

# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

## **October to December 2017**

#### Jumble Sale

Two happening jumble sales with fabulous bargains on household items, gift articles and personal computers took place at Cardinal Gracias School, Bandra and Vivekanand School, Navi Mumbai. This event managed entirely by our beneficiaries from Chembur, Bandra and Panvel centers was a great first-hand experience in retail marketing for them.

## Concert at NCPA

A few of our alumni got an opportunity to attend a musical program at National Centre for Performing Arts (NCPA), Mumbai. This program showcased a dialogue between 'Western Renaissance Music and Indian Classical Poetry' and was produced by INSTITUT FRANCAIS in association with Alliance Française India.

## Financial Literacy

Kiran Bhave, a Senior Manager from LTI conducted a basic session on financial literacy for our beneficiaries at the Vashi centre. He discussed the basic concepts of banking such as savings, types of banking transactions and Net banking. Furthermore, he showed them in person the simple steps of 'How to write a sample Cheque' and some simple Net Banking transactions. Beneficiaries found this instructive session very helpful.

## **Exposure Visit**

Our Vashi centre beneficiaries were taken to the ITM group of Institutions, Khargar for a corporate visit. This visit comprised a tour of the ITM IT department followed by an informative session on data management and data security.

#### Our Heroes!

Our differently abled alumni working in HDFC Bank participated in the blood donation drive conducted by the HDFC bank. They received a participation certificate for their noble service to society.













## Happenings at Empower Youth Centers

- Sujaya Foundation was recognized as a Silver Certified Partner by NIIT Foundation under its NGO Accreditation Program 2017-18. This certificate was awarded in recognition of our partnership with NIIT foundation for training support and certification of underprivileged youth in basic IT.
- LTI invited Sujaya Foundation to participate in the 'Joy of Giving' event for two days. On the first day, few of the Vashi centre beneficiaries put up a stall of snacks and sweets. On the second day, a sensitization booth was put up by the beneficiaries to teach the basics of sign language to the LTI employees.
- Sujaya Foundation was invited by the Shipping Corporation of India to put up a product stall at their premises in Mumbai. The objective of this initiative was to encourage entrepreneurial skills among individuals. A small group of our differently abled beneficiaries put up a stall of homemade chocolates which was a hit among the patrons.
- Beneficiaries from our Bandra, Kurla and Vashi centers have been placed in Corporate offices such as the ITM group of Institutions, Webtel India, Access Systems and HDFC Bank. They have been hired for Data Entry and Back Office roles.







## World Disability Day

World Disability Day was celebrated joyously across our Bandra, Kurla and Vashi centers. Beneficiaries were sensitized about their rights and privileges as per the Disabilities bill 2016. We had a few helpful volunteers who spent time with the beneficiaries to understand the challenges they faced in their everyday life.



#### Volunteer Farewell

Destiny Espinoza, a student from the University of California volunteered with us and taught English to our STeP students at the Bandra centre. A small farewell was organized as a token of appreciation for her helpful services.





#### Refresher Training for SF Trainers

A refresher training workshop was organized for the Computer teachers of Sujaya Foundation at the Chembur centre by our volunteer Vishal Thakker. The training focused on understanding the basics and advanced features of MS Excel. The learnings from this session will be utilized for strengthening MS Excel skills of our beneficiaries.



#### Volunteer's Reflections

"Sujaya Foundation has been working with the less fortunate students for a long time now. Their dedication and strive to bring a better world to these beneficiaries are commendable. Every faculty member really welcomes them with open arms to become part of their growing family. The guidance, counseling, mentoring apart from the regular training makes these learners confident in a short time. Their mentors try to provide the best suitable environment by providing interview opportunities as per their skills. They are always there for assistance of these learners." - Tanushree Gorai, Certified Soft Skills Trainer Image Senior Volunteer with Sujaya Foundation

#### NIIT Certificate Distribution

Our beneficiaries were certified successfully passing the basic Examination conducted by NIIT Foundation. The certificates were awarded by Mr. Khushroo Khambata - CEO of DL Shah Trust for Applied Science, Technology, Arts & Philosophy. DL Shah trust had sponsored our beneficiaries to appear for NIIT's basic IT examination.



## Dance Movement Therapy

A Dance Movement Therapy session was conducted for the Panvel centre beneficiaries by Reshmi Magdum - an Art Based Therapy graduate from TISS. This session helped our beneficiaries to connect with their inner selves with the help of music and dance.

