

Friends of Children

Empowering children through education



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...and you have the power to fulfil it."

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Our Mission

- To facilitate a better future for children from economically backward sections of society, through the medium of education.
- To spread awareness, on the necessity for quality life and quality education for children from all walks of life.

WHO WE ARE

Friends of Children (FOC) is a group of like minded individuals in Pune who have an urge to contribute their share to society and make a change. FOC started its activities in Pune in the year 2003 and has now spread its support to needy students from Narayangaon, Junnar, Ale, Manchar, Baramati, Ghodegaon, Someshwarnagar, Saswad and Sangli and Rajgurunagar.

Our activities focus on

- College and exam fees for poor meritorious students from Class 11, until they are employed. Over 1500 students reached to date and Rupees 67 Lakhs disbursed as fees
- Week long residential camps held annually to hone exceptionally bright students in life skills and soft skills
- Monthly workshops held in all regions on career guidance, emotional management, life skills etc.
- Mentoring students on a one to one basis through a large volunteer network
- Providing textbooks, reference books, and good fiction books through libraries to all students
- Conducting finishing courses for senior students, preparing them for recruitment through mock interviews, group discussions corporate etiquette etc.





FOC has also taken up other activities:

- Adoption of 3 schools in villages around Kalamb through corporates in 2006
- Provided computer training for visually impaired students at Poona Blind school in 2005, 2006, 2007
- Provided notebooks and material to school children (Kalamb, Aarvi, Saradamath, Lauki, Khilehswar)
- Provided JAWS software to Poona Blind school enabling visually impaired to use computers
- Provided sweaters to students at Lauki (200 children) and Saradamath (200 children)

ACHIEVEMENTS

Almost all our students are placed in MNCs and corporates ranging from L&T, Bajaj Auto, Lupin Pharma, Tata Motors, Whirlpool, Patni Computers, TCS, etc.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Monetary donations – Cheques may be given in favour of Friends of Children
- Donate books or computer equipment for the library
- Join our wide network of mentors
- Conduct workshops / training
- Adopt a village school



All donations made by you reach the students for their education, as FOC is a 100 % volunteer driven organisation.