



AMONGST THE ARTISTS

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THE Artist's VERSION

THE ART FOR CARE
AUCTION
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15 illustrious Indian Artists have re-interpreted onto canvas the art of the children at Vathsalya, each in their own inimitable style. Both pieces - the child's painting and the Artist's version, along with a dedication, are on auction as an exclusive Ensemble on the 7th of June, marking Vathsalya's 25th anniversary.

**A unique opportunity to own some very special work,
inspired by a child and brought to life by an artist of renown.**



25 YEARS



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25 years ago, Vathsalya Charitable Trust was started with the purpose of giving orphaned and abandoned children a family, a new home. The Vathsalya adoption services model, which has been appreciated globally, has placed over a thousand children into the right homes across the years. Over the years, the focus has moved from child welfare to child development, encompassing issues and addressing needs at a wider family and community level.

Vathsalya Charitable Trust is a non-profit, non-government organization, registered in 1988.

MEET VATHSALYA, 25 YEARS' ON



Our 1st child

In-country Adoption License

Initiated Foster Care Programme

Educational Sponsorship for under-privileged children

National

Seminar on Foster Care

Training in Parenting



Vathsalya, our first adoptive child, then and now.

Branch Office at Koppal

Day Care for children of migrant families and for children with disabilities

Trust registered

1989

28th June 1988

1990

Vathsalya Charitable

Trust office is

established

1994

Inter-Country

Adoption License

2003

Inaugural of our own facility

2006

2008

Branch Office at Raichur

2009

2010

Scaled up our Educational Sponsorship Programme

2012

2013



Adoption is at the heart of VathsalYA. Finding for homeless children permanent homes and the love of a family has been the driving force of the organisation for over two decades. The belief that the child's growth and

ADOPTION. WHERE IT ALL BEGAN.

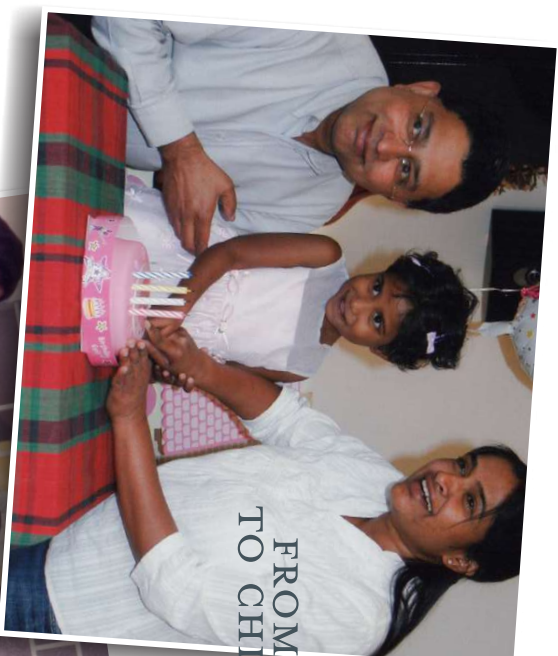
development best comes

through a caring family has enabled us to develop a successful and sustainable model for child adoption.

Over two decades, VathsalYA has been able to rescue over 1600 children and has placed over 1000

children in loving permanent

homes. More than 80 per cent of our children find homes within the country. Those children who cannot find homes within the country for reasons such as skin tone, age and medical problems, are placed in international adoption.



FROM CHILD WELFARE TO CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Going beyond adoption is necessary in the larger scheme of things. Hence the progression in VathsalYA's vision - from child welfare to child development.



To a child, Family is everything, and the aspects that aid the natural process of the child's development depends on many factors. Primarily - health and education, which can only be properly sustained by a community that goes beyond parents and includes teachers, social facilitators, and

community health-workers. Apart from knowing what to do and how, this means a certain level of commitment and skill enhancement. All of this will lead to **family preservation and family strengthening**. This is where the direction of VathsalYA today lies.



In keeping with the family-centric vision for child development, the focus areas today are

Education
Nutrition
Parenting and
Training.

WIDER FOCUS

Many of our programmes are conducted concurrently. The Vathsalva Centre houses the Child Care Medical Centre, informal schooling, a community space, beds for the children, the kitchen, and the administrative offices.



MEDICAL & SPECIAL CARE CENTRE

Some children are wilfully abandoned, often for a physical or mental non-confirmity. These cases range from infants with brittle bones disease, dog bitten infants, cleft palates - to name a few. Some require hospitalisation and surgery, the costs of which are borne by us. Some are given recuperative and critical care in our own Child Care Centre. We have an array of medical equipment, including a small ICU with warmers, IV stands, a suction apparatus, and nebulizer. Childcare workers, nurses specialized in neonatal care, attendant doctors, and physiotherapists are all part of the Centre.

