



April marks a season of renewal — and with it, a renewed commitment to every child's right to grow up in a strong, caring family. As we step into the new financial year, I want to take a moment to reflect with gratitude and look ahead with hope.

This past year has been one of incredible momentum at Miracle Foundation India. With your steadfast support, we've positively impacted the lives of 18,731 children, and reached 12,151 families across our areas of intervention in 10 states. From reunifying children with families, to vibrant community engagement and systemic reforms, every step forward has been a testament to what we can achieve together.

What inspires me most is how seemingly small actions — be it a thoughtful home visit, a training session, or a conversation with a caregiver — have collectively led to real, lasting change. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our government partners and the frontline social workforce. Your tireless efforts have helped strengthen child protection systems and created opportunities for children to thrive in safe, nurturing families.

As we begin a new chapter, let's carry this energy forward. Let's continue to listen deeply, act boldly, and stand beside every child we serve. With your shared commitment and strengthening partnership, I'm confident we're moving closer to our vision of "a family for every child in our lifetime."

Warm regards,
Kusum Mohapatra
CEO & Regional Director
Miracle Foundation India

Our Impact (April 2024-March 2025)



Transforming Children's Lives through Family Strengthening



Since 2018, when we, at Miracle Foundation India, made a strategic shift from supporting institutional care to promoting family-based care, we have stood by the belief that every child deserves the warmth of a family. Our partner, Mahesh Foundation in Belagavi, Karnataka — caring for children living with HIV — embraced this transformation, proving that every child, no matter the challenges, deserves the love and stability of a family.

One such story of transformation is that of Abhi (name changed) and his siblings. After losing their parents, Abhi and his siblings were taken in by their maternal uncle. However, the combined burden of financial hardships and the stigma surrounding HIV made it difficult for him to care for all three, ultimately leading to the boys' placement in a Child Care Institution (CCI). Though the CCI provided for their basic needs and education, the separation from their sister and family left them facing deep emotional challenges.

Years passed, but the turning point came when Mahesh Foundation, supported by Miracle Foundation India, recognized the need for a holistic intervention to reunite and empower the siblings as part of the family-based care initiative. Through regular counseling, the siblings slowly opened up to the idea of reuniting and the possibility of living independently, as their uncle's home was no longer sufficient for all of them. Their sister also received guidance to help her understand and accept the idea of reunification.

With continued support, the siblings pursued their higher education. Abhi completed a diploma in mechanical engineering, his sister finished her pre-university course, and his brother completed training at the Industrial Training Institute. Abhi subsequently secured work as an electrician with the Karnataka Electricity Board (KEB), while his sister started working as a data entry operator with Mahesh Foundation. Besides, they were trained in financial literacy and provided with rental support for six months. They are currently linked with the Government of Karnataka's UPKAR Yojana, through which they receive ₹5,000 per month. The siblings are now aspiring for government jobs, with Abhi specifically aiming for a permanent position in KEB.

Though the siblings initially faced rejection from relatives due to the stigma surrounding their parents' HIV status, the community has slowly begun to reconnect, inspired by their resilience and steady progress. Together, they are carving out a life of dignity and purpose, supporting one another, living independently, and even exploring legal options to reclaim their ancestral property and create a home of their own. Once separated by circumstance, they now stand united by choice!

Stories like theirs, highlighting the profound impact of family-based care, continue to strengthen our mission. We are grateful to our partners who have played a pivotal role in making this transformation possible. Together, we are working towards a future where every child has the opportunity to thrive in a loving and supportive family environment.

Celebrating S. Thayanantha Saraswathi



At Miracle Foundation India, as we strive towards enabling children to stay with their families and reach their full potential, we honor the incredible social workforce that makes it all possible! This month, we are pleased to celebrate the efforts, achievements and dedication of S. Thayanantha Saraswathi (Thaya), a Child Welfare Officer at Sarvalayam Trust, a Child Care Institution (CCI) in Vellakovil in Tiruppur district, Tamil Nadu.

Thaya had always prioritized the care, safety, and education of children at the CCI. However, after participating in Miracle Foundation India's training in 2022, she and her team started to reimagine care beyond the institution, shifting their focus to family strengthening and family-based alternative care. By preparing detailed Social Investigation Reports (SIRs) for each child, they gained insights into their backgrounds and support systems, leading to tailored reunification plans for children, particularly those who had been in the institution for over three years or faced fewer risks at home.

