

A Proposal to Support JAMGHAT



Empowering Homeless Children

INSPIRATION FOR OUR PROGRAMS

The estimated figure of the children living on the streets of Delhi is a staggering 300,000. A normal day in their lives includes an acute lack of food and shelter, economic exploitation by employers, harmful exposure to drugs, physical and sexual abuse and harsh, often unfair treatment by the police.

While these children make substantial contributions to the city by working as rag pickers, tea stall attendants, restaurant waiters etc., they are looked upon with disdain and suspicion, often thought to be petty thieves, pickpockets and even criminals. Robbed of their childhood at an extremely young age, these children, as a result of a complete lack of understanding and compassion from the world at large, experience complete alienation from the mainstream society.

The rehabilitation of these children requires a holistic approach, as the children need healing and skills, while the mindset of society must change to a respecting, understanding perspective so as to give these children a chance to change their own lives.

ABOUT JAMGHAT

Who We Are

Established in 2003, Jamghat comprises of young adult professionals and volunteers with a variety of skills and experiences. We are a registered NGO that aims to help children living and working on the streets of Delhi to realize their dreams and re-join society by offering opportunities for street children and society alike to make changes in their lives.

Our Vision

Our ultimate vision is to rehabilitate children and give them confidence to take part in society, while educating society to allow their growth. We approach this by connecting three distinct groups of society, namely,

- (i) Resilient street children who are determined to improve their own lives,
- (ii) Dedicated youth volunteers who provide emotional and moral support to the children, and
- (iii) Older adults and well wishers who assist in resource mobilization.

Within such an arrangement, Jamghat carries the *vision* of *'providing food, shelter, education and livelihood opportunities for all children.'*

Our Mission

- ✓ To provide an environment where street children can evolve as physically and emotionally healthy, self-dependent individuals and living a life of their choice.

- ✓ To use street and stage theatre to nurture self confidence in the children and build awareness in society on key social issues related to street children.

Our Objectives

- ✓ Provide a residential program to children who are without a safe home or family
- ✓ Encourage and support reconciliation with families whenever possible
- ✓ Connect street children and the larger population through volunteerism and theatre
- ✓ Build volunteer and staff capacity to understand and address issues concerning street children
- ✓ Create an environment where street children are respected as individuals working for their livelihood.

Our Creative Beginning

In 2003, Action Aid India forwarded a grant to design a play about life on the streets. Fourteen street children came together with Theatre artists Amit Sinha and Lokesh Jain, and their lives were forever changed. The play was performed for Prince Charles and was such a success that it travelled India and abroad for the next 3 months

The experience nurtured self confidence and a feeling of capability in the children. They realize this and refused to return to the streets, despite lack of funds, they decided to live together and continue spreading awareness through theatre. Jamghat, a lively gathering, was born.

From this unplanned beginning, Jamghat has grown into the holistic organization it is today.

CURRENT INITIATIVES

Jamghat uses a four field approach to rehabilitate street children and connect them to the society while providing a platform to learn the realities of homelessness.

- 1. Indoor Program:** A supportive home in Lado Sarai where up to 15 boys live, learn and grow together as a family. The boys, aged 5-20, choose to join the home where they commit to healthy choices: overcoming drug and alcohol addictions, attending vocational training or formal/ non-formal education, eating complete healthy meals, and caring for each other as brothers. In addition to this, the children receive counseling and support in approaching their family whenever possible. Once fully trained in their respective fields, these children – then young adults – are free to move out as self-sustaining individuals to create their own independent lives.



2. Outdoor Program- Day Care Centre for street children in Old Delhi:



In partnership with Max India Foundation, the Day Care Centre offers food, bathing facilities, formal and non-formal education opportunities, and a safe place to be a child off the streets of Old Delhi. Activities at the centre include games, workshops, arts, sexual education and literary activities. Additionally, a doctor from the Max chain of Hospitals provides weekly medical check-ups for the children. Jamghat works to provide further support to any children interested in vocational or educational training.

3. Theatre: Generating awareness and funds

Created and lead by volunteers, this aspect aims to connect society at large to various social issues. Through street plays, stage plays and theatre workshops Jamghat works to generate awareness about social issues as well as funds for organizational support, while building awareness of self within these issues. We have worked with such organizations as: Child Relief and You, World Health Organization, World Bank, and International Labour Organization among others, to effectively spread the word about numerous social concerns.



