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Dear Friends,

We're happy to share our newsletter for the month of January & February 2020.

The New Year welcomed a new environment-friendly home for Butterflies in South Delhi. Butterflies programme in Uttarakhand was facilitated by the education department of the state government. A two day training on journalism was organised for DCRC Children. Students from Butterflies School of Culinary & Catering (BSCC) were taken on an industrial exposure visit to JW Marriott Hotel. 150 children in crisis situations were rescued by Butterflies CHILDLINE. All this & more in this issue.

Thank you, for being a friend, an ally in this journey towards changing children's lives. We really appreciate you taking the time to read our newsletter.

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Butterflies' New Home

New Location, New Motivation and a model for eco-friendly living

The New Year welcomed a new home for Butterflies in Jaunapur, South Delhi. The environment-friendly building is a one-of-a-kind construction using the latest sustainable building technology such as bricks made from excavation site mud, bubble wrap, recycled furniture, rain water harvesting and solar power.

The building boasts an airy, child-friendly architecture, brightly painted frames, shutters, and tables reclaimed from discarded wooden doors and windows, an innovative composting machine, a rainwater recycling unit and a rooftop garden. As its name implies, the Resilience Centre (RC) will house a short-stay facility for boys rescued through CHILDLINE. In addition, the new RC features a multi-purpose room for therapeutic activities big enough to hold training and group meetings for Butterflies' children and staff. This handsome three-story, open-to-air-and-natural light building also houses the administration and staff offices, as well as Butterflies' School of Culinary and Catering.

A bevy of children, treated to a preview of Butterflies' new home, exclaimed, as they hurtled through and up and down the building, "We love this place! It's like a board game maze, with surprises in every corner".

Photos of the inauguration ceremony can be viewed [here](#). A short film on the making of this green building is available for viewing [here](#).



Butterflies in Uttarakhand

Facilitated for Exemplary Work

The district education department of the Uttarakhand government facilitated Butterflies' work with children in the annual program 'SAPNO KI UDAN' on 17th February. Acknowledging Butterflies' work with out of school children over the last several years, the Chief Education Officer Dr Anand Bhardwaj presented a letter of appreciation and memento to Butterflies staff present at the occasion.

A community meeting was organized at on 4th February to sensitize parents on their responsibilities towards their children. 68 parents participated in this meeting which helped them understand government schemes for children, like hostels run by government, the Ayushman health card, government facilities for their children's education and Butterflies' programmes for children.

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Delhi Child Rights Club (DCRC)

Media Training for DCRC children: A two day training on journalism was organised for DCRC Children. Facilitated by Mr.Nissar Siddique from Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi, 62 children from 10 organizations participated in the workshop and learnt to develop radio programmes, newsletters, capture reader friendly headlines and photographs. This was followed by a sports for development session with 51 children from DCRC member organisations.

Sports Day: On 29th February 2020, a Sports Day was organized by Delhi Child Rights Club. A total of 470 children from member organisations participated with the winners felicitated with medals and trophies.

Capacity building workshop -In order to help children cope up with the stress and fear of annual examinations a workshop was held for 20 teachers from 16 organizations



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Open house awareness sessions were conducted with 113 children and adults living at a night shelter, slums in Andheria mode, and Sarai Kale Khan. The session conducted as per the direction of the Child Welfare Committee identified the reasons for children not going to school (lack of Aadhar Identity Card) which was then shared with the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU). The DCPU will now help the children in making their Aadhar Card and enrolling them into school.

Butterflies Railway CHILDLINE in collaboration with the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) organized a sensitization programme on child safety for sanitation workers and local vendors.

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As part of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, a cleanliness drive was organized by South-East CHILDLINE and South CHILDLINE in collaboration with the Municipal Corporation of Delhi.



Butterflies School of Culinary & Catering

Students from Butterflies School of Culinary & Catering (BSCC) were taken on an industrial exposure visit to JW Marriott Hotel. The trainees were oriented to the working of the conference room, laundry, main store room, front office training room, housekeeping office, kitchen, coffee shop, restaurant and bakery.

150 children in crisis situations were rescued by Butterflies CHILDLINE



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