



We recently unveiled our two mascots—Veera and Saathi—at the National Family Summit 2025, making their launch even more meaningful. This summit brought together key stakeholders from governments, practitioners, researchers and our youth, dedicated to strengthening families and ensuring that every child grows up in a safe, loving environment. Veera and Saathi symbolize the courage and support at the heart of our mission.

This edition also highlights the incredible work of our stakeholders—governments, social workers, and youth ambassadors—who are driving real change. Their dedication and resilience are transforming communities, proving that when we work together, lasting impact is possible.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to this mission, ensuring every child has the opportunity to thrive within a strong family. Your support and guidance continue to fuel this journey, and we're grateful to have you with us every step of the way.

Warm regards,
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Introducing Our Mascots, Veera and Saathi



We, at Miracle Foundation India, are delighted to share the exciting news of the launch of our mascots - Veera and Saathi! They were unveiled at the recently-concluded National Family Summit 2025 anchored by us earlier this month in New Delhi.

Veera (EN: Courage), our 25-year-old Youth Ambassador, embodies resilience and determination. Coming from a single-mother household, Veera spent years in institutional care before she was reunited with her mother through an intensive reintegration process that involved strengthening and empowering their family. Bright at academics, she excelled, earning scholarships and is today a junior scientist! Veera now spends her weekends with the community, highlighting the importance of #AFamilyForEveryChild.

Saathi (EN: Friend), our 19-year-old Youth Ambassador, symbolizes kindness and empathy. Orphaned at a young age, Saathi grew up in a Child Care Institution before he was transitioned to a loving foster family. Currently pursuing higher education and exploring his career aspirations, he looks up to Veera as his mentor and guide. Together with Veera, Saathi inspires the community to ensure #AFamilyForEveryChild.

Representing the voices and unique perspectives of care-experienced youth, Veera and Saathi would act as role models for children and youth, inspiring them, and showing that it's not the adversities but their resilience and potential that define their future. With these figures now all set to enter our program design, curriculum, storytelling and campaigns, we hope to create a more engaging and supportive environment towards ensuring a family for every child by facilitating greater societal awareness and systemic change.

Welcome, Veera; welcome, Saathi!

Transforming Children's Lives through Family Strengthening



Miracle Foundation India, in collaboration with Deepak Foundation, is actively working in Chhota Udepur district, Gujarat, to empower families and strengthen community support systems. The goal is to prevent institutionalization of children by ensuring they grow up in safe, stable, and nurturing family environments. A critical role in identifying families at risk and linking them to essential government schemes is played by the Village-level Child Protection Committees (VCPCs). Responsible for safeguarding children in communities and preventing violations of their rights, VCPCs oversee and recommend improvements in child protection services.

