



November holds a special place in our hearts as we celebrate Children's Day, a moment to honour the wonder, courage, and brilliance that children bring into our world. This month reminds us why our mission matters: every child deserves the chance to grow up feeling loved, supported, and empowered to chase their dreams.

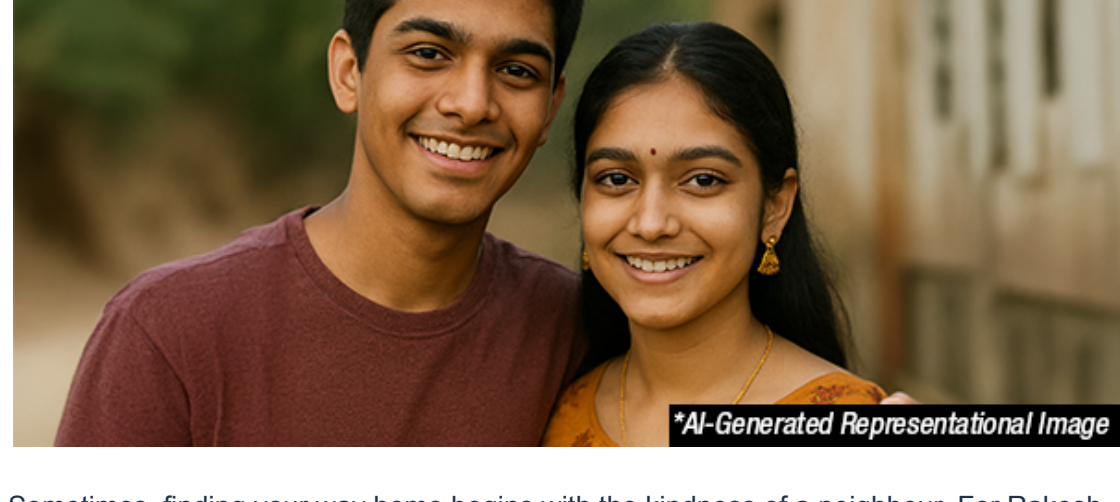
At Miracle Foundation India, we celebrate children for who they are today and for the limitless possibilities they carry into the future. This month also highlighted the essential role of families, communities, and compassionate supporters like you in helping those possibilities flourish.

As we look ahead, we carry with us the spirit of this month - a renewed commitment to building a world where every child feels safe, valued, and surrounded by people who believe in them.

Thank you for being part of this journey and for standing beside us in creating brighter futures.

Warm regards,  
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## Transforming Children's Lives through Family Strengthening



Sometimes, finding your way home begins with the kindness of a neighbour. For Rakesh (*name changed*) and Rani (*name changed*), two siblings from a village in Ratnagiri, Maharashtra, that kindness changed everything.

When an illness took their parents' lives, the siblings found comfort in their grandmother's care. But when she too passed away, they were left utterly alone, two children in a fragile kaccha house, with no relatives willing to take them in. Hope returned in the form of a kind neighbour, a farmer who, despite his modest means, took them in with his family as their caregiver. With support from a local teacher, the District Child Protection Unit assessed their situation to ensure their safety and future.

Recognising the caregiver's financial constraints, Rakesh was placed in a Child Care Institution (CCI) in 2023 to continue his education. During district efforts to strengthen Family-Based Care, a social worker identified Rakesh's case and worked with local authorities and the village Sarpanch to build a plan that would bring the siblings back together sustainably.

Through the *Gharul Yojana* (*Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana*), Rakesh was sanctioned a permanent home. A joint account was set up between the *Sarpanch* and the CCI to ensure his welfare. Meanwhile, Rani stayed with the same caregiver family, studying in Class 11 (Commerce). The family has applied for foster care and sponsorship support, which will soon provide ₹4,000 per month. She is currently enrolled under the *Bal Sangopan Scheme*, which provides her with ₹2,250 a month and supports her education.

By December 2025, Rakesh will leave the CCI and continue to stay connected with the caregiver family that has been caring for Rani, a family that now feels like their own. With his ITI training completed, he has secured an apprenticeship at Tata Motors in Pune and will soon begin earning ₹18,000 per month, his first step toward independence.

Even as he prepares for life in a new city, Rakesh will make sure to visit Rani often and support her as she carves her own path to independence. He is also determined to complete the construction of their home. Because for them, "home" isn't just a house - it's the people who believed in them when no one else did. Their story reminds us that rebuilding a family takes more than policies or programs; it also takes a community that cares.

## Celebrating Saron Elizabeth Rani



At Miracle Foundation India, as we work to help children stay with their families and reach their full potential, we also honor the remarkable social workforce that makes this mission possible. This month, we are pleased to celebrate the commitment and impact of Saron, who joined DKSHA-Cornerstone in 2022 - a former Child Care Institution (CCI), now a [Care Collective Centre for Excellence](#) - as an Outreach Worker.

Saron, a young postgraduate, entered social work with a lot of passion and curiosity. In just three years, she has turned that passion into action - supporting families, especially those whose children were reintegrated home from Cornerstone CCI in and around the Tiruchirappalli district, by helping them access government schemes and regain stability.

During community visits, she realized many families were either unaware of available social protection programs or faced barriers such as Aadhaar discrepancies, unlinked mobile numbers, and outdated addresses, leading to rejected applications and lost support. Determined to bridge this gap, Saron mapped relevant schemes, organized sensitization meetings on documentation requirements, and built strong coordination with government officials and NGOs to streamline verification processes and ensure families received the benefits they were entitled to.

Although families were initially hesitant, her patience, empathy, and consistent follow-up helped her earn their trust, making her a dependable ally. With the support of DKSHA-Cornerstone, she successfully linked 40 families to welfare schemes such as old-age pensions, unorganized labour welfare schemes, *Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana*, and others, ensuring access to financial assistance, health coverage, and skill development opportunities.

