



FOSTER CARE SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT — 2019-20

VISION

To inspire society to reach optimum developmental standards, by ensuring the best interest of the children without any compromise for families and their communities.

MISSION

1. To work from the ground level with the help of families and communities to improve the social development issues related to education, health, family preservation, etc.
2. To associate with the government for better implementation of government rules, acts, and schemes.
3. To promote the better implementation of foster care experiences through best practices and research on the subject.
4. To build, develop, and monitor the movement in Indian Society from non-institutional care as a first resort to Institutional care as the last solution.
5. To create an atmosphere for family preservation, adoption, sponsorship, and aftercare based on government schemes and its promotion.
6. To create an atmosphere in society for eradicating various social issues, provide support in development, and achieving the national and global sustainable goals.

LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

OUR TEAM

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Family Support Center
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Senior Associate,
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WHAT WE DO

- Provide a link between loving families and children who are eligible for foster care through partnerships with the government and NGOs.
- Continue to support the 13 children who have been placed in foster homes through our interventions.
- Provide training, monitoring, and case management services to foster families in Udaipur and surrounding districts.
- Prepare children for placement by providing counseling to explain the process of foster care to them if they are able to understand.
- Prepare foster parents and their families for placement through counseling services related to attachment, bonding, and acceptance of the child.
- Provide post-placement counseling services.
- Case monitoring and support for behavioral, educational, or other transitional concerns after placement.
- Ensure that this transition process is a positive and life-changing experience for the child and family.
- Provide support and family strengthening services through Parivar Sahyog Kendra, our local Family Support Center.
- Link families to government programs for pensions and aid for children in order to help families at risk of separation stay together.
- Host community meetings to help identify community needs, connect with those who are seeking services, and empower community members to advocate for their families.
- Provide free classes and programs partially run by community members for school-aged children during the summer holiday.
- Address the ever-changing needs of children, parents, communities, and systems within the context of Indian society which is just beginning to establish a system for foster care.



MAY 2019
Khanjipeer, Udaipur

HIGHLIGHTS 2019

Summer Activities with the Community Kids



Beneficiaries- 50 children

During the summer we engaged around 50 children from the community in various activities. These activities include but are not limited to: recycling, yoga, card making, good touch and bad touch workshops, English and Math workshops, and "Best out of waste, dance" technique which is a technique of suggesting action, character, or emotion without words, using only gesture, expression, and movement.

May 2019
Khanjipeer, Udaipur

WORKSHOP ON CHILD SAFETY



Had an informational workshop on child protection. It was facilitated by the 'CHILDLINE India Foundation' team members. 51 community children attended it. In this workshop, the children were provided information about child safety through a movie. They were informed about the difference between a good touch, and a bad touch. The children were told about the services provided by CHILDLINE. They were also made aware of the child helpline number-1098. We extend our sincere gratitude to Vimala Chouhan and Bhawana ji from the CHILDLINE

Beneficiary- 51 Community children



In collaboration with DCR Udaipur, supported by CERI and Lamb International, the past weekend, Foster Care Society conducted a two-day training for our existing and potential foster families. The training was also attended by the Child Welfare Committee, the Specialized Adoption Agency, the District Child Protection Unit, Children Home's counselors, and team and board members of Foster Care Society.

This training focused on two major topics- 'Minimizing the trauma of placement', and 'The effects of care giving on the caregiver'. These topics had other subtopics like trauma of a foster child, creating emotional safety for the child, burnout, and self-care.

We had a few participatory activities conducted by our co-trainer Dr. Shilpa Mehta. The two days ended after a good discussion between the parents and the CWC members.

We are thankful to our lead trainer and expert of this program, Mr. Devashish Mishra, who travelled to Udaipur for this training session.

We are honoured that CWC members - Dr. Rajkumari Bhargav, Mr. B. K Gupta and Mr. Harish Paliwal, SAA Social worker - Mr Deenbandhu, and CCI counselor - Dr. Anita attended the training, and gave assurance in further providing Foster Care Society their full support.