4. Night walks: Creating experiential learning



This free, monthly, 4-hour walk aims to sensitize the public to the needs, dangers, and fun of being a street child. We guide a group of 25 people through Old Delhi from 8pm-midnight, walking through the streets, visiting shelters, and providing experiential learning about life on the streets. The walk is conducted in the commercial localities of Jama Masjid, Lal Quila, Kodia Pul and Fountain Chowk, which are form homes to thousands of homeless children.

REHABILITATION PROGRAM AT JAMGHAT

Phase Zero- Establishing contact and winning trust:

Through the Outdoor Program, our coordinators establish contact with various street children and gradually create a bond of trust with them. Often, street children visit the Indoor Program 'ghar' to confirm the rehabilitation promises made by the Jamghat team. As and when possible, a child is invited to move in to the Jamghat residence.

Phase 1 (months one and two) - Settling in:

The child is given space and freedom to adjust into the new setting and schedule without any pressures. During this time they are introduced to the basic ground rules of living in the Jamghat residence as well as the responsibilities it includes. Through continued guidance and counselling, the child is encouraged to think about a vocational/educational course.

Phase 2 (months two and three) - Choosing the path:

The child is asked to choose and decide upon a source of livelihood that he will work towards. Coordinators then explain the needs, expectations and demands required by the path of his choice. When a final and a well informed decision is made by the child, Jamghat takes the required steps to initiate the process.

Phase 3 (month's four to nine) - Training and learning:

Now focus is put on learning the desired skill to the best of the child's ability. Besides the vocational skill, Jamghat tries to equip the child with other necessary life skills required to be a good employee. These include responsible behaviour, honesty, communication skills and punctuality. This phase is particularly demanding for the child who is required to absorb knowledge and sharpen his skills. On the other hand the younger children will attend regular school and they will not be part of these trainings, for them we have art classes or music or dance or theatre activities.

Phase 4 (month's ten to twelve) - Mainstreaming:

This is when Jamghat hunts for a suitable job for the young child and helps him adapt to the new routine. After the child secures a job, he continues to stay at the Jamghat residence for a couple of months till he is fully confident of moving out. The younger children will be part of Jamghat till they turn 18 years old and will attend regular school like any other mainstream child – post this period Jamghat will find a suitable part time job for these children and ensure that they get enrolled to regular or part time college.

Follow up phase:

Jamghat maintains contact with the child to ensure his safety and well-being. Often, the child requires additional counselling and guidance as they enter into new pressures. Children may also need financial or physical assistance to tide over certain issues.

JAMGHAT AND YOU- How your contribution will help us grow

Financial shortfalls- Jamghat

In order to ensure that the effectiveness of Jamghat as an organization continues to grow, we have restructured our administrative team to ensure that every child that we focus on is given more individualized attention and care.

While doing so, it has become apparent to us that we need more paid workers who can give us professional inputs and allow a more sustained and concentrated approach towards the holistic attitude that we adopt towards the children.

The shortfalls we face in our operating budget are considerable and in times of erratic funding can almost equal themselves to half of the periodic expense, this leads us to inevitably compromise on issues like skill building for children, salaries of the professional's employed and other related aspects which cumulatively result in our effectiveness suffering.

While we urgently feel the need to induce more children into our shelter, we have also realized that simply taking them off the streets is not the complete solution, especially if we are unable to provide the financial backing that may be required in order to complete their rehabilitation. After 6 years of expansion, the need to consolidate is more vital than ever before.

As would be evident from the words given above, all funding by **Asha** would be oriented towards the smooth functioning of the organisation thereby resulting in more children getting rehabilitated in as best a manner as possible.

For details regarding financial expenditure please refer to the budget given in the next page:-

Jamghat's Annual Budget for Indoor (All figures are in INR)

Item	Description	Cost (For 15 children and 2 staff)	Amount
Lodging	Rent	15,000 per month	1,80,000
	Electricity	2000 per month	24,000
	Sub Total		2,04,000
Boarding	Food	Monthly ration including gas – 20,000 rupees	2,40,000
	Utilities	Dishwashing soap, buckets etc.	7,200
	Sub Total		2,47,200
Clothing	Daily wear, uniforms, winter wear, foot wear, under garments	Three set of clothing and two pairs of footwear + school uniforms as applicable @ 6,000 per child	90,000
Medical	Regular check ups and medicines	Monthly check up at Rs 200 per check-up and general medicines @ 2000 per month	60,000
	Sub Total		1,50,000
Education and development	Private Tutor	7000 per month for a private tutor	84,000
	Other trainings	3 workshops every year at 1,500 per workshop	4,500
	Education materials	School books, art books, stationary etc 2000 per child	30,000
	Outings and recreation	2,000 per month	24,000
	Counselling	5,000 every month	60,000
	Sub Total		2,02,500
Communications	Telephone	2,500 per month	30,000
	Internet	800 per month	9,600
	Postage/Courier	500 per month	6,000
	Sub Total		45,600
Conveyance and Travel	Local – Official Purpose	5,000 per month	60,000
	Local – School Going Children	6,000 per month	72,000
	Sub Total		1,32,000
Honorary	2 Care Takers	6,000 per month	1,44,000
	Programme Head	20,000 per month	2,40,000
	Sub Total		3,84,000
Miscellaneous	Miscellaneous	1,500 per month	18,000
	Sub Total		18,000
Grand Total			13,83,300