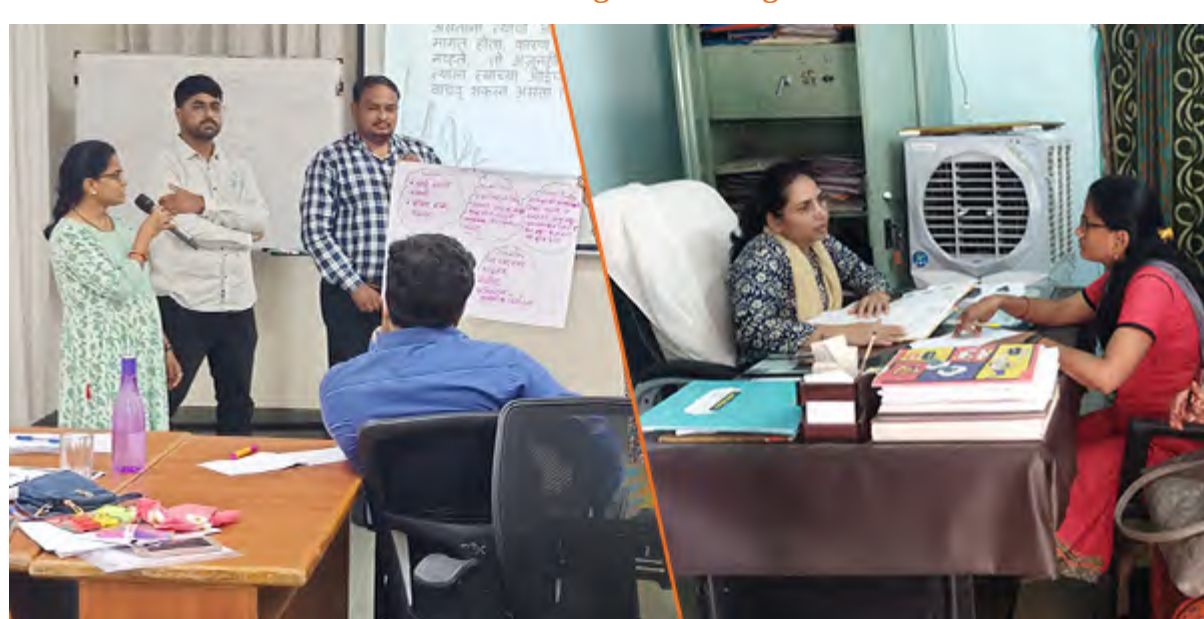
The story of Ritaben (name changed) from Chhota Udepur is a powerful example of how these interventions can transform lives. Ritaben and her husband worked hard to provide a loving home for their five children. However, Ritaben's life took a tragic turn when her husband suddenly passed away, leaving her to raise their children alone. She was forced to move to a rented house in a new community. She worked tirelessly to provide for her children, but their living conditions were dire. They had no access to electricity, and necessities became a daily struggle!

While on a routine visit, members of the local VCPC noticed Ritaben's hardships and the vulnerabilities her children faced. They quickly stepped in, assessed their needs, and facilitated the process of connecting them with crucial government schemes. This included enabling for Ritaben a widow pension of ₹1,200 per month, housing benefits under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, and access to ration supplies through the Public Distribution System. She was also supported in generating a recurring income by selling local spice packets. While that was not a full-fledged source of livelihood, it definitely served as a valuable supplementary income, helping her gain financial independence and stability. This initiative enhanced her confidence and economic resilience, contributing to the family's overall well-being.

And Ritaben's children, who were once at risk of dropping out and being institutionalized, were re-engaged in education. They received educational kits, including stationery, uniforms and books. Additionally, Ritaben underwent parenting skills training, which strengthened her relationship with her children and improved the family's emotional well-being. With continued support, they moved into their own house, equipped with electricity and proper sanitation facilities, thanks to their linkage with the Swachh Bharat Mission. What once seemed like an insurmountable struggle turned into a story of resilience and empowerment.

This case highlights the crucial role of a well-coordinated child protection system at the village level. By identifying risks of separation early and taking preventive measures, children can be safeguarded, and enabled to grow up in a nurturing and stable environment. Now isn't Ritaben's journey a powerful testament to the importance of community-driven interventions in transforming lives!

Celebrating Shital Donge



At Miracle Foundation India, we celebrate the incredible social workforce committed to ensuring every child grows up in a loving family. This month, we highlight the inspiring work of Shital Donge, a Social Worker at District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Nanded, Maharashtra, whose efforts are strengthening families and transforming lives.

Shital's work focuses on identifying challenges children face, from mental and physical health concerns to social and economic hardships, and finding sustainable solutions towards ensuring children stay with families. Recognizing the importance of a holistic approach to advance children's well-being, she collaborates with NGOs, local leaders and volunteers to bridge existing gaps, actively supporting families from vulnerable communities to gain access to government welfare schemes and employment opportunities for financial stability.

