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**IMPACT REPORT OF
DAILY FEEDING PROGRAM**

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Children are the light of the future and these precious creations of God deserve all the rights to lead a healthy lifestyle and good education during childhood. Many underprivileged children skip school and some are even forced to work daily to support their family. As much as this sounds painful, it is the reality of thousands of underprivileged children.

Malnutrition and hunger can lower a child's ability to learn effectively. Many children belonging to underserved communities in and around Belagavi experience high rates of childhood undernutrition, to eradicate the hunger and malnutrition among these children we at Utkarsha Learning Center implemented the daily feeding program in collaboration with Feeding India, A Zomato Give Back.

This daily feeding program has brought a positive transformation among HIV-positive kids and underprivileged children. The number of children coming to the school has gradually increased after the implementation of this daily feeding program.

We express our sincere thanks to Feeding India for their invaluable support. This daily feeding program has attracted the community and encouraged them to enroll their children to Utkarsha school. Now hundreds of underprivileged children are able to access quality education along with nutritious food.



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Impact of Daily Feeding Program on Children

HIV reduces the immune power of infected children so they need more care and well balanced nutritional food. The daily feeding program provides quality and nutritional food to these children. It has helped us to improve the nutrition level among children.

Also, the daily feeding program has been benefiting underprivileged children belonging to poor families. The children who suffered from malnutrition and hunger now are getting well balanced nutritional food. And this is a new academic year and we have reopened the school and this daily feeding program has brought more children to school.



The details of a child before the inception of daily Feeding Program

Child Name - Bhagya

Health status	- HIV-Positive
Physique	- Medium
Weight	- 18Kg
Nutrition level	- Average
Immune Power	- Average
Academic performance	- Low
Participation	- Rare Participation

The progress of a child after the inception of daily Feeding Program

Health status	- HIV-Positive
Physique	- Improved
Weight	- 21Kg
Nutrition level	- High and effective
Immune Power	- Improved
Academic performance	- Good
Participation	- Improved and showing interest to participate in activities



Impact

Bhagya Navi is a 7-year-old child, at a very young age her parents left this world due to the deadliest HIV and she became an orphan. There is no one to take care of this little kid and she was unaware of her health condition. Her relatives refused to take care of her. Seriously, we can't even imagine such situations in our life. This kid has suffered a lot and she has been neglected by her relatives.

Bhagya's condition became worse day by day due to the unavailability of proper food, care and health services and she was very weak. Somehow her relatives came to know about Mahesh Foundation and enrolled her in the Ashakiran Care home. We were very shocked when Bhagya was brought to us, she was not even able to stand properly. It took several days for her to recover from the illness and slowly she started adjusting herself to this new environment. The proper provision of nutritional food, healthcare services and care totally changed her life.

But maintaining the health condition of HIV-infected children is a bit difficult as they have low immune power and require special care and mainly healthy nutritional food. And they should be protected from malnutrition. Just like Bhgya, we have hundreds of HIV-infected children with us, who don't have any external support except our care home. It was a bit challenging for us to provide nutritional and healthy meals to these hundreds of children. Feeding India has come forward to support us and help us provide nutritional and healthy meals to children like Bhagya. Now she is leading a healthy life and enjoying the nutritious food provided by Feeding India.



The details of a child before the inception of daily Feeding Program

Child Name - Shantinath

Health status	- HIV-Positive
Physique	- Weak
Weight	- 16Kg
Nutrition level	- Poor
Immune Power	- Average
Academic performance	- Good
Participation	- Rare Participation

The progress of a child after the inception of daily Feeding Program

Health status	- HIV-Positive
Physique	- Improved
Weight	- 20Kg
Nutrition level	- Good
Immune Power	- Improved
Academic performance	- Scores well
Participation	- Improved

Impact

Shantinath is a 7 year old kid and was born in Machhe village of Belagavi. Every child's childhood means parental care and love, but in the case of this kid, it was painful because this kid lost his parents at an early stage of his childhood. His parents were affected by the deadliest disease due to which they left this world in the middle. Just imagine how the situation of this child was when he lost his loved ones. It was like the sudden snatching of all the happiness from life. After the parent's death, Santinath and his siblings were enrolled in the Hostel. When he tested HIV positive the hostel abandoned the kid and suggested to enroll him in the hostel dedicated to HIV-positive children.