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ANNEXURES

Annexure 1: Management Arrangements

MR. AMIT KUMAR SINHA, DIRECTOR

Date of Birth: 15th March 1979

Educational Qualification: B.A. (2003), Delhi University

Background:

The founding member of Jamghat, Amit Sinha hails from Bihar. He moved to Delhi ten years ago and adopted both its city and some of its street children. During his years at the Delhi University, Amit actively trained himself in theatre. As it would turn out, theatre eventually became his source of activism and source of livelihood. Amit directed his first play in 2001, as a result of which his reputation as a fine theatre artist grew by leaps and bounds. Action Aid, a noted NGO, spotted Amit's talent and urged him to direct a play on street children for Prince Charles who was visiting India back in 2003. It was after this experience that Amit decided to start Jamghat, work for the cause of street children and practice theatre for life.

Association with other organizations:-

1. **Pravah:** An organization working with and for adolescents and young students with the aim to instill social consciousness and leadership qualities. Amit joined this organization and was subsequently offered a fellowship to run Jamghat. Amit spent three years with Pravah.
2. **Greenpeace:** Conducted plays based on 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy and its aftermath. The campaign was called 'No more Bhopal'. Amit acted in street mime plays that were performed across the country.

3. **Cricket for Peace:** Amit worked as an organizer and a coordinator for this campaign that involved children from various organizations, including those in Pakistan.

MR. VASUDEV R, PROGRAMME HEAD

Date of Birth: 28th April 1984

Background:

Schooled in Delhi in Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan , Vasudev completed his education from Delhi University , while in college he was actively associated with AIESEC , an organization which invests in youth leadership while facilitating international internships , it has the distinction of being the worlds largest youth organization. During his stint there, Vasudev was involved voluntary work with regards to projects relating to fund raising as well as aspects of event management and operations. He has since then been associated with Futurestep- A Kornferry Company and CACIM – Critical Action Center In Movement.

While at CACIM, Vasudev was specifically involved with WSF (World Social Forum), where seminars were conducted in relation to the functioning of the same, it was through this platform that he decided to lend his own time, effort and unique skill set to a more worthwhile cause, a cause which Jamghat epitomizes.

SUNIL AND RAJAN, INDOOR CO-ORDINATORS (EX – JAMGHAT BOYS)

✓ **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Mr. Indu Prakash Singh	--	President
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Mr. Lokesh Jain	--	Vice President
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Mr. Saumya Sen	--	Joint Secretary
Mr. Ram Kishan	--	Treasurer
Mr. Amit Kumar Sinha	--	Director
Mr. Ajay Mahajan	--	Executive Member
Dr. Renu Garg	--	Executive Member

Annexure 2: Children currently at Jamghat Indoor Programme Home

Serial No.	Name	Age	Educational/ Vocational Training Status
1.	Saddam	5 years old	Attending Mira Public School (run by the Aurobindo Society)
2.	Sharif	5 years old	Attending Life Center Academy in Nursery
3.	Arbaaz	9 years old	Attending Life Center Academy in L.C – 2
4.	Aamir	9 years old	Attending Life Center Academy in L.C –1
5.	Firoz	9 years old	Attending Life Center Academy in L.C –1
6.	Prasanjeet	11 years old	Attending Life Center Academy in L.C –2
7.	Shabaaj	12 years old	Attending Life Center Academy
8.	Aman	14 years old	Attending Life Center Academy in L.C –2
9.	Rajeev	15 years old	Currently in Class 5 th (Open School) and also doing a computer course in Depaalya Vocational Training School
10.	Rahis	15 years old	Currently doing a computer course in Depaalya Vocational Training School
11.	Ravi	17 years old	Currently working with Sanskriti School where he is learning to recycle paper.
12.	Ali	18 years old	Currently looking for a job

Annexure 3: Programme Structure