To ensure safe and sustainable reunification, regular home visits by Thaya provided her a comprehensive understanding of family well-being, covering areas such as family relationships, health, education, living conditions and household economy. For children without parental care, Thaya facilitated linkage to the After Care Scheme for support. Families facing financial challenges were connected to the Sponsorship Scheme (Mission Vatsalya), enabling them to receive ₹4,000 per month through the District Child Protection Unit and the Child Welfare Committee.

Thanks to this holistic approach, 22 children were successfully reintegrated: 14 with their biological families, six in kinship care, and two in aftercare. Thaya and her team also ensured their access to critical services, such as Aadhaar Cards and birth certificates, while helping families connect to financial and healthcare schemes. Three children received laptops from the Trust to support their education. Additionally, three children have been linked to the Sponsorship Scheme, with four more in process. A few families were connected to the Public Distribution System (ration cards); an elderly family member began receiving a pension, and another was enrolled under Tamil Nadu's *Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam* (Healthcare at Doorstep) Scheme.

In addition to working directly with children and families, Thaya has strengthened collaboration within the child protection ecosystem. She has played an active role in block-level gatekeeping meetings with Village Health Nurses, Anganwadi workers, and Panchayat leaders, creating community awareness and support systems to help families stay together. Alongside these efforts, she and the Trust have promoted livelihoods through computer and tailoring courses, with tailoring machines being distributed to enhance income generation.

The transformation led by Thaya — from institutional care to family-based care — highlights the importance of investing in people, training, and partnerships to create lasting change. With the support of dedicated social workers, CCIs, local authorities, and donors, we have moved closer to our vision of a world where every child thrives in a safe, loving family. We remain committed to expanding this momentum, strengthening families, and ensuring that more children grow up with the stability and care they deserve.

A big shout-out today to Thaya.

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 Brahmdev Maho from Indore, Madhya Pradesh — originally from a small village in Bihar — who became a Youth Ambassador in 2019.

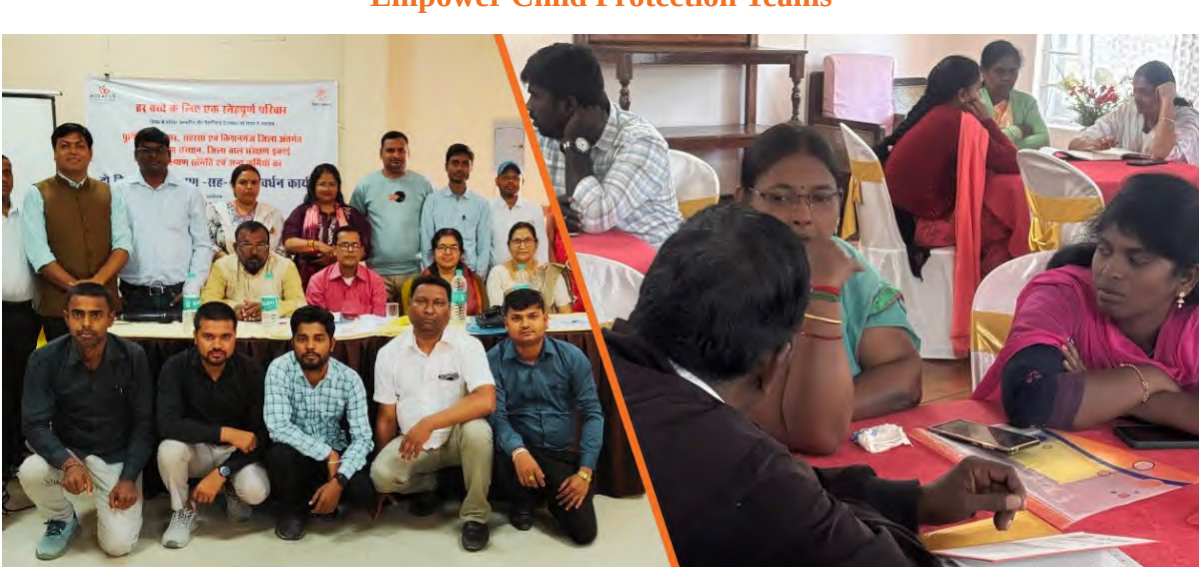
Facing financial hardships at home, his elder brother placed him in a Child Care Institution (CCI) in Madhya Pradesh in 2014, hoping he would receive proper care and education there. The transition wasn't easy, but over time, through consistent support, especially life skills education and leadership training, Brahmdev started to gain both confidence and purpose.