In addition, we also have a separate Special Children's Home for girl children with special needs - handicapped children (mentally or physically), children with cerebral palsy and the like. Each child here is paid for on a regular monthly basis.





CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Our child-care staff, which includes trained nurses and therapists, are experienced in taking care of children with special needs. The Vathsalya Day Care programme for these children offers care, interaction and activity, therapy, and the right meal. Play equipment, beds, and the space to develop are part of the environment.

A close community of foster families have given their homes, time, energy and attention to the care of children with special needs. Over many years, these families have become uniquely skilled and are invaluable to the effort in enabling them to lead more fulfilling lives.



At this point, we have a growing number of children of migrant workers, aged between 6 months and 10 years that are part of the programme. Proper nutrition with supplementary vitamins and minerals, immunization care and protection - are provided, along with regular health-check-ups at least once a month. Screenings are also done for physical delays or deficiencies, and alongside health monitoring, treatments are prescribed for illnesses and infections. Teachers and volunteers introduce these children to basic education. They are taught Math, English, Science and Values, preparing them for a formal education. Older children are provided an informal education.

WORKING WITH MIGRANT CHILDREN





EDUCATION FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED GIRLS

Empowering girls and promoting gender equality is an imperative in the development of our society. We expanded our educational sponsorship program to target children from underprivileged backgrounds who are identified by teachers and principals as at risk of dropping out of school. The tuition fee (paid directly to the schools), books, and uniforms are included in the programme. We meet the parents and children as often as possible. Annual programs are conducted to discuss various issues relevant to children of this age, such as the importance of education, career guidance, health, time management and anger management. Furthermore, parent education sessions are offered every quarter to parents, covering ways to encourage and support their children with studying, and establishing better communication. We also meet with teachers and school principals to monitor the progress of participating students.

We are supporting a little over 850 students in Bangalore, Raichur and Koppal.



of a child. At our facility, we run an informal school for underprivileged children mainly in the older age-groups. Teachers and volunteers are involved in the daily routine of the children. English, Arithmetic, Science and Environmental Science are taught primarily. Attention is given to the holistic development of the child. Alongside rhymes, action songs and story reading, there are nature walks and outings, all directed to development of the three Q's - intellectual, emotional and spiritual.

INFORMAL SCHOOL



Having seen the healthy and beautiful transformation in the children who are in the temporary care of foster parents, we realized that institutions should be the last resort for any homeless child. Since 1990, we have been promoting family foster care, which is the best way to help a parentless child develop emotionally and physically. 4 in every 5 of our children are in foster homes within three kilometers of the Centre. Given the proven belief in the system, we are keen to promote it for others to follow, through national seminars and the publishing of articles.

FOSTER CARE



PARENTAL COUNSELING

Parenting skills are learnt, not inherited. Counseling is a critical aspect of the bigger family development picture. It helps parents understand better the growth of the child across ages, and sensitises them to the foundation needs of children as they grow mentally and emotionally. We conduct regular workshops for parents, and engage paramedics through local primary health care centres. Our support is aligned to strengthening the parents of our day care children - both migrant and challenged.



TRAINING

Over time, we realised that training is integral to making changes permanent, and that the training of trainers, with reference to children, will only help us realize our objectives faster. We target teachers, community health workers, parent support groups to engage in training so that the understanding flows deeper into the community. This system of advocacy helps create a wider support group.





There are other focussed activities that are structured to aid the meeting of our objectives. While some of these are held at our Centre, many are conducted in designated locations. Community camps, trainings, sessions with children.



ALIGNED ACTIVITIES



THE TEAM & THE TRUSTEES

Vathasalya has over thirty full-time staff, a loyal group of volunteers and a committed Board of Trustees.

The board, which works closely with the team, comprises a varied group of highly experienced professionals and educationists, including consultants, business heads, architects, IT executives, doctors and mothers. A key aspect of the board is that the Chairmanship is passed on every 2 years.



ENDURING SUPPORT

Over the years, we have built strong relationships with NGOs in India & abroad and various sponsors. Our 25 year relationship with Holt International, a global NGO headquartered in the USA and which operates through associates in over 14 countries, has been both productive and fulfilling, as we enjoy a shared vision. We are listed with Give India Foundation and have received financial and volunteer support through several corporates.

Behind a lot of our work is the continued involvement of our adoptive parents, and they and the children are still the inspiration for all that we do.



We invite you to visit Vathasalya and perhaps volunteer or aid one of our programmes.

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