

Since there is no place large enough to contain

# Much Happiness

you shrug, you raise your hands, and it flows out of you into everything you touch. You are not responsible. You take no credit, as the night sky takes no credit for the moon, but continues to hold it, and share it, and in that way, be known.

Naomi Shihab Nye



# 'Normal' was never our thing



'Normal' has never changed the world for the better. And now we have a 'new' normal, with the pandemic, especially the cruel second wave, revealing our collective strength and inner resources we never knew we had. In defeat and tragedy, the kindness of human beings (one individual action at a time) helps us bear the loss, the grief, the sadness. Much of what we did this year was not about disability but about being human.

Lockdown made resources and time both scarce and abundant. Both triggered innovation and creativity. Within a few weeks, our staff embraced new technology and resumed full-scale services. The positive response from parents inspired us to stretch further every day.

We helped people whom the pandemic had hit hard pay for medicines, groceries, school fees and other necessities. We delivered masks and pulse oximeters, sourced oxygen cylinders and found hospital beds. Some staff took this on as a personal mission, inspiring all of us with their dedication and selflessness.

We've always believed that when we plan for the most vulnerable, the world works better for everyone. The pandemic has proved just how vulnerable we all are. We're hopeful that the collective, global experience of disability it has imposed will inspire us to work for the inclusive world we all dream of.

2020—21 was busier than usual but we're keeping this year's annual report brief. Instead of a laundry list of activities and achievements, we want it to celebrate you – our staff, friends, participants and cheerleaders. Super briefly, we piloted a program to entertain children with storybooks at home, worked with families in over 13 districts, advised families on their entitlements and helped them acquire those. Staff training continued with over 100 internal and external webinars. We continued to support evidence-based research in many areas, and work with government on audits and the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016, and much more, coming up on our website soon, so please swing by there for the details.

Most importantly, dear reader, thank you for joining our cause of a better world for disabled children. Thank you for believing in us even as the whole world teetered on the edge of a precipice. We're so grateful for the time and money you continually invest in us. Nothing we do would be possible without your support!

# The Centers

#### Gubbara

Children assessed: 66 Follow-up sessions: 636

Staff: 4

Expenditure: Rs 12.11 lakh

Karuna Vihar

Children enrolled: 62

Counselling sessions for families: 316

Staff: 15

Expenditure: Rs 60.59 lakh

Latika Vihar

Children enrolled: 48

Staff: 13

Virtual group sessions: 77 Expenditure: Rs 20.75 lakh

Early Intervention Center

Children enrolled: 62

Staff: 12

Hands-on training for parents: 361

Expenditure: Rs 59.01 lakh

Center for Vocational Training

Trainees enrolled: 59
Club sessions: 130

Staff: 16

Expenditure: Rs 66.14 lakh

Child Development Center

Total children enrolled: 69

Staff: 24

Counselling sessions for families: 372

Expenditure: Rs 66.97 lakh

Resource Center

Staff: 30 Internships: 8

Staff training sessions: 363 Expenditure: Rs 118.05 lakh

#### Voices



Having worked here for 26 years, I can say I love it here. It's a very safe workplace with numerous opportunities to learn and grow. New staff get a lot of support, everyone's ready to help. I've done many courses. There's a lot of concern for our families as well.

Shivani Kapoor joined the Foundation as a Teacher's Aide when we opened doors 26 years ago and is now a Senior Special Educator. She's a walking repository of stories of the exponential growth that the generosity of people like you have made possible.



I wouldn't want to go anywhere else because Vaibhav is so well looked after here. He likes going to school and has an environment where people understand him. All the services are good but the way the teachers work with the children has been most valuable to me. I've got so much support from LRF that I've recommended it to a friend in our village whose daughter has Down Syndrome.

Meenakshi Rawat moved to Dehradun from rural Uttarakhand so that her son, Vaibhav, 9, could join Karuna Vihar Special School two years ago.

Working with disabled children, like you do, requires that extra bit of everything a helping occupation demands and I see the folks here routinely bringing that extra bit of empathy, caring and interest to the lives of the children they work with. That's so rare and so special! I recommend that others donate to LRF because I know from personal engagement over many years that you use the resources transparently, frugally and in a spirit of trusteeship.

Deep Joshi has donated regularly to the Foundation since 2007.



As a doctor, I've seen that we don't have enough awareness or inclination about disability in our country. And LRF is headed by a woman, that too a nonnative, doing such great work! It inspires me!

Dr Vikas Grover has donated regularly to the Foundation since 2011.

#### Our Vision

A better world for children with disabilities.

#### Our Mission

To provide specialized, localized services to children with disabilities and their families and help others do the same.



