



Dear Donors/Sponsors and Friends,

We invite you once again to review and enjoy our newsletter "Reach by the Visram Foundation" for December 2012 Newsletter. All the girls and staff at REACH pray for the good health, wealth & prosperity of all our Donors/Sponsors and Well-Wishers.

The children have just completed first term-end examinations. The girls were busy in November gearing up for their exams and preparing for their Diwali Holidays – the long awaited festival of lights, crackers, colours, enjoyment and above all, relaxation!

This year we welcomed 17 new admissions at Reach. These girls came from different parts of India and are economically and financially disadvantaged. We were very happy to receive them and they have all blended in very well with the other children. For the new children, we have secured admissions at different schools.

On the Academic side, we have reached a great milestone where our girls of the Grade 12 have scored the highest in Commerce at their school. Kiran Vadsariya, 79.93% in her class, while the rest of the Commerce grade girls have scored above 70%. The girls of Grade 12 Science class have also done excellent with Chandni Dhanani scoring the highest in her class.

It was our honour to badge our Grade 12 girls of Dastur College as follows: Anisha Patel – Green House Captain, Nimira Rupani – Pratap House Captain, Ashiana Lalani – Sports Captain.

All these achievements would not have been possible without your patronage. Thank you ALL for your cooperation, love and support to allowing us to "Reach" even higher. The product of these children is truly a function of your support.

Wishing you all Happy Holidays and a Joyous Season.

Shubhra Gaikwad - Administrator

Our New Acquisition

36
Passenger
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Reaching Excellence:

We have appointed qualified and experienced tutors for all the children in different grades. With the assistance and guidance of the tutors, our girls are now more capable and able to achieve higher scores. The children are quite comfortable with the languages Hindi & Marathi and it is amazing to see them speak, read and write these languages. Marathi is the official national language of Maharashtra and Pune falls under Maharashtra State. The children also speak fluently in English both in school and amongst themselves.

We have competent and experienced Professors to guide the Grade 11 and 12 girls, both in the read and write Sciences and Commerce areas.

This year, we have an additional 3 girls who have been admitted at the Dastur College in Grade 11. These girls did very well in their Grade 10 exams. Mallika Lalani who had scored the highest at Stella Maris School - 93% and stood 2nd, has been admitted in the Science while Ashiana Lalani from St. Francis School scored 84% and has also been admitted in the Science class. Simran Noorani from St. Francis School scored 76% and chose to do Commerce at the same college.

"The Hopes of a Child"

My name is Anisha Patel. I have resided at REACH Institute for past 8 years. I am studying Science in Grade 12 at the Sardar Dastur Hormazdiar Junior College in Pune.

My home town – I am originally from Kutch, Gujarat. I like to spend time with my parents, relatives and family during my vacations. I am very happy and comfortable at the Reach Institute as it aims for empowering girls to education. The best thing that I have learnt from the Institute is togetherness and unity by living with girls from different parts of India and different religions. I believe **"No one in this world is bad, everyone is good in their own way, but it all depends on how we perceive them."**

My goal is to become a Production Engineer. The responsibilities of a Production Engineer are to enhance the production of industries by using modern techniques. I like to interact with different people and like to study about industries, science and techniques.

My Hobbies are – playing table tennis, skating and badminton. I also practice yoga. My favourite pastime is to spend time with friends, because I can share my ideas & thoughts with them freely.

The Earth is a lonely planet. It is lonely because no one seems to understand its needs.

Today it is in danger. It is trying to talk to you. It wants YOU to listen. It wants you to understand.

It wants you to act..... SAVE the Earth!!!

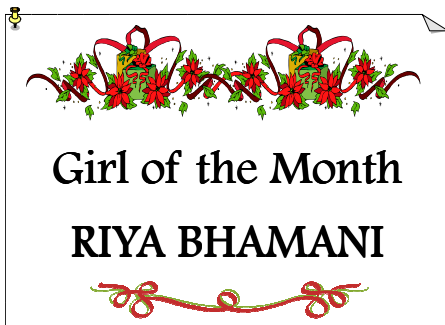
This poem is a message to all the readers because the Earth really needs our attention not only the environment, but also issues like corruption, injustice, human rights and dignity. This is my last year at **Reach by the Visram Foundation**. It's been 8 memorable years of my life (only 2 years less for a decade).

