluru. It is a free hospital cum shelter that can accommodate about 25 people at a time who need a roof above their heads and healthcare facilities.

St. Theresa Grace Hospital was inaugurated in February, this year. It is equipped with stretchers, wheelchairs, oxygen tanks, and other medical facilities. It also serves as a home for people who are in dire need of it.



BENEFICIARY



In Focus



Venkata Swamy was leading a happy family with his wife and three daughters. A self-made man, transformed his life from a hut to a sweet home filled with joy. Like every father, the only wish he had was to get his daughters settled by educating them and getting them married to a well-deserved partner. All was well until life had decided to get harsh on him and test his strength to survive.

On one sunny day, Venkata Swamy got to his usual work of climbing trees and plucking the tender coconuts. Despite being careful, he fell from the tree hurting his back and knees. Family had to sell all the jewels and the assets to meet the medical expenses. It was only after a few follow checkups, Venkata Swamy got to know his knee caps were also crushed in the whole incident. This made him immobile too. The real struggle started. With no ability to get back to work, living each and every day became miserable in his family. Leaving him home alone in this condition, Mahadevamma, his wife too could not do much to run the family and meet their daily expenses. Her own health issues also stood as a hurdle.

Venkata Swamy's family was identified to provide financial support under the livelihood initiative supported by Continental. Having assessed the strengths, capacities and limitations of the family, opening a small petty shop seemed the best self-employment option.

And, there stood a small petty shop within their home premises. Now, they are earning approximately 3500 rupees every month. With this 'big amount', the medical expenses are met without any difficulty. They are also able to afford extra nutrition such as fruits apart from the regular provisions to prepare their daily meals.

NGO PARTNER



Gubbachi was founded in 2015. Gubbachi is working hard to mainstream students "out of school". The key goal of this initiative is to provide migrant workers' children with a high-quality education as well as healthy meals at school. Teachers are multilingual and can sensitively bridge the language gap. They have an Early Childhood programme that assists the siblings of Gubbachi's older children with education and pre-schooling. Individually paced plans are used to teach math, Kannada, and English. Gubbachi works with the Headmasters of these schools to engage in cultural events, provide services to all students, and maintain a child-friendly atmosphere. Gubbachi also deals with the families of migrant workers. They assist in obtaining aadhaar cards, labour cards, bank accounts, and health check-ups etc.

'CARE': CARING FOR ANIMALS

When we share the planet with animals, we also must reach out to them when they need us. Charlie's Animal Rescue Centre (CARE), a shelter for animals was started by Deloitte and UWBe to provide medical aid to injured, ill and neglected animals of the street in Bengaluru city. Today, CARE is home to many endangered animals, 300 dogs, 100 cats, two pigs, and six hens who were rescued. Deloitte recently equipped the animal shelter with scanning machines and medical supplies.



MITR COVID TESTING LAB



On the clarion call of the Prime Minister and under the guidance of the office of the Principal Scientific advisor to Govt India, IISc Bangalore and SID with support from United Way Bengaluru, an NGO and in partnership with Corporates – Parexel and State Street Corporation supported a mobile multipurpose diagnostic lab - Nodal Hub. This is a 20ft container on a Bharat Benz chassis intended for sample and kits storage, biomedical waste management and master mix preparation. This unit can also function as an independent testing unit with the recently launched CRISPR FELUDA test by Tata Medical and Diagnostics, can be used for research purpose and vaccination drive as well.



WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION





PHOTO CORNER



Cleaning drive at BM Kaval by St. Joseph by NSS students



Students mentorship program at Sompura



DXC technology volunteering event