The kid was brought to Mahesh Foundation and enrolled in Ashakiran care home. We still remember the blinking eyes of that little kid when he was brought to us. The kid was not in a condition to walk properly and was so weak. During the initial days handling this little kid was quite difficult for us because he was missing his siblings who were staying away from him. Somehow we managed to handle the kid and provided all the necessary facilities like nutritional food, medicine, quality education and care.

As a result of proper care and the provision of medicine, the child started recovering from his illness and living happily with his new friends. It was a bit difficult for us to provide nutritional food to hundreds of children like Shantinath, then feeding India joined hands with us and started the daily feeding program. Now he is healthy and happily living his life.

Thank you feeding India for your precious support because of you we have been able to nourish hundreds of children. Your support has impacted on hundreds of underprivileged children. We are happy to associate with Feeding India.

We are very happy that this daily feeding program has changed the opinion of the underserved community and made them enroll the children to the school. As this is the new academic year and we completed the admission process and reopened the school on 25th May 2023, the children were very excited to attend the school. We welcomed the children on their 1st day of school. The newly enrolled children along with existing children enjoyed the delicious food on their 1st day of school, they were very happy and loved the food.

Number of beneficiaries getting support through the Daily Feeding Program 900+

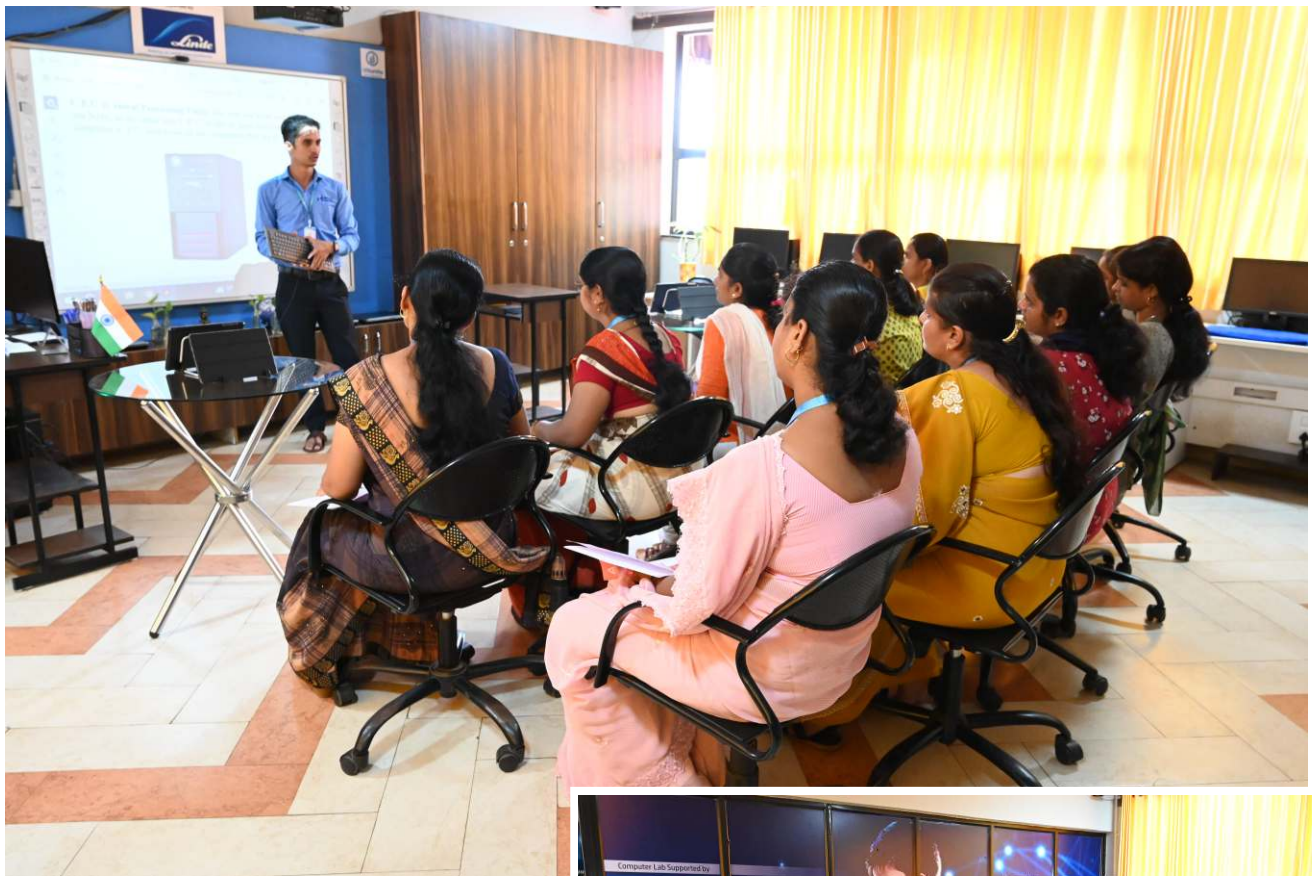




Summer camp activities for community children

Under the community program, we run computer, art and craft classes for slum, underprivileged and children studying in govt schools. As you know all of these children are on vacation and utilizing their vacation holidays to learn new things, they also need a little change in their schedule so that they can enjoy their vacation with meaningful activities.

We organized a 3 day summer vacation camp for these children where we conducted refreshing and fun activities. The children were overjoyed and participated in all the activities.



Capacity Building Training for Teachers

To welcome this academic year and to implement the best practices in the school, we at Utkarsha Learning Center are conducting capacity-building training for teachers. This training provides an ecosystem for the teachers in developing their professional growth.