Since becoming a Youth Ambassador, Brahmdev has led several awareness campaigns on child rights, protection, and education, drawing from his own experiences. He has conducted street plays, designed posters, and spoken at youth events, while mentoring younger children from his CCI, especially during their transition out of care. His efforts to uplift others stem from his own lived experience and belief that every child deserves the right environment to grow and thrive.

Now pursuing his 12th Grade studies, Brahmdev lives independently in Indore while freelancing as a video editor and growing as a graphic designer. With a deep passion for visual storytelling, Brahmdev hopes to collaborate with like-minded creators on meaningful digital campaigns, and plans to continue using his skills as a video editor to tell powerful stories of youth like him to inspire others.

From struggle to strength, Brahmdev's journey shows that every young person has the potential to lead — when they're backed by care, opportunity and belief — highlighting the collective responsibility we all share to nurture that potential.

Strengthening Families, Building Futures: Regional Trainings Conducted to Empower Child Protection Teams



2024-25 was marked by significant progress in strengthening family-based care systems across states. As part of these efforts, Miracle Foundation India, in collaboration with State Child Protection Departments, successfully conducted a series of impactful regional trainings on child protection. Two such trainings took place in March 2025, with sessions held in Pune district of Bihar and the Nilgiris district of Tamil Nadu.

In Pune, a divisional residential training, held on March 7-8, gathered 48 stakeholders from four districts of the state, namely Pune, Kolhapur, Satara, and Solapur. Officials from District Child Protection Units (DCPUs), Child Welfare Committees, Juvenile Justice Board, Child Care Institutions (CCIs), Childline, and civil society came together for intensive sessions on the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, Mission Vatsalya, family reunification, gatekeeping, and the use of Individual Care Plans and Social Investigation Reports. The sessions were led by experienced Master Trainers and government facilitators using real-life case studies, group exercises, and digital assessments to measure learning outcomes, showing significant knowledge improvement post-training.

In the Nilgiris, the two-day classroom training, held on March 20-21 in Ooty, brought together 19 frontline functionaries from CCIs, Childline, and DCPUs. The sessions focused on foundational aspects of child development, psycho-social support, life skills and communication techniques, and used participatory methodologies such as role-play, case discussions and interactive storytelling. Participants walked away with a deeper understanding of child-centered care and a renewed resolve to applying life skills and psycho-social tools in their daily work.

Participants across both locations expressed appreciation for the practical, hands-on approach, and collectively reiterated their commitment to advancing case management and championing non-institutional care models. As we move into the new financial year, we remain committed to providing continued mentoring and follow-up support to ensure these transformative learnings are put into practice effectively, creating lasting change for children in need of care and protection.

Celebrating Leadership in Child Protection



Miracle Foundation India, in collaboration with the District Magistrates and District Child Protection Units (DCPUs) of Vadodra, Mehsana, and Chhota Udepur in Gujarat, has been supporting the implementation of family-based care initiatives. This partnership is designed to strengthen child protection systems and prevent unnecessary separation of children from their families. In a noteworthy recognition of leadership and innovation, Tejas Patel, Block Development Officer (BDO) of Desar block, Vadodra district, who has been closely associated with our initiative since January 2024, was awarded Best Block Development Officer on March 25, 2025, by the District Panchayat of Vadodra. Selected from among nine blocks, this award highlights not only individual leadership but also the collective commitment of Desar's local administration to child protection.

A key component of this initiative is the Child Welfare and Protection Committee (CWPC), which has been made functional in accordance with the Mission Vatsalya guidelines. This Panchayat-level child protection structure focuses on identifying vulnerable families at high risk of child separation, and works towards family strengthening. With the leadership and support of the DCPU of Vadodra, this model was launched in Desar Gram Panchayat, laying the groundwork for a community-led child protection system and stronger prevention mechanisms at the grassroots level.

Amplifying the initiative's visibility, Tejas Patel also presented the project's progress in the DISHA (District Initiative for Socio-economic and Holistic Advancement) Committee, which includes the MLAs and MP of Vadodra district. The initiative was widely appreciated by all members.

This recognition serves as a powerful reminder: when communities, government, and the civil society work together, sustainable solutions for children in need of care and protection become not only possible but inevitable. We now look forward to building on this strong foundation, and scaling our efforts towards promoting family-based care.

