

## Srotoshwini Trust

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#### QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



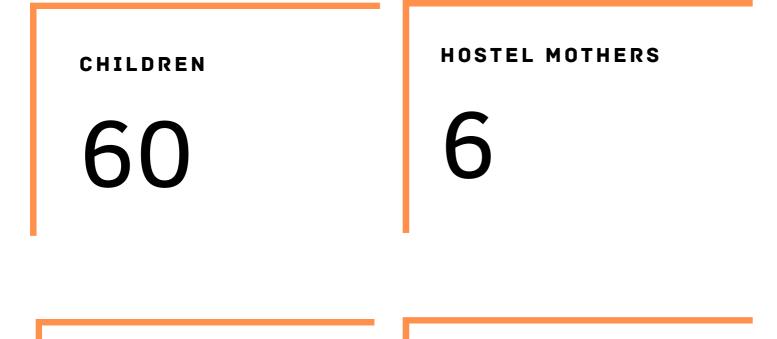
#### We look forward to hearing from you ...

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### PATHSHALA HOSTEL LOCKDOWN HIGHLIGHTS

2020 has turned out to be an unprecedented year. We have been engulfed by an infectious disease that has brought life to a stand-still. We are all grappling to maintain some semblance of normalcy from behind the closed doors of our homes. Most of our 75+ children come from unstable mobile homes. They don't have the security of a family or a home to go back to. 6 of our hostel-mothers are quarantining with our children this entire time without going back to their own families.

THEY ARE OUR SUPER-HEROES!



NUMBER OF DAYS Locked down in Hostel (As of June 30)

106

NUMBER OF INTER-House competitions

20

How do you keep 60+ children engaged for close to 4 months creatively? Our Hostel mothers came up with the most creative competitions that would challenge our children and not only develop their creativity but also their organisational skills!

# PATHSHALA HOSTEL HOUSES & MOTHERS



### II April II INTERHOUSE COMPETITIONS



**GROUP DANCE** April 3



WALL MAGAZINE April 2



SINGING COMPETITION April 4



COOKING COMPETITION April 6



**DRAMA** April 19



PAANCH KAURI April 22



**TREASURE HUNT** April 25

#### II MAY II INTERHOUSE COMPETITIONS



JUGAAD BEST OUT OF WASTE May 3



EXTEMPORE May 13



STORY TELLING May 15



**KABADDI** May 18



**DRAWING** May 25



FOOTBALL May 26



MOVIE ILLUSTRATION May 30



June 8



Salute to the Covid Warriors

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#### SELF-GOVERNING MODEL



The Garden Committee carried out beautification projects - grass cutting, weeding, watering, maintaining the premises, taking care of the kitchen garden, caring for existing plants and planting new ones.

The Kitchen Committee helps prepping in the kitchen, cooking during the Ramzan month when our kitchen help ladies were given leave, helping with rotis, grocery washing and storage, serving food, kitchen cleaning including monitoring vessel washing & dining room cleanliness

The house keeping committee takes care and monitors the internal working of the hostel - cleanliness, laundry, scheduling, supplies distribution like soap, shampoo, detergent.

Overall the children are learning like skills that will help them in every aspect in the future!



### SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Our model of education continues to have skill development as an inherent part of the children's everyday lives. It could be looking after the electricity, carpentry, plumbing needs of the hostel premises by learning the scientific concepts through experiment at our skill development center. We believe in learning by doing.



### PATHBHAVAN

Pathbhavan has been following the VMC guidelines and have closed on-prem classes due to the lockdown. We are taking care of academics of Pathbhavan children in their own premise (Sanjay Nagar Slum) in small group during Covid unlock period (from class V) to X)

Std X students are enrolled in Bhavani Coaching Center for extra assistance specially in Maths and Science. With our mentors and Bhavani Classes, Std. X students have started online preparation for SSC exam 2020-21.

#### **EXAM RESULTS**

The results of the exams held before the lockdown are out. Here are some highlights:



Priyanka Sonkar scored 74% (A grade in all the subjects and B grade in science) in class VII from govt. school and promoted to class IX. She will continue her studies in Sri Krishna Vidyalaya for the next 2 years.

Arvind Gupta received 71% marks in SSC-2020. He belongs to a vegetable vendor's family of Uttar Pradesh. He stays with his uncle in Sanjay Nagar Slum. He is passionate about studies and started teaching Pathbhavan's students during this lock down period.

Rohit Shah received 47% marks in SSC- 2020 secondary Exam. Rohit is a sincere student. He wants to pursue studies in commerce.

We congratulate all our children and their mentors! Most of these children come to us without the ability to read or write even if they are enrolled in school. It's a great achievement to get them on a path illuminated by the power of a good education.

#### CHURNI

Churni supports the mothers of our children. Following the VMC guidelines, the store was closed till May 31. After the lockdown was lifted and stores were allowed to open for a few hours, the Churni store opened primarily to sell masks to support the need of the hour and also keep the Churni ladies motivated and employed. We are very grateful for the corporate orders we received from Pune Thermax, Mr. Tushar Sanyal, from Rajkot, Dr. Nitin Lal, from Baroda Collabera, Jyoti Ltd, Voith and many others. Your orders have helped the ladies earn a monthly income in these difficult times. Here are a few Churni products the ladies are busy making these days. We take bulk/corporate orders. Reach out to us for any inquiries you might have.





### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

In this section we will feature two heartwarming stories from our children's community to highlight the positive effects of an education that focuses on all round development

Ajay, Hasan, Pran and VK of Pathshala Hostel took the responsibility to remove accumulated rain water from the garden. They refused to call a professional and took the initiative to fix the issue. They fixed 2 pumps and pipes and drained water to our in house pond. In spite of many of us having done graduate level science courses, we don't have any idea to fix motor pumps and drain water. Pran, a class 9 student, is getting trained in maintaining Sewage Treatment Plant. Heart-warming best wishes to our do-ers!



Arvind Gupta of Pathbhavan received not only 71% marks in SSC -2020 but he is also tutoring his friends who need extra help in Maths and Science. His personal initiative to work towards the success of his friends selflessly is truly admirable. We wish him the very best for the brightest future!



#### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

An organization always does better when like-minded people put their minds together to achieving bigger dreams and goals. Beyond our immediate volunteers, teachers and mentors, we have an accomplished set of diverse citizens of Vadodara who are our sounding board for ideas and execution details. They extend their help wherever & whenever possible. The diversity of viewpoints they bring to the table, truly challenge us to be better and make more informed decisions. The members of our management committee include:

- Dr. Juin Dutta
- Mousumi Datta
- Rina Pal
- Sumita Bhaumik
- Dipali Chowdhuri
- Dr. Uma Kapadia
- Jaydeep Verma (Advocate)
- Raksha Sisodia
- Bharat Desai
- Padmaja Dutt
- Pooja Makhija
- Shukti Bhattacharya
- Arpita Mukherjee
- Dr. Madhurita Choudhary

#### OUR LOCATIONS

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