Greetings from all of us at Mumbai Mobile Creches!

We are back again with news about all that has happening at MMC in the last six months!

April, 2018, saw a transition in leadership as our former Chief Executive Ms. Vrishali Pispati joined the Board of MMC and we welcomed Ms. Anuradha Rajan, as the new Chief Executive of MMC. She comes with several years of experience in the non-profit sector, with expertise in programme development, monitoring and evaluation. We look forward to scaling new heights under her leadership.

In the last six months, we have focused significantly on enhancing our standards around child protection and on making it more robust and strong. The need to be more vigilant about children's safety was reinforced through regular meetings, interactions and multiple centre visits. We also introduced a daily safety checklist at the centres and a process of seeking consent from all individuals in group volunteering activities.

We are happy to share that in September MMC was felicitated by a well-known builder, Ajmera Realty, during their 50th anniversary celebration. It was a proud moment for our team as the positive impact of our work was showcased to a large gathering of distinguished dignitaries from the construction and reality sector.

In the coming pages we are delighted to share with you about the several special events and activities held at our centres during the past six months.

Check Out MMC in Media!

Check out our e-series 'Food Memories of Migrant Women' featuring culinary delights from all over India along with incredible stories of migrant women living on construction sites. Check out the features through links below:

Food Memories of Migrant Women – An e-book featuring recipes from different corners of the country
- The Better India: https://www.thebetterindia.com/154586/migrant-women-food-recipes-mumbai/
- Mid-Day: https://www.mid-day.com/articles/mumbai-food-migrant-women-from-10-states-share-lesser-known-recipes/19649194

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Khel Mahotsav & Shramadaan

Our centres were booming with fun and laughter during the summer vacations in May as our children participated enthusiastically in Khel Mahotsav and Shramadaan. Several indoor and outdoor games competitions were organised for children.

Shramadaan, this year, carried a special message to the community through the children – ‘Maa Mujhe Sashakti Karti Hai Aur Main Unhe’ (Mother empowers me and I empower her). To make children aware about the hard work their mothers put in to raising them, we asked the children to make a list of chores done by their mothers. The long list of the chores made our children aware of the hard work and efforts of their mother. The children gifted seed balls (seed in soil) to their mothers. The mothers in turn planted these balls in small pots and now saplings have begun growing from these seeds. At one of the centres, children identified things which could help mothers organise their kitchen better. They made dust pans, spoon stands and soap holders out of waste material and gifted them to their mothers.

Children's Day Out

During summer vacations a few fun filled outings were organised by KPMG in India for children at different centres.

# Movie screening of Oscar winning children's animation film 'Coco' at Andheri
# Visit to Parle Biscuits factory at Ambarnath
# Celebration of International Day of families at KPMG Office at Goregaon
# Visit to Wonder Park, Nerul
# Playful session at Playzone at Infinity Mall, Malad.

60 children from five day care centres went to watch an IPL match at Wankhede Stadium on April 14, 2018. This outing was organised by Reliance Foundation.

25 children from one of our centres enjoyed a cupcake decorations activity at Rennaisance Hotel in Powai.

In August children from three centres participated in an Art & Essay competition in Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalya.

In September, children from one of the centre visited the Godrej Mangrove Centre in Vikhroli, in an outing sponsored by Premdhara. The guide took the children for a nature walk where they learned about mangroves and the varied flora and fauna of the area.

Building Minds

After piloting the chess programme at two centres last year, we expanded this initiative across six centres and reached 150 children. Trainers from Chanakya Chess Institute were impressed to see the enthusiasm among children – many of whom were playing such a difficult board game for the first time.

Taking a Twirl!

During summer vacations in the month of May, we introduced something new for our children at centres in remote parts of Navi Mumbai and Virar. Through classes offered by Victory Foundation our children learned various dance moves. Children had great fun learning dance steps to popular songs.

Life Skills

We collaborated with Apni Shala Foundation to conduct sessions on life skills for children in the age group of eight to fourteen at one of our centres in Thane. The sessions aimed to enhance their self-confidence and communications skills. Through sessions held twice a month for two hours each, the facilitators covered topics ranging from teamwork, self-awareness, leadership, self-confidence, respect for different opinions and empathy.
This summer, we organised three workshops on sensitising youths to the issue of gender discrimination and the need for equality. 110 adolescents and youths from construction sites participated in these workshops, which were highly interactive and participatory. The resource persons focused on issues such as gender as a social construct, gender stereotypes and societal expectations. The youth participated enthusiastically, with great interest as the issue resonated with their lived experiences.

**Skill Training for Youths**

283 youths from two construction sites in Thane were trained in bar bending, shuttering and masonry through 12-day skill trainings conducted in collaboration with Team Lease.
Thank You!

**Individuals**

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- Our heartfelt thanks to Seenu and Ashok Samuel for their wonderful and consistent support towards MMC year on year.
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- Our special thanks to Patricia Jane Kelly, our intern this summer from Columbia University, USA. She has contributed greatly in completing the Annual Report, 2017-18 of MMC.
- We are thankful to our supporters who have donated generously in kind at our centres.
- We thank volunteers from Mumbai Connexions for dedicating their time at one of our daycare centres.

**Organisations**

- Our heartfelt thanks to KPMG in India for organising fun activities and outings for children at our centres as part of their employee engagement.
- A special thanks to Songbound for conducting music sessions at two of our centres. 11 children from our centres participated in their year-end music concert at St. Paul’s School, Dadar.
- We thank employees from Accenture India Pvt. Ltd., Owens Corning India Pvt. Ltd., Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd., for conducting volunteering events with our children.
- We sincerely thank our funders – Amrit Vasudeva Trust, Asha For Education, Blue Star Foundation, Central Social Welfare Board, Child Vikaas International, Cigna Foundation, Genesis Charitable Trust, Give Foundation, H.T. Parekh Foundation, Kalpataru Trust, Kashinath Charitable Trust, KPMG Foundation, Leaders’ Quest Foundation, Premdhara Strom der Lieve e.V., Reliance Foundation, Savita and Khemchand Dhingra Foundation, Tata Education and Development Trust, United Way of Mumbai, United World College of South East Asia, V.V. & Smt. K.V. Mariwala Charity Trust, and Verein Mobile Krippen, Freiburg, for their support through grants and donations.

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**Notes from the Field**

**Priyanka’s Story**

5 year old Priyanka and her family migrate from West Bengal to Mumbai in search of a better life.

Priyanka’s parents begin work at a construction site and enrol her in the local MMC Day Care Center.

At first, Priyanka barely understands the language spoken at the center. She avoids the reading sessions held at the center.

But through MMC’s interactive education program, Priyanka learns basic Hindi. She begins to enjoy learning and writing new words.

Priyanka’s development has given her parents hope that she will cope up with school. She is ready to be enrolled in school next year.

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**Fundraising and Friendraising**

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