I do take part in various activities in my college and being the House Captain, I feel it is necessary for me to make others understand the importance of participation in various activities.

My ambition is to one day study industrial engineering at the Toronto University in Canada. I hope this wish of mine is fulfilled.

The staff at our Institute are very good and caring. They look after us like our parents would do. They have moulded us to be better human beings and better students at school as well.





Riya Bhamani resides at the Reach Institute and has been there for the last 4 years. She is currently studying in Grade VIII at the Pune International School in Pune.

Following are a few words from Riya:

I am from Rajkot, Gujarat. I like to visit new places. There are very many beautiful places in Gujarat. I always go to the beach when I visit my home town and wish my friends and staff from Reach would be there with me.

My ambition in life is to become a Doctor. I would like to serve the society through this noble profession. I will work hard to become a competent doctor and will always help the poor and needy.

My Hobbies are playing table tennis, badminton and reading. I also practice yoga to keep my mind and body fit.

The staff at my Institute are very good, loving & caring and take good care of us. They have taught us to be better human beings and good citizens.

"A Girl Child Is God's Gift"

Girls are treasure to one's family, Girls give moral strength to the family

Girls are the future of every nation

Girls needs a little amount of care, a handful of warmth, a heart full of love;

Education to girls, will lift the family.

Let the girls also be smiling and happy.

This poem is a message to all the readers because a girl child really needs attention and care. I am very grateful to the Trustees of **Reach by the Visram Foundation** who are ever so loving and caring by providing us with all our needs and education. This would not have been possible if we were in our native homes since there is no scope of education there.

I would like to thank all our donors/sponsors and well-wishers and would like to wish you all the best in all your endeavors.

Our Dedicated Staff:

In addition to our existing dedicated staff members Yasmin Panjwani our Head Matron, Rozina Chunara – Assistant Matron, Dilshad Bhayani – Caretaker, Shubhra, our Administrator, has taken on a new staff member Mrunalini Nelge who will assist her as a Co-ordinator. Ms. Nelge will co-ordinate and assist the Administrator in the daily routine activities. Ms. Nelge is a Commerce Graduate from Pune University, has proficiency in English and local languages with an experience of 7 years as a Co-ordinator and an additional talent of teaching which will be very helpful for the children as well. We welcome Ms. Mrunalini Nelge to **Reach**.

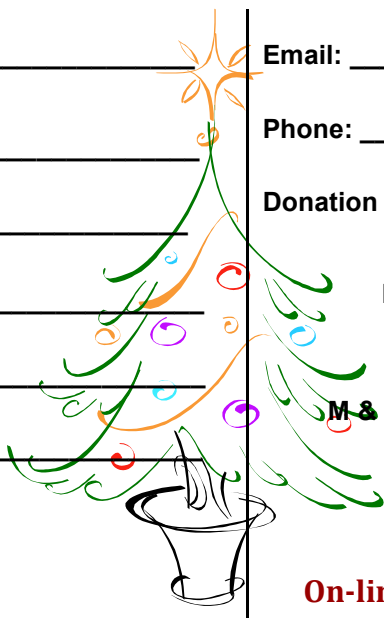
In our Kitchen and house-keeping departments, we continue with the sincere and dedicated Baimas Zubeda Dhahani, Zubeda Lalani and Afsana Padhaniya as well as Sulabha, Rukmini, Mangal and Renuka who ensure our children are fed nutritious meals at all times and that the excellent personal hygiene of the children is monitored regularly. Our drivers Yuvraj Ambole and Subhash Pawar are responsible and do take good care of the children when driving them to and from their respective schools and trips. Our garden is flourishing with beautiful flowers and plants and being tended to regularly by our gardener Michael.

Your generous gift will keep our children's faith alive.

Dreams will become realities!

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