May 2019
Udaipur

ON SITE CAPACITY BUILDING

TRAINING

June 2019
Udaipur



Foster Care Society gave presentation on restoration, rehabilitation, social reintegration, NIAC services, and social protection schemes. This was part of an on site capacity building training on CCIs in Udaipur. Participants were taught about the topics listed above through various activities and examples from the work of FCS and its affiliates. Special thanks to CRC and HCM RIPA for organizing such an informative training program

Beneficiary- 20 Social workers of CCIs

INCOME GENERATION WITH OUR COMMUNITY PROGRAM — FCS

June 2019, Udaipur

Foster Care Society has helped create and implement a six month stitching training for women with support from Women Polytechnic College, Udaipur. This is one of the many community development programs that we have created in order to help keep families together and happy. One of the women who attended this training was Nazreen, who completed the course and received a certificate. The next month we helped connect her with an opportunity to make 50 pouches using her new skills. After completing this project and receiving payment she expressed great optimism and interest in continuing her work.



Beneficiary- One women who has successfully completed 6 month stitching training ←

STATE LEVEL CONSULTATION

July, 2019
Jaipur

The founder and president of FCS, attended a state level consultation organized by RSCPCR in collaboration with UNICEF in Jaipur . The purpose was to develop a vision and mission by creating a road map of activities and priorities for the coming year. These activities and priorities will be related to creating child friendly, safe, and protective environments to ensure the well being of children. NGOs and other stakeholders presented their challenges and suggestions to those who attended the consultation.



NATIONAL CONSULTATION

October , 2019
Bangalore, India

Honored to be a resource person in National Consultation on Foster Care organized by Don Bosco, Bangalore in collaboration with UNICEF, BREADS and DWCD and sharing Udaipur Rajasthan's experience on Foster Care. The program aimed to bring together foster care experiences, good practices from across country and propose changes in the procedures and policies for the implementation of foster care. So grateful to the organizers for bringing all eminent child activist under one roof to bring concrete action plan for foster care all over India.





HEALTH CAMP



**August, 2019
Udaipur**

FCS in collaboration with GBH American Hospital helped facilitate a free health camp for local families in need. They were checked for general health, women's health, and diabetes related issues. After the doctors were finished with their assessments they were given free medications based on their need. We had a great turnout with 70 in attendance.

Beneficiaries- 70 community people

EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP

September, 2019
Udaipur

Getting a sponsor is not mere banking the cash or making available the required amenities, it's a new ray of hope in the path of challenges that the recipient is going through!

When Foster Care Society was approached by a mother, who is fighting for her divorce case, whose son is in her husband's custody and she is now taking care of her daughter on her own, we were definitely touched by the struggling phase that she is going through. The lady is now living at her maternal home and struggling hard to meet her financial needs and social liabilities. This mother is not having a fixed source of income yet, but she want her daughter to continue her education.

Foster Care Society presented her story to the potential sponsors and soon got help from a humble sponsor. Our sponsor has taken the responsibility to sponsor the education fees of this girl child for the entire academic session, including payment of stationary, admission fees and monthly fees. Now the girl child is continuing her education! The happiness and satisfaction on the faces of this mother-daughter speaks louder than words.

Foster Care Society would sincerely like to thank our sponser Mr. Pankaj and would appreciate the willingness of those who would like to help us in moving forward on this path of humanity.



OUR COMMUNITY WORK

June 2019
Udaipur



Jaitoon, a widow and mother of 10 children, has endured significant hardships. She has experienced significant health problems along with her son, who had a stone in his gall bladder. He required several surgeries which were very expensive. With financial help from one of our gracious supporters Mr. Vishal we sponsored her and her family by providing groceries for one month. This is one of the many ways in which we work to keep children with their families.

Beneficiary- One community family

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July, 2019
Udaipur



The community center of Foster Care Society identified a 30 year old woman in need whose husband died in 2018, leaving her with two children. She has filled out documentation to receive widow pension but has not yet received any benefits and does not earn much money through her work. We asked her about her needs and she said that it would be helpful if groceries could be provided to her family. We then connected the family with one of our generous donors, Vishal ji , who has helped provide them with one month of groceries.

OUR TRAINING PROGRAM IN STITCHING

July, 2019
Udaipur



Representatives from Vidya Bhawan Polytechnic College Udaipur came to speak with participants in the stitching program we help facilitate. The program lasts for six months and is held three hours a day, six days a week. The participants were encouraged to fully engage with the program and apply the skills that they learn to earn money as well as help their households. We hope to see these women earning money to help themselves and their families in the coming months.