During this training period, we have conducted smart class & computer training, activities-based class training and a special workshop for teaching from educational expert. This training would help the teachers to enhance their profession and help to implement best practices in the school.



Last day of Summer Camp

A 3 day summer camp for community children came to an end. On this last day of summer camp, we conducted some cultural events and competitions for the children. Children enthusiastically participated in dance, singing and other fun activities and some of the children won prizes for their excellent performance. This summer camp has given them a refreshing feeling where all the children happily participated and enjoyed every activity.



Organized Education Awareness Session

Education awareness among the parents of underprivileged children would bring change in the community. As this is the beginning of a new academic year and our school will reopen. As a prior preparation of the academic year, we conducted an awareness session among the parents of the children studying at Utkarsha.

At this session, we interacted with the parents and conveyed the importance of education and the facilities provided at Utkarsha. Also, we conveyed the role of parents in children's education and growth.



Career guidance session to underprivileged children

Under our community program, we have been providing supplementary classes such as computer education, art & craft etc to underprivileged children who are about to complete or just have completed their secondary education and are looking to explore more opportunities. As there is a need for valuable guidance to these children on career and future opportunities of contributing to society, we have conducted a session and explained the career opportunities available in the education system. Also, motivated them to do their bit to society in the future apart from their profession.



Children's first day at Utkarsha Learning Center

The first day of school is memorable and eventful for every child, to make it more special Utkarsha Learning Center welcomed the little kids on the first day of school. Children were excited to enter the classrooms and meet their new friends. We hope this new academic year will help these little kids to learn, play and enjoy their schooling. And this year we got the opportunity to serve 575+ underprivileged children belonging to vulnerable communities. We ensure that every child will get a quality education and the best facilities in the school.

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Thank You

We would like to thank Feeding India for their precious support to provide meals for medically challenged and underprivileged children. We are happy to associate with Feeding India.

Once again thank you Feeding India for supporting us to feed these children.

