

MUSKAN FOUNDATION FOR PEOPLE WITH MULTIPLE DISABILITIES



Monthly News Letter

June 2022 Edition

Our Vision

Children with MDVI participate and are recognized in their families and communities, and realize their unique abilities in life.

Our Mission

Muskan maximizes the potential of MDVI children, by providing customized, low-cost therapies and special education under one roof, and by empowering parents with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to support their child's unique needs and development.

NEWS & UPDATE

In-House teacher's Training



Muskan Foundation believes in training the teachers on the go to be at par and in tandem with the new developments in the education system & in fields related to special education thus we started the academic year with our in-house training. Training sessions were interactive & group activities during the sessions promoted sharing ideas & engaging brainstorming sessions.

The training covered a wide range of subjects as follows, Introduction & Basic of Phonics, Preparing adults with Multiple disabilities for adulthood, Brain Gym, Speech Mechanism & Speech difficulties, Low vision & Practical Teaching Strategies, Theory of Mind, "How can I change myself to be more accommodative and happy?", Pre-vocational Curriculum, Teaching math to children with special needs Art Based Therapy, Role of Occupational Therapy in Activities of dail living, Child Development, Team Building Activity, Universal Designs, Cerebral Palsy Handling & Positioning.



Introduction to Universal Design of Learning (UDL) was conducted as part of our in-house teacher training program. The session was conducted by Ms. Yukti Gupta, Assistant Professor, SNTD University, Dept of Education. The objective of the session was to orient the teachers to the concept of UDL, understand its need and importance, and ways of inclusion and multi-approach classroom teaching.



We had Swami Swatmanandaji, from Chinmaya Mission at Muskan Foundation, who taught us how to work in a team and get the ultimate satisfaction of working in a team. The session though had a spiritual bent, he gave us the principles of Teamwork in a lucid but humorous and practical manner which could be related to incidents from our daily life.

School Re-opening



Muskan Foundation welcomed students on 15th June 2022 after a long vacation. Teachers at Muskan Foundation made the first day at school a happy, loving, and memorable experience for students by welcoming them in a creative way. As children with multiple disabilities need that extra sensory input to orient themselves & feel safe while being away from their parents, Muskan Foundation warmly greeted students for their academic year by ensuring the safety of every child & provide special education & therapy services, all under one roof. Muskan Foundation has 155 students enrolled for schooling and 163 children enrolled for therapy across all its centers.

Muskan Foundation's Panvel center inauguration

On 16th June, 2022 Muskan Foundation added yet another feather to its success cap by inaugurating the 5th center at Panvel, Kamothe.

The Center was inaugurated by our Founder, CEO Mrs. Dipti Gandhi in the presence of parents and the Muskan team. This Center will cater to the special needs of children with multiple disabilities and vision impairment. The services offered will be special education, behaviour therapy and vision rehabilitation therapy.



Our Founder, Trustee is on Ethical Committee for Medical Research



Zynova Shalby multi-speciality hospital known for world class healthcare services, has created its Ethical Committee for Medical research. We are proud to announce that our Founder & CEO Mrs. Dipti Gandhi is a member of this committee! Muskan Foundation is happy to partner with such organizations which believe in medical research to be an important facet of medical

services.

Helen Keller Day Celebration



Muskan Foundation celebrated World Helen Keller Day by conducting awareness and sensitization programs at multiple places within Mumbai. Muskan Foundation reached out to Anganwadi-CHV workers at Byculla, Secondary students at Safie Public School-Mazgaon, Secondary students at Mahatama Gandhi School, Bandra and Maharashtra Vidyalaya, Goregaon West, parents of special children at our Panvel Center.

The session was planned and executed by our special educators and social workers with an objective to create awareness about the importance of this day, understanding difficulties of persons with DB, sensitization activities, and sharing Orientation & Mobility techniques.



Case study of the month

Name of Student- Aashna Sharma

Age- 5.7 year

Disability- Vision Impairment + Autism spectrum disorder

Area of Development- Cognition

Goal of the Month- Matching or Sorting of 3D object

Session 1- Aashna was first shown as an object i.e, flower and peg. She explored the object by touching with finger & tried identifying & registering the shape and size of the object which was a flower & which was peg.

Session 2- Put the two objects together in a tray. She had a round box in her right hand and a rectangular box near her left hand. The flower was to be placed in a round box and a peg was to be placed in a rectangular container. She tried to understand the activity.

End of the month- On Identifying and understanding the difference with touch, She transferred flowers and peg objects and was able to match and sort objects.

Therapies and Activities

Physiotherapy

Name of the Student: Kruti Mehra

Disability: Dystonic cerebral palsy

Area of concern: head and trunk control, sitting, roll over, transitions

Goal: Control head in an upright position & look at toy for 5 seconds, sit independently for 5-10 seconds, rollover

When Kruti came for assessment:	With Regular Physical Therapy program Kruti can now:
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. She could not hold her head2. She had no trunk control3. She didn't roll over on her own4. She didn't come to sit or go on a quadruped.5. Didn't sit independently or with support6. Didn't use hands for anything	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. She is able to hold her head for 2-3 seconds.2. She initiates roll over to both sides.3. Sits with support for 5-10 mins4. Sits tripod for 1-2 seconds5. She does weight-bearing on her hands for 5 seconds

Parental Guidance: Home program techniques are frequently explained & taught to the mother. The need for a head roll & compressive garment for the child is explained to the parent

Occupational Therapy

Name of the child -Nimish Bore

Disability - Sensory Processing Disorder

Therapy -Occupational Therapy

Area of Concern- Sensory motor

Goal: Improve waiting patience, improve eye contact, improve identifying & naming, improve following commands, improve verbal imitation.

When Nimish came for assessment	After regular Occupational Therapy
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) He was very stubborn2) He had a lack of attention span3) He had poor eye contact4) He was restless5) He was not good at expressing and was poor with receptive & communication skills.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) He has learned to wait with patience2) He responds when addressed with his name3) He started following simple commands4) He started speaking & communicating5) He has started verbal and physical imitation.

PARENTAL GUIDANCE

For better communication, introduce objects and explain the procedure of every task.

HELP US CHANGE A STORY

Children with special needs require consistency with the special education programs and therapies to be functionally improving and attain maximum independence. With your trust and constant support, Muskan Foundation has been able to work towards providing low-cost services for children with special needs.

Our dreams are big. But we cannot travel ahead to complete the mission without your generous support. Therefore, we request to support the Special Education Program of children with multiple disabilities by sponsoring a Child's Monthly Education Program or Therapies on the following requirements.

Support one therapy session	Rs. 400
Support therapy assessment of one child	Rs. 1000
Support monthly therapies of one child with a disability for one month	Rs. 7200
Support a special education of one child with a disability for one month	Rs. 8000

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