Shital's impact is evident in cases like that of a father who, due to economic constraints, admitted his child to a Child Care Institution (CCI). Shital facilitated counseling for him and his wife, and connected them with an NGO that helped him start a vegetable-selling business. Within a few months, as his financial situation stabilized, the child was reintegrated into the family, with regular follow-ups conducted by Anganwadi workers subsequently to ensure their continued well-being. In another case, a widowed mother, struggling financially to raise two children, placed her son in a CCI. Shital enabled their access to the Bal Sangopan Yojana, which provides ₹2,250 per month to children from vulnerable families; she, together with the local Anganwadi workers, facilitated the reunification of the son with his mother.

Believing that effective child protection requires collaboration among the various government departments, Shital follows a unified, consistent approach to safeguarding children. Her dedication has led to six successful family reintegrations. Additionally, she has assessed and supported 82 families in the district, ensuring at least half of them benefit from the Bal Sangopan Yojana. She also conducts regular visits to CCIs, monitoring children's well-being and working for their best interests. Through her tireless efforts, Shital continues to prove that when families have the right support, children can thrive in safe and loving homes.

From Care to Leadership: Youth Ambassadors Making an Impact



Miracle Foundation India's Youth Ambassadors, drawn from Child Care Institutions (CCIs) and local communities, play a vital role in raising awareness about the importance of a family for every child and driving meaningful impact. This month, we celebrate Evangeline Jenifer from Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, who joined our Youth Ambassadors' Program in 2024.

Jenifer, now a data analyst at Vserve E-Business Solutions, has been associated with Miracle Foundation India since 2016. Growing up in a CCI, she has first-hand understanding of the emotional struggles children face, especially when they are being reintegrated with their families. Witnessing the challenges of reconnecting with loved ones and navigating emotions during the post-CCI life, Jenifer felt a strong calling to support others in similar situations. In 2024, after becoming a Youth Ambassador, she became an active voice for children in CCIs, guiding them through their transition and emphasizing the critical role of education in shaping their futures. During her interventions as a Youth Ambassador, she has been networking with like-minded peers and other organizations which has helped broaden her perspectives, turning her into a confident leader.

Outside her professional commitments, Jenifer finds joy in assisting her grandmother at her small shop and engaging with the CCI she grew up in, during the alumni meetings. She uses these opportunities to mentor others on career development, communication skills, and effective decision-making. Looking to the future, Jenifer dreams of developing an innovative e-commerce mobile application for sports enthusiasts, offering a platform for accessing sports-related news, events and equipment. She hopes to inspire young minds by showing them that, no matter their beginnings, they have the power to build a successful and fulfilling future.

Jenifer's journey is a testament to resilience, determination, and the power of giving back, ensuring that children transitioning out of CCIs find the support and encouragement they need to thrive.

National Family Summit 2025



We, at Miracle Foundation India, were pleased to host the National Family Summit 2025 on February 13-14 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. Over two days, the first-ever edition of the National Family Summit brought together government leaders, child protection experts, practitioners, funders and youth champions to advance the conversation on family-based care and child protection. The discussions were insightful, the energy was inspiring, and together, we took another step toward ensuring that every child grows up in a safe, loving, and nurturing family environment.

At the summit, we heard from national and global experts, including government officials, social workers, researchers and youth champions, who shared best practices and solutions for keeping children within families. The summit facilitated critical conversations on family strengthening, alternative care and the role of cross-sector partnerships in child protection. The active participation throughout the event demonstrated the growing commitment to family-based care as the foundation of child protection.

During the summit, we posted live updates on [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [X](#). Please continue to keep an eye out on our socials for more updates, including videos from the event on [YouTube](#). Meanwhile, do view this [short video](#) capturing key moments from the summit.

The summit was not just an event—it was a call to action. We are excited to keep this momentum going and continue working toward a future where every child has the opportunity to grow up in a family.

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"Spreading smiles among the little ones, bringing hope and helping those in need - that's where my heart finds its purpose."

- Mridula Mangala Vishwakarma

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