We wish our readers a very happy & prosperous New Year!!

Workshops

20th Nov.: A workshop on ‘Counselling of Parents’ was organized at the Centre, with Mrs. Geeta Chaturvedi as the resource person.

Mr. Vijay Pal was deputed to attend the 9th National Training Course on ‘Disability and Development’ at “Action Aid, Hyderabad” from 1st to 6th October 2010 and shared the information shared in the course with members of Khushboo staff on Dec 4th 2010.

A Specialist Medical consultation Camp was organized at the Centre on 31st Oct. ‘10 with Dr. Nitin Maheshwari, Neurologist from Medanta – The Medicity Gurgaon, and our Pediatrician Dr. Premlatha Krishnan. They reviewed 19 cases for required medical intervention.

A Medical Intervention Camp was organized on 28th Nov. at Khushboo with Dr. Sanjay Sarup, a senior Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeon from Medanta – The Medicity, Gurgaon; along with our Pediatrician - Dr. Premlatha Krishnan & Physiotherapy consultant - Ms. Leena Dhawan. 17 children and their parents received advice from the specialist.

Community Based Rehabilitation: On 23rd Nov, our Physiotherapist - Himanshu Khurana and Special Educator - Shashi Narang teamed together to take our Community Based Rehabilitation initiative to villages Garauli Kalan and Garauli Khurd for Case studies and counselling services at their door-steps of the 12 cases identified to initiate the program on pilot basis. They carried out 5 visits in Nov-Dec in this series and covered 5 cases, 2 of them were enrolled to provide therapeutic services at our Centre.
Children celebrated Dussehra on 13th Oct’10 at the Centre, with the traditional Pooja and alighting the effigy of Ravana.

On the Children’s Day on 14th Nov. 10 of our children participated in Drawing and Painting competition organized at Medanta - The Medicity Hospital, Gurgaon, and won consolation prizes.

Diwali was celebrated on 3rd Nov’10 with Lakshmi Pooja. Children enjoyed bursting of Patakas and alighting the Fireworks.

Khushboo celebrated their 15th Founders’ Day on Sunday, 19th December, a bright & sunny day much to the delight of all present. Like always the traditional inaugural lamp was lit by eminent guests and representatives of the community at large, donors, parents and Khushboo members. This annual event was in honour of distinguished representatives from the Donor Community. The children presented a delightful program for one & a half hours and kept the audience enthralled. A brilliant show indeed - put together by the combined efforts of all the children, staff, volunteers, parents and helpers!

THREE CHEERS
TO EVERYONE FOR PUTTING UP
THIS GREAT SHOW!!!

A group of 9 children were hosted by American Express (AmEx) at their Gurgaon Center, to celebrate X-Mas on 23rd Dec’10, in which they presented a group dance. All Khushboo’s children were happy to receive fabulous gifts sent for them by AmEx staff.

Celebrated X-Mas on 24th Dec’10 at Khushboo Centre. All the children had loads of fun. Gifts and sweets were distributed to all the children.

Mrs. & Mr. Deepak Gunvante from GlaxoSmithKline also visited Khushboo and given Christmas gifts for all the children.
Stalls

Stalls were organized during the festive season to sell our vocational and other products for Fund raising and to spread awareness of Khushboo’s activities in the community, at Gurgaon, Bangalore and Pune.

**Gurgaon:** at Carrier Aircon, Marks and Spencer, EXL (3 stalls), Valvoline Cummins Ltd., UK-Gurgaon Connect Mela, Fidelity, AirCel, American Embassy School (New Delhi), Fluor Daniel, SAP, Dunhnumby, American Express, IILM Institute, HSBC Bank (JMD Tower)

**Bangalore:** at White-House residential complex, V. M. Wares, Purva Parkridge Residential complex, Kaseya, NeilMed Pharmaceuticals, Oracle - Lexington Towers, Oracle - Mantri Building, Subex, Heritage Residential Complex, N. D. S. Services, Pat TV Technology Pvt. Ltd. (3 offices)

**Pune:** Indus Health Plus, Oracle, Indira Kids School

On 10th Nov, a group of 100 students from Blue Bells Model School, Gurgaon came over to our Center with their teachers for a joint event with our children - ‘Sharing Is Joy’. It was an action filled day for all with recreational activities with the children, and was enjoyed by all.

Volunteers from ‘BT Eserv (British Telecom)’ came over to ‘Khushboo’ on 18th Nov, to interactively spend the day with our children. The children had a merry time with creatively working with the drawing and painting materials distributed by them, and various other activities in the classrooms.

Mr. Mohit Sood from ‘Asha for Education, Austin, USA’ visited Khushboo on 31st Dec to review the financial assistance.

We welcome our new staff member Ms. Kavita Chauhan- Spl. Educator

We the team of Khushboo Welfare Society are thankful to Laxmi, Jeevan, Karin and friends for an innovative idea of display of ‘Culinary Skills for a Cause’ by means of Indian Cooking along with your friends and family in Switzerland as means of raising funds for us.
Having satisfied their Desirable Norms for the Good Governance of Voluntary Organizations, KWS received the Certificate of Accreditation by Credibility Alliance.

Khushboo is now registered with GuideStar India ([www.guidestarindia.org](http://www.guidestarindia.org)), India’s first fully searchable information portal showcasing the credible NGOs.

Listing with Give India was renewed in November 2010. We are also listed with Charities Aid Foundation (CAF), India.

### 1st National Conference on Good Governance of NGOs

1st National Conference on Good Governance of NGOs was held by Credibility Alliance in November 2010. Col. M. S. Krishnan - President, Mr. A.C. Gupta - Vice President, Mr. S. D. Gupta - Joint Secretary of Khushboo attended the conference.

### Congratulations!

A film on Khushboo made by Ms. Pavitra Chalam, a Bangalore based young Film maker won the “Ability Media International award in UK.”

Click on the link below to watch the YouTube video on Award Presentation Ceremony in London

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZcLSckB_224](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZcLSckB_224)

Your can also watch her Khushboo video (in 2 parts) at

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KIwk3dstca0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KIwk3dstca0)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8NgbJhu88WE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8NgbJhu88WE)

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Airtel Delhi Half Marathon 21st Nov 2010

The following Companies ran as Corporate Challengers to raise funds for Khushboo:

- Carrier Air-conditioning & Refrigeration Ltd
- Punjab National Bank

Gautam & Neha Jain ran in a ‘Dream Maker Team’ with fund raising support of the parents of Khushboo’s children.

Punjab National Bank stood 1st in the Relay.
Sumit Gupta is a 19 year old boy with Multiple disabilities, (Cerebral Palsy with Motor disabilities and mild mental retardation) belonging to a middle class business family. Sumit was admitted in our Special Education and Pre Vocational training program, and was also provided extensive physiotherapy. With efforts of the multi-disciplinary team of Special Educators and Therapists, his academic abilities in reading, writing, and in arithmetic developed remarkably well. He qualified for special coaching program for Class-V level National Open Schooling Examination, which he cleared in 2008.

His physical abilities too have improved considerably; using a rollator he has learnt to walk around independently. He is now an independent, confident and a happy boy.

Khushboo trained him to run a small sales counter for packaged snacks at our Centre. He has now moved to the snacks-sales counter, promoted by Khushboo and being run commercially by persons with disabilities in the Gurgaon office of HCL Ltd - a leading IT Company. With this empowerment he is now ready for rehabilitation in his family business or other productive pursuits, for which his parents are proactively committed.