Beneficiaries- 30 women



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TOWARDS OUR SUPPORTS

November, 2019
Udaipur



Under the Child Safety Week, today an amazing session on child safety was conducted by Foster Care Society for the children of J V Public School! Ms. Shraddha, Child Protection Trainer from Ashadeep Sansthan gave a deep insight to our children about child safety and how to keep themselves safe from danger. Much thanks to Ms. Shraddha! A short film on child safety was shown to them and children were also briefed about Childline. 70 children participated in the session with full enthusiasm and enjoyed refreshment later! We are thankful to our generous donor, Mr. Vishal Dadhich ji, for supporting us with food sponsorship. We are also thankful to Dr. Seema Sukhwani, Director and Mrs. Saroj, Principal, JV Public School for inviting us to conduct this beautiful session!

December, 2019
Udaipur



Foster Care Society organized a capacity building workshop for the women of one of the slum area of sector 14, Udaipur. Around 35 women participants were trained to make doormats and rugs using unused clothes and jute. Foster Care Society sincerely thank our trainer and Expert, Mrs. Preeti Soni for imparting this beautiful training which helped these community women to bring out their skills and imaginations. We also thank Ms. Shraddha from Ashadeep foundation for coordinating the arrangements in the community. We hope that this workshop will help these women to think in a new way about self empowerment and skill development. We are glad to share with you the video of a participant showing their experience about the training.

December, 2019
Udaipur



Creativity and pure little minds is one of the best combination in this world!!!

On behalf of Dr. Shilpa Mehta and Mrs. Anuradha Rai, Foster Care Society extend it's gratitude to JV Public School for inviting them as their guests and judges for the closing ceremony and exhibition organised to present the works of three days of SUPW camp held in the school.

We really appreciate the hard work done by the students, their mentors and teachers for working so beautifully on every aspect of the growth of the child, like making best out of waste, practicing yoga aasanas, plantation, learning and working with environment.

We congratulate Dr. Seema Sukhwani, Director and Mrs. Saroj Pundir, Principal, JV Public School for conducting this camp successfully and giving a chance to their students to bring out their creativity. Many best wishes to all of them!

January, 2020
Udaipur



We are glad to inform you that under our community development program, we have recently formed a self help group in the name of "Bandhan SHG" and instantly got an opportunity to display the products made by the women of this SHG at the "Amrita Haat Mela" that is organized in Gandhi Ground, Chetak Circle, Udaipur from 14th February to 20th February. We are so happy that the products formed by our beautifully empowered community women are getting appreciative response at this fair!!! Hope this event will strengthen them more economically and will motivate us to put more efforts towards their betterment!



OUR GUEST AND CONTRIBUTOR

February, 2020
Udaipur



Even though their arrival onto any scene is unsilenced, we have to admit that when like-minded bike enthusiasts with an inclination towards responsible riding with a cause come into your proximity, contact them to be a part of all the fun!!

With this same enthusiasm, on 26th February' 2020, Foster Care Society felt immense happiness to welcome a bikers group in our beautiful city. The group included 15 members coming from France and Canada and were led by Mr Atul Bhardwaj, from AB Original Tours. We welcomed the group at JV Public School, where the guests were welcomed in a traditional Indian style and then our board member Mrs Anuradha Rai briefed them about the work our society is doing and about the areas where the donation given by them will be utilised.

Later the group had a look at our small exhibition of "Saksham" and with an open heart, they praised the products made by our community women and also benefited us with the purchase of some of the items. We are truly thankful to Mr Atul Bhardwaj for giving us this opportunity once again to welcome the bikers group and to show the world the work Foster Care Society is doing at ground levels.



FINANCIALS

EXPANDING HORIZONS



The first hug from a child feels like the world is yours and it makes you understand the warmth and beauty that this world signifies.

Foster care society is not just an organization but a family, a family to those who need support, love, care and for every child who deserves all the love in this world.

To make a difference in lives of people who are willing to believe in the meaning of love, care and happiness.

Our aim is yet to be achieved, with all the work we do and which inspires us to do more and be more.

To empower the women's of our community and support their visions.

We are ready to make change and encourage all around us who are willing to help us and support us, with new plans and strategies.

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