Annual Report 2008

AAM Foundation is a non-governmental organization working for underprivileged children to provide them with adequate nutrition, education and medication. Started in 1999, with one center in Neb Sarai, AAMF now runs one computer center and 26 non-formal education centers in the different slums of Delhi.

New Centers

The following new centers were started during the year 2008 on the dates indicated:

- Sanjay Camp 18 January 08
- Subhash Camp 18 January 08
- Tigri 24 January 08
- Bhatti Mines 13 March 08
- Mehrauli 11 April 08
- Sangam Vihar 3 02 June 08
- Burari 05 June 08
- Vishwas Park 25 July 08
- Gautampuri 09 September 08

However, the following centers were closed due to the poor attendance of the students: Sanjay Camp, Hanuman Camp, Sanjay Gandhi Camp, Ambedkar Camp 2 and Burari.

Field Trips

Field trips are periodically organized by AAMF

- 4 March 2008: One hundred and twelve children from the Kakrola Center, the Mohan Garden Center, the Sangam Vihar 1 and 2 centers and six staff members visited The National Rail Museum, The Nehru museum, and The Nehru Planetarium.

- 13 Dec. and 27 Dec. 2008: One hundred and twenty children from the Kusumpur Pahari Center # 1, 2, 3, 4,the Computer Center, the Bhanwar Singh Camp and the Nepali Camp visited The Nehru Museum, The Nehru Planetarium and The Gandhi Smriti.

Children light up their dark world with joy

Cultural programmes and celebrations of National days/festivals:

- The Republic Day was celebrated on 25 January 2008 (the official date, the 26th being a national holiday) in all the centers. Dances, songs, skits, and poetry recitals were organized. The younger children participated in a drawing competition in which the theme was the national flag while the elder children performed role-plays on the freedom struggle and the freedom fighters.

- Three children from the AAMF centers participated in a painting competition organized by the Habitat Learning Center on 15 February 2008.

- Thirteen children from the Vasant Gaon Center participated in a cultural evening organised by the Habitat Learning Center organised on 17 February 2008. Three children gave a dance performance while the rest did role plays.

- **Literacy Mela**

Children from the Vasant Gaon and the Nebsarai centers participated in a cultural programme held at Dev Samaj Model School on 13 September 2008. Four children from the Vasant Gaon Center performed role plays and five children from the Neb Sarai Center gave dance performances.

- **Children’s Day**

Sixty students of the Vishwas Park Center participated in the Children's day celebrations, organized by Maruti Suzuki at the Children's Park at India Gate, on 14 November 08. The AAMF children participated in drawing and painting competitions and did a role play on the education of the girl child. The role play was appreciated. The children enjoyed the program and received prizes.

Health Care Program

Our health advisor, Dr. Col. P.K. Manna visited our centers twice a week. He conducted health check-ups, treated common ailments and distributed medicines to the children. The weight and height measurements of the children were recorded every 3 months.

Volunteer's Program

Twenty-five student volunteers from Lady Shriram College worked with the children of the Neb Sarai Center on 23 November 2007. They arranged puppet shows and story telling sessions. They also interacted with the parents.

Training Workshops for Teachers

Training workshops were arranged for the teachers in the 1st week of every month to discuss the syllabus and problem resolution. Two teachers gave presentations on different topics. The education advisors of AAMF counseled

and guided the teachers about handling slow learners and problematic children.

- These workshops have helped us to better monitor the progress of the children, prepare good quality educational material, develop a child-oriented curriculum on the basis of regular feedbacks while, at the same time, ensuring a livelier atmosphere in the class room.

Computer Center

During the year, 162 children enrolled in the Computer Center. Out of this, 96 were girls and 66 were boys. The number of school-going children who attended the computer program was 68, while the number of non-school going children was 94.
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Celebrating Foundation Day

AAM Foundation was celebrated on 20 Dec 2008. All the children, staff and advisors of AAMF attended the function. The children performed role plays and recited poems. It was our first annual function and we propose to organize it every year.

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