



MUSKAN FOUNDATION FOR PEOPLE WITH MULTIPLE DISABILITIES

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OUR VISION

Every child with multiple disabilities should be able to live an independent, confident and happy life

OUR MISSION

To maximize the potential of children with multiple disabilities, by providing a nurturing environment, that offers customized, comprehensive and cost effective services and equips parents with the knowledge and confidence to sustain the child's development.

SOCIAL PROBLEM STATEMENT

Muskan foundation addresses the lack of services, awareness and support that hamper mainstream opportunities for children with multiple disabilities with visual impairment (MDVI).

NEWS AND UPDATE

Teachers Day Celebration

Muskan always appreciates the hard work and effort put by our teachers all round the year. Muskan foundation showed appreciation by felicitating all our teachers by organizing lunch at Angrezi Dhaba on 9th September 2019. The event was lively and teachers thoroughly enjoyed the day by playing games, and by taking pictures with their fellow team members. The event ended with a vote of thanks by our program coordinator which added an extra smile on everyone's face. We would also like to thank Angrezi Dhaba for providing great ambience, delicious food and a separate space for our team.



Ganpati Visarjan

Adieu to Ganpati Bappa. We bid him goodbye with sweet memories. Our children took beloved Ganpati to the seashore while singing 'Ganpati Bappa Morya Pudhchya Varshi lavkar ya' meaning Ganpati Bappa come back early next year. Our children learnt different concepts of auditory senses with Bells and Taal (clash cymbal). They learnt the difference between sand and rawa (semolina). Little Diya called sand as 'rawa', when asked what was it by her teacher. That is when our special educator took the opportunity to explain them what is sand, how does it feel, showed them ship and explained what it does, explained what is chowpati, and stalls; taught them how water feels like, sound of the waves, taught them what sea water constitutes of. The whole experience taught our children concepts beyond the school boundaries and with a lot of fun. Children said goodbye to Bappa while creating new memories and learning all the theories.



Workshop on Emotional Intelligence

Emotions play a very vital role in our life. Hence when emotions are handled well, it leads to healthy and balanced lifestyle and enhances the quality of life. Assessing and handling the emotions of our children is crucial and complex. Our Founder and Director, Mrs. Dipti Gandhi attended a workshop on "Teaching with Emotional Intelligence" organized by Maharashtra Dyslexia Association on 14th September 2019, conducted by Dr. Sudha Srikanth.

The workshop explained different techniques to assess and handle the emotions. The highlights included understanding emotions and emotional intelligence; neuroscience behind emotions; skills of emotional intelligence; emotional intelligence and managing emotions; and disciplining the EQ ways.



State Level Networking Meeting

Disability is a matter of concern for both the person and his parent. It not only imposes extra financial expenditure but also the social issues and psychological pressure. Muskan tries to help and assist all our children in all the areas, not just education and therapies but also in providing and empowering them with information. Hence we sent one of our teacher for "State Level Network Meeting" which was supported by Sense International. The agenda for the meeting was to provide information about vocational skills and job opportunities for person with disabilities. The workshop was informative and interactive.



CSR Visit at Muskan

The greatest gift someone could give is their precious time. We are filled with gratitude to have partners who take their precious time to visit our center and to meet our children. Mrs. Toral Mathuria from The Dalal Family Foundation visited our wadia center. Her presence and kind words motivated and inspired our teachers. The Dalal family foundation has been very generous and have not only extended financial support to our foundation but have also spared time now and then for our children. We feel privileged to have such strong partnership with them. It is their support and their belief in us which inspire us to help all the children and their families. We would like to thank The Dalal Family Foundation and Mrs. Toral Mathuria for her time and support.



Aadhar Card Camp

We are glad to share that Muskan organized aadhar camp for our children on 26th september at our bandra center. Children from all our centers availed of this opportunity as it was hassle free. Parents were filled with gratitude and thanked the Aadhar team and Muskan for making the process easier for their children. We are thankful to the Collector, Mumbai Suburban, for providing us with the facility so that we could successfully organize the camp.



Inhouse Training

Learning is an ongoing process. It never stops. It is the path to excellence. We at muskan believes in empowering all our teachers by growing their skill sets, knowledge and attitude by ongoing trainings. Muskan provides in-house training to our teachers with a belief to help them develop and boost their self confidence. During this in-house training, each center was divided into 2-3 groups and different topics under communication were assigned to each group. Our teachers read, researched, made educational material, made PPT's, videos, and flashcards for the presentation. They also enacted strategies to handle children with multiple disabilities and shared their own experiences to help other teachers learn about the topic. The presentations were well made and with utmost confidence explained by our teachers to their fellow teachers. All the teachers were happy to learn new topics. They were happy to learn new tactics from their fellow teachers.

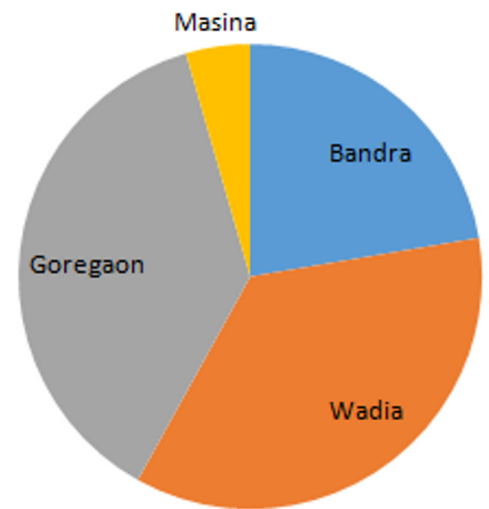


OUR STATISTICS

We strive to provide best services to all children. We are now able to cater to 112 children across all our 4 centers

Center	No. of Students
Bandra	25
Wadia	40
Goregaon	42
Masina	5
Total	112

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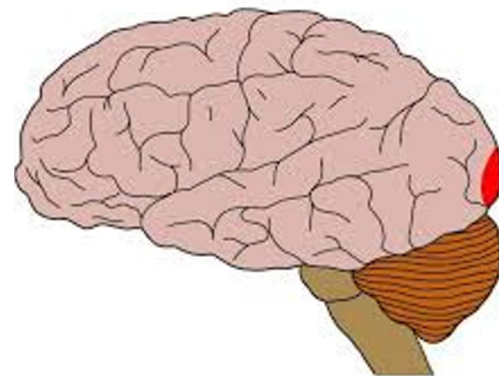
INFORMATION CORNER

DID YOU
KNOW ?

Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI) is a temporary or permanent visual impairment caused by the disturbance of the posterior visual pathways and/or the occipital lobes of the brain. The degree of vision impairment can range from severe visual impairment to total blindness.

Common characteristics of visual function demonstrated by children with CVI:

- Vision appears to be variable: sometimes on, sometimes off, changing minute by minute, day by day.
- One third of children with CVI are photophobic, others are compulsive light gazers.
- Color vision is generally preserved in children with CVI (color perception is represented bilaterally in the brain, and is less susceptible to complete elimination).
- Children may exhibit poor depth perception, influencing their ability to reach for a target.



HELP US CHANGE A STORY

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Your contribution can change the dreams of our children to reality. Help them in various ways:

- *Sponsor the education of a child in need*
- *Sponsor for therapies of the children in need*
- *Sponsor our events.*
- *Sponsor for the latest equipment and infrastructure facilities*
- *Volunteering for Muskan*

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