



Visamo kids foundation with its focus on the 3 E's: Education – Environment – Empowerment has entered in 8th year since it's



inception in August 2002. The journey was not easy. Each day came with a new learning, a new challenge and complete satisfaction. New faces , new associations, new ideas, new children, new systems and lots of support from across different cross section of society have made our hands

stronger and feet grounded to earth to make a difference in the lives of these special bright children called Visamo kids. Today we are here with transformation in many Visamo kids and their families by whole hearted support of you all in the society and team Visamo.

Visamo kids have been growing day and night and there are various things happening at the foundation. Today, we have 64 children staying at the home identified through 9 different partnering NGOs and are going to 11 different schools. Children go to classes from Sr.Kg to 12th in ICSE, CBSE and state board finest English medium schools. Through this mailer we bring to you some of the happenings at the foundation. We look forward to meeting you soon at the foundation and spending time with Visamo kids. Come and be a part of this Endeavour of societal change.

Scholarship Day Celebration

Traditionally we have established the system to recognize the meritorious children of our VISAMO KIDS. As a matter of fact we search for best out of best. Every year, in June/July, we celebrate this programme by giving awards to the scholar children by the eminent personalities.

7th Visamo Kids Foundation Scholarship day was held on 1st August 2010 at Gajjar Hall, near LawGarden wherein 15 students were awarded with medals and certificate. Ashish won the award for 7th consecutive year while Neelam for 5th consecutive year.

Chief Guest of the event Ms Jayanti Ravi (IAS), Commissioner of Higher Education, Gujarat State shared her experience during



her training times. She shared the incidence an old lady whose story lead her to make major decision on land issues and helped her to stay on her commitment for betterment of society. The story of frog climbing Eiffel tower in Paris has gone

dip into the minds of our children. Whenever they are in need to manage their feelings they remember the message of partial hearing that is in their interest.

Mr. Chandan Nath, Guest of Honour – President & Director of Ignite Mundra, was very pleased to know of Visamo and very impressed after meeting the children. He shared his childhood and showed how important was to remain focused and overall growth of personality.



Mr. Chandan Nath offered his

services to help building new branding for the foundation and more association with children.

Mr. Bhadresh Shah, Special guest of the day, Vice-president of GICEA, said that as GICEA they are building cities while Visamo was building the society. Personally and as GICEA he offered his unstinted support in times to come.



Amitabh Shah of YUVA added lot of life in the auditorium by his *Jadu ni jhapi* style and said it was time Visamo kids realized that every one of them were special and had some special quality that were unique to them only.



Visamo task group Sailesh Iyer, Rutvij Bhatt & Janak Naik welcomed and shared

their association with Visamo and invited more and people to join the task group for growth and development of the children and the foundation.

Dr.Sudha was touched and announced on the spot donation of Rs.51, 000/- and Mr.Piyush Desai of Wagh Bakri Rs.50, 000/-



Parents, volunteers, children sharing added a different flavor to the program.

Ms. Bina Desai, Project coordinator of Visamo kids foundation, thanked the founder of the foundation, the guests, Visamo task group, all well wishers while highlighting the achievements of the children as academics, extra activities, impact in their families because of their being to Visamo.



Visamo Kids Foundation Our Scholar's 09-10

Sr. No.	Children Name	Standard	Board	School	Result
1	Izmam Ghanchi	Sr. Kg.	GSEB	H B Kapadia	A
2	Muffeeze Manakia	I	GSEB	Udgam School	A
3	Nirali Makwana	II	GSEB	H B Kapadia	A
4	Urmila Makwana	II	ICSE	Zydus School	A
5	Saurav Gamit	III	CBSE	Tulip School	A-2
6	Johnson Gamit	III	CBSE	D P S	A
7	Pinkal Someshwara	III	ICSE	Anand Niketan School	A+
8	Arpit Gamit	IV	ICSE	Anand Niketan School	A
9	Pavan Padavi	IV	CBSE	D P S	A
10	Neelam Sharma	V	ICSE	Anand Niketan School	A
11	Rohit Dangar	VII	ICSE	Eklavya School	80%
12	Rinki Shetty	VIII	CBSE	Tulip School	A-2
13	Ashish Bhadania	X	ICSE	Anand Niketan School	80.50%
14	Suresh Dantani	X	ICSE	Anand Niketan School	80%
15	Pinal Katara (Motivational Award)	VIII	ICSE	Anand Niketan School	68%

Family outreach programme

Outreach programs are designed to add values to the lives of our extended families – the parents of Visamo kids.

- **Learning and Earning:**

Analysis of our data showed that 70% mothers were unemployed and it was felt that if they were given an opportunity they will become financially contributive and more confident member of the family.

'Parampara' the house of traditional craft who offers Indian hand embroidery and appliqué work in Garments, Accessories and Home fashions was conducted as a session on self employment for the parents of Visamo Kids on the last day before summer vacation. Priti Sheth and Payal Sheth had shown a presentation of their work and explained how rural and urban woman earn livelihood by working with Parampara. Interested parents will soon be approached by collective effort of our foundation and Parampara to learn this excellent work as well as make an earning out of the same.

- **Sharing of Information:**

Government of Gujarat has declared a scheme for the under privileged girls who are studying at any schools of Gujarat. Girls will get annual Scholarship of Rs 500 until the age of 18. Under the scheme, only the girl child gets the said amount provided she does not get married before the age of 18 and does not cease to live. The information was shared by Mr. Veljibhai and Mafatbhai, the parents of Nirali and Urmila. Mrs. Bhartiben Sagar's mother who is working as an Anganvadi teacher explained the procedure. Visamo Kids foundation facilitated this information to other parents and will make sure that they can avail of this benefit.

Visamo kids Parents support group

Understanding the working of Visamo Kids Foundation is



important for parents and it is also a bonding exercise between the foundation and the children as well. Considering the same a Visamo Parents support Group has been formed.

Under this programme, very regularly parents have been a great support managing a day at Visamo when the entire staff has some programs to be out collectively as a team. Under this program parents can spend a day at VKF and help Gruhmatas in their day to day boarding work like folding the clothes, arranging cabinets, cleaning the hostel or cleaning the hair of girls, talking care of younger kids, helping the kids in their H W etc. They can also teach skills in which they are experts like sewing clothes, making door mats, cooking food, carpenter's work, sharing experience, expectations and dreams etc. They will a key factor in our getting back to roots program.



An Appeal:

- ❖ **Support Visamo kids foundation**
- ❖ **Be a Volunteer with Visamo kids**
- ❖ **Visit us @ Bopal and be a part of Visamo family.**

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