



*"Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us." ~ Hal Borland*

As we step into 2020, we look back at our experiences in 2019 and acknowledge the milestones that we were able to achieve in bringing transformation. Here's a look at some of those new initiatives.

**Kannagi Nagar Inauguration**



As one of the largest re-settlement areas in the country, Kannagi Nagar is allegedly the hotspot for crimes in Chennai. After much research and analysis last year, we opened a new hub at Kannagi Nagar where we aim to reintegrate dropouts back in schools, provide holistic education and assist in rehabilitating youth dealing with substance abuse. We have over 31 children who are now part of these programmes.







We began Youth Club for children between the ages of 11-14 with a goal to help them face challenges in life. Children in Kannagi Nagar are at risk of dropping out of school, child marriage and are involved in substance abuse. We help these children become decision makers and change agents by equipping them with life skills. 11 children are part of the youth club.

### ***Muthukur Hub Inauguration***





We conducted a survey in the Muthukur village, Punganur in the past year and found that the major problems in the community were alcoholism and a high percentage of dropouts and slow learners. With the help of village and political leaders we started a new hub at Muthukur. We currently have an after-school programme for children, youth club, organic farming training for farmers, sports, anti-human trafficking awareness and vocational tailoring programme for women.

### *Potter's Wheel Farm House*







Potter's Wheel Farm House is a retreat center which is now open for groups to book for retreats, stay and have training. The buildings at our Punganur location have been renovated to suit the needs of the customers. We have had 6 different organisations that have availed our services in the past year.

### *My Body is My Body Programme*



My Body is My Body programme is one of the most successful, positive and fun filled musical "body safety" programmes that we use for our after-school programme children in Bangalore. This programme uses animation videos and musicals to teach child abuse prevention. 20 children have benefited from this programme in 2019.

### ***Baking Course***



Women from our self-help groups in Basin Bridge are part of our new Baking Course. We partnered with Cake Mall Institution and conducted a workshop for our women. Two women from the self-help group (SHG) were part of the next level training courses offered by Tamil Nadu Agricultural University. They concentrated on Millet based bakery products. These two women have now trained two other women. They have now started their own baking unit inside of the community. Learning this skill will open more employment opportunities for women in our SHG.

### ***Nallasopara***



Although it has only been 2 years since we started our hub at Nallasopara, there has been fast growth in the projects. People have welcomed the development and are willing to contribute towards it. We have started an after-school programme that provides holistic education for children and an Informal education programme to provide pre-school education for 5 - 16 year olds. In this programme, they also assist adolescents who have dropped out of school in finding other training opportunities. We also have a computer training center for youth at Nallasopara.

*Sports for girls*





For many years, we have had sports club for boys where we taught football. Recently, we started sports training for girls in Kamathipura and Nallasopara, Mumbai and the response from the parents and the girls have been positive. Coming from poverty stricken families and some from the red-light areas of Mumbai, sports has helped with behavioural modification and building self-confidence for these girls.





*“When everybody contributes a change to what he or she notices, it is then we will  
change our world.” ~ Sunday Adelaja*

These achievements were possible because of you, our supporters. We look forward to many more milestones this year with your continued support.

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