## **Numbers**

13 Early Intervention Center children enrolled for UDID cards

13 Districts where Know Your Rights webinars were conducted

150+ Ration packages to families in need

119 Parents in sessions on disability certificates, rights and schemes

100+ Internal and external training webinars for staff

## **Additional Numbers**

Centers: 7

Children/ young adults attending online classes daily: 300

Articles published in newspapers and journals: 12

Children integrated in mainstream schools: 4

Children seen in community-based follow-up: 364

Parents trained and supported: 2971

Calendars Shared: 2000

Films produced:

LRF with the Indian Army

37 Asha Schools evaluated

1584 Children and families helped

464 Therapists and educators trained

### Big shout out to the Organizations that have donated to our cause

- HT Parekh for believing that early intervention is key
- Bajaj for its constant commitment
- Cushman and Wakefield for every possible kind of support
- Wipro for salary support for May—June 2020
- ASED for a new school bus
- APPI for three-year support for the Center for Vocational Training, Resource Center and Inclusion Program

## Disclosures



Female Staff: 76



Male Staff: 41

	Full-time Staff	Part-time Staff	Total
Female Staff	64	12	76
Male Staff	30	11	41
Total Staff	94	23	117

Slab	Female Staff	Male Staff	Total	
Above 500,000	7	7 3		
Rs.3,00,000—4,99,000	21		21	
Rs. 1,00,000—2,99,000	24	24 39 6		
Rs.75,000—99,000				
Rs.60,000—75,000				
Below 60,000				
	52	42	94	

Highest Salary Paid to Staff:
Rs 14,52,000 per year

Lowest Salary Paid to Staff:
Rs 1,07,436 per year

Foreign Travel Expenditure:Nil

# Balance Sheet as on March 31, 2021

	Particular	Sch	Local*	FC*	Current Year*	Previous Year*
Α	Sources of Funds					
	Capital Fund	1	7,377,526	8,637,213	16,014,739	13,137,804
	Endowment Fund	2	307,738		307,738	307,738
	Fixed Asssets Capital Fund	3	11,753,944	5,815,904	17,569,848	17,062,870
	Grants Pending Utilization	4	25,299,528		25,299,528	17,573,460
	TOTAL		44,738,736	14,453,117	59,191,853	48,081,872
В	Application of Funds					
	Fixed Assets	5	20,979,166	10,583,383	33,040,361	31,401,162
	Investments	6				11,329,806
	Current Assets, Loans & Advances					
а	Cash & Bank Balances	7	29,180,887	3,859,474	33,040,361	11,113,494
b	Security Deposits		129,000		129,000	129,000
С	Prepaid Taxes		57,718	12,800	70,518	139,113
d	Other Current Assets		180,637		180,637	206,220
			29,548,242	3,872,274	33,420,516	11,587,827
IV	Current Liabilities					
а	Expenses Payable		386,922	2,540	389,462	364,314
b	Creditors - Capital		5,401,750		5,401,750	5,401,750
	- Revenue		334,331	136,528	470,859	
С	Other Liabilities					470,859
			5,788,672	2,540	5,791,212	6,236,923
	Net Current Assets (III-IV)		23,759,570	3,869,734	27,629,304	5,350,904
	TOTAL		44,738,736	14,453,117	59,191,853	48,081,872

<sup>\*</sup>All figures in INR

# We were delighted to have guests and experts across fields join us at events, talks and special days:



Dr Ajay Sharma Consultant Neurodevelopmental Pediatrician and Clinical Director, Evelina London Children's Hospital, Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital, UK



Ritu Jain Core Team Member, Piramal Foundation and Jo's Life Coach



Dr Roopa Srinivasan Director of Developmental Pediatrics, Ummeed Child Development Center



Cathleen Chopra McGowan Assistant Professor, Santa Clara University College of Arts and Sciences



Rashmi Rangarajan Doctoral Degree Candidate, Faculty of Education, Monash University



Anand Chopra McGowan General Manager (Enterprise), UK and Europe, Emeritus



Lata Samant
Psychologist, National Career Service
for Differently Abled, Ministry of Labour
& Employment, Government of India



Prachi Deo Founder, Nayi Disha Resource Centre



Soumitra Pathare Psychiatrist and Directo, Centre for Mental Health Law & Policy, Pune



Arman Ali Executive Director, National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People



Sargam Mehta Walk Leader, Been There Doon That



Darshana Ramgiri Fashion Stylist and Blogger



Dr. Monalisa Padhee Program Head, Women's Wellness Initiative and ENRICHE Health, Barefoot College, Rajasthan



Subhash Vashisth Lawyer, Universal Design & Diversity Inclusion Specialist

#### Our Wonderful Board

has been instrumental in guiding our vision and helping us steer the course.



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### Our Volunteers and Interns

from far and near made an invaluable contribution to our work last year.



Neha Agarwal



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