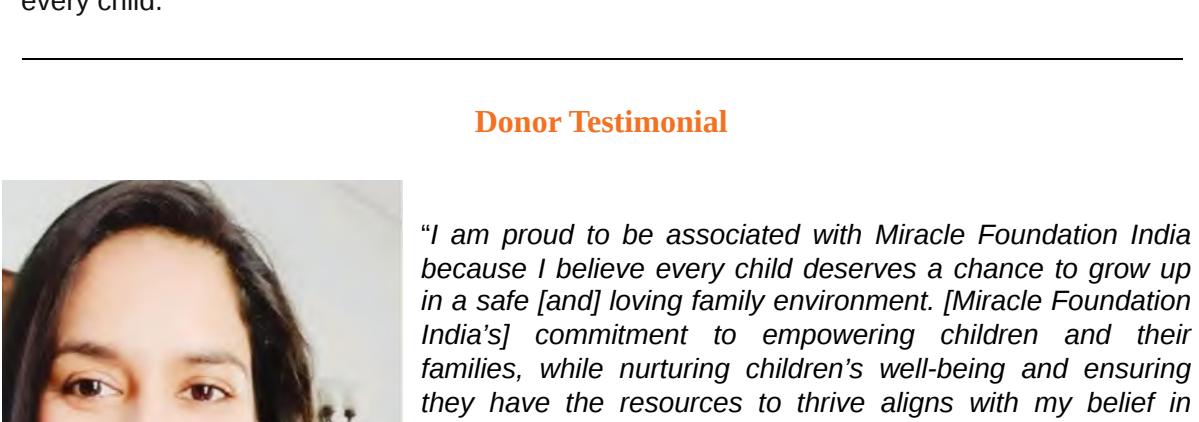
Global Spotlight on Child Care Reform in India



Miracle Foundation India is excited to share that our abstract, "Child Care Reform in India: Emerging Trends and Strategic Approaches," authored by Subroto Chatterjee, Associate Director - Program (North Zone), Miracle Foundation India; and Shweta Gupta, Manager - Program Design and Thought Leadership, Miracle Foundation India, was presented at the 5th Global Conference on Children and Youth in Oxford, UK, on March 29, 2025.

The participants engaged with thoughtful questions, as Subroto and Shweta addressed key discussions on foster care, family strengthening, and ensuring children's safety. They highlighted Mission Vatsalya and Miracle Foundation India's case management approach. They also shared state-level initiatives as well as best practices from other NGOs in India. We thank all stakeholders who supported this effort. Together, towards ensuring a family for every child.

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"I am proud to be associated with Miracle Foundation India because I believe every child deserves a chance to grow up in a safe [and] loving family environment. Miracle Foundation India's commitment to empowering children and their families, while nurturing children's well-being and ensuring they have the resources to thrive aligns with my belief in giving every child a brighter future. I hope my contribution helps create a brighter future for children and their families in need."

- Anjali Sood

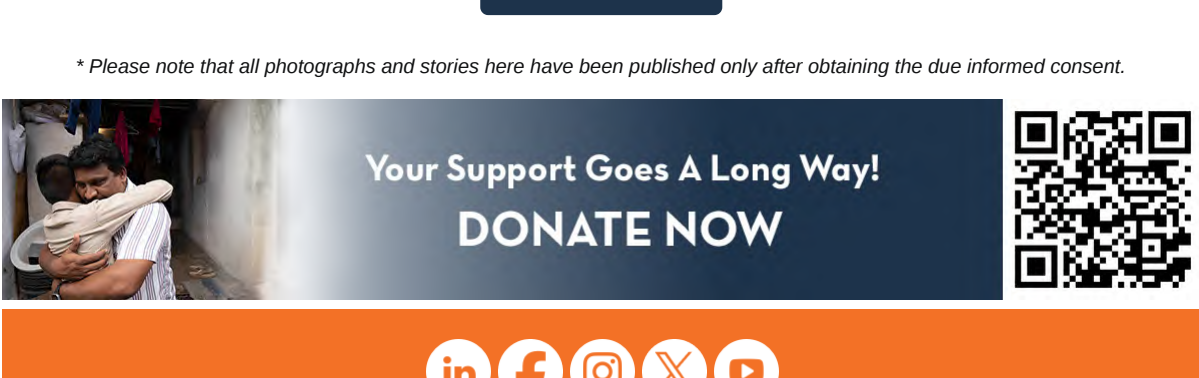
Resource Links

- India Philanthropy Report 2025: The evolving role of families in India's development story
- India Nonprofit Report 2025: Role, Evolution and Impact

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