Reflecting on her journey, Saron shared, "*When we place a child back in the family and start strengthening the family, we see a chain of beneficiaries, from the child to the community. Many children struggle in mainstream academics and lose motivation, not realizing there are other pathways. I now focus on connecting them to skill training programs and creating tailor-made intervention plans that suit their strengths. The benefits families receive may not solve everything, but the happiness and hope it brings inspire me every day.*"

Today, Saron's efforts have increased community awareness on documentation, improved coordination between officials and NGOs, and enabled families to independently access and sustain welfare benefits. She continues to support many more families, proving that meaningful change can begin with one committed individual. By equipping families with the right tools and information, she is helping strengthen entire communities. She now aspires to become a resource and training professional within the Integrated Child Development Services system to further expand her impact.

## 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 Suhani Ingale from Maharashtra, who has been our Youth Ambassador since 2023.

Suhani was placed in a Child Care Institution in Maharashtra due to difficult circumstances at home with her single mother, while her two brothers and two sisters also live in the same CCI. She chose to become a Youth Ambassador to build her confidence, learn new skills, work in a team, be a role model, share the ideas of young people like her - with similar life experiences - with decision-makers, and make a positive impact in her community.

As a Youth Ambassador, she has conducted "Play for Peace" sessions for children in her CCI, organising activities and interactive games that help children in the CCI learn, feel supported, and grow in confidence, which strengthened her belief in herself and her ability to lead. She also leads Anandita, meaning 'Happiness,' a project grounded in the belief that every child, irrespective of their circumstances, should experience joy and celebrate their childhood.

Currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence and Law Analytics from the Raison Institute of Technology, Nagpur, Suhani dreams of becoming a pilot after graduation. She is determined to rise above every challenge, make her mother proud, and build a future where her family can finally live together.

## Championing Youth Voices at the 6th Biennial International Conference on Alternative Care for Children in Malaysia



Miracle Foundation India is pleased to share that Albert Justin, Lead, Youth Program, Miracle Foundation India, participated in the *6th Biennial International Conference on Alternative Care for Children in Asia*, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on October 15-16, 2025.

Albert represented Miracle Foundation India at this international platform, presenting during the Care-Experienced Youth Sharing Session. Albert, together with other panelists, talked about the challenges faced by care-leavers, and the positive steps taken towards their empowerment. The challenges spoken about included social stigma and exclusion, gaps in legal recognition and identity, and limited access to services, including education and health support.

The panelists also talked about the progress that's underway. It was noted that care-leavers are increasingly represented in national and international decision-making spaces, thereby building their confidence, visibility and leadership. Governments and courts are also pushing forward aftercare guidelines, financial aid, mental health support and housing solutions. Additionally, their peer networks are growing, offering safe spaces and emotional healing. It was also mentioned that NGOs are collaborating on programs that build life skills, career readiness and emotional resilience.

Overall, it was noted that there's a broader shift toward family-based care and strengthening families before separation ever happens. The panel closed on a unanimous note stating aftercare must be consistent, inclusive and youth-informed.

## Community Prevention Initiatives Across Karnataka and Bihar



Miracle Foundation India, with support from the Oberoi Group's CSR and implementation partner, Mahesh Foundation, has launched a community prevention initiative under its Family-Based Care program to build safer, stronger communities in Hebbal, Bengaluru. The initiative focuses on two high-risk settlements: *Chiranjeevi Layout*, home to over 600 migrant families from Kolkata, who are largely engaged in waste picking, and *Bimmanna Garden*, where 45-50 families from districts such as Bidar, Bellary, and Yadgiri reside. Working with Mahesh Foundation and local Civil Society Organizations, a situational analysis involving community leaders, schools, youth groups, the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), and other stakeholders has been completed. These insights now guide a Family Vulnerability Study, which is shaping Family Strengthening efforts in collaboration with 10 active NGOs. Through strong partnerships with corporate supporters, local organizations, and community stakeholders, the initiative aims to empower caregivers, strengthen families, and create safe, nurturing environments where children can thrive.

The momentum continues as in Sundar Nagar, Hunchenatti, Karnataka, Miracle Foundation India and partner Anmol Thangudham facilitated the formation of a Community-Based Child Protection Mechanism, bringing together 37 community members and officials from the DCPU, Special Juvenile Police Unit, CHILDLINE-1098, and other stakeholders. The meeting addressed child rights, child protection, prevention of child marriage, and the importance of education, while Mr. Mahesh, Counsellor from the DCPU, briefed participants on key government schemes. This initiative is vital in strengthening community-owned child protection and ensuring timely support for children in need.

Meanwhile, in Bhojpur District, Bihar, frontline community workers - including ASHA workers, Aanganwadi Sevikas, Panchayat members, teachers, Jeevika Didis, and Vikas Mitra workers - are leading a community-driven process to map and identify vulnerable families across Barhara and Sandesh Blocks. Their deep local engagement ensures that at-risk households are recognised and linked to timely support, reinforcing community-owned child protection systems across the district.

## Donor Testimonial



"Miracle Foundation India was introduced to me by a friend, Kunal. Supporting Miracle Foundation India has been one of the most meaningful decisions of my life. I was drawn to their mission because they don't just provide temporary assistance; they create lasting change for children and families who deserve safety, love, and opportunity."

- Irbaaz Shaikh

## Resource Links

- [\[Letter\] Implementation of Individual Care Plan \(ICP\) for Children in Non-Institutional Care Services - Reg](#)
- [Handbook on Child Rights and the Law under the guidance of Juvenile Justice Committee, Supreme Court of India](#)

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