

Annual Report

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Changing the world, one wish at a time

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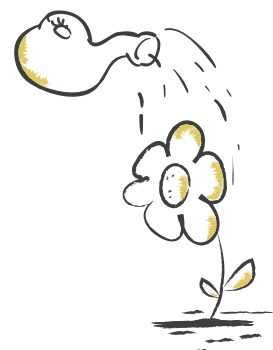


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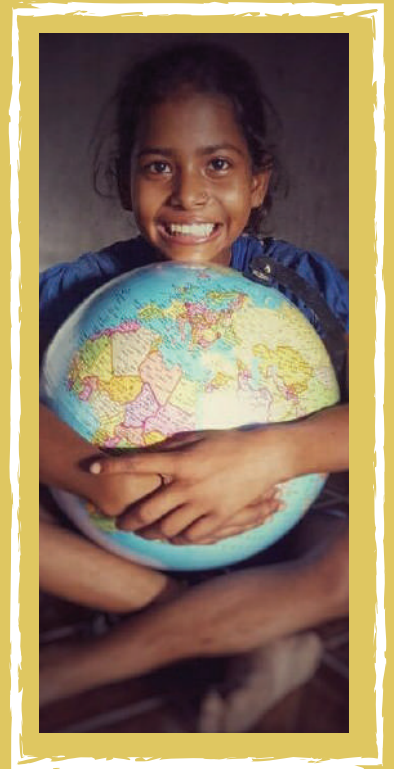


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About Us



Bucket List was a result of occasional off-hand conversations with street children and adolescents that were soon turned into deliberate interactions, which motivated the founders to give this initiative a more structured direction. With the core idea of working on their psychological and social development, we started with a program, Bucketful of Skills, designed around inculcating Life Skills through mediums that keep the children motivated and inspired. We strongly believe in learning experiential and action oriented learning as opposed to just being exposed to a pool of theoretical knowledge.



Vision

A world where children are equipped with the skills and abilities to reach their full potential.

Mission



Bucket List is an initiative that works with children, adolescents and young adults through creative mediums of arts, storytelling and sports to enhance their emotional, physical and social well being.



Director's Letter

This year, we embarked upon our second year as an organisation. The year, despite a few ups and downs, turned out to be quite an eventful journey for the team or the “bucketeers” as we like to call ourselves. We increased our pool of volunteers manifold, along with the introduction of a core volunteer team to be the bridge between the organisation and the rest of the volunteers. We further witnessed expansion, not only in terms of our areas of operation, bringing in children from Madanpur Khadar, Nizamuddin Basti and New Friends Colony under our wing, but also in terms of partnerships and supporters.

We partnered up with Delhi Hurricanes Rugby Football Club to start a new project: Streets to Field. Several other organisations such as Udayan Care, PVR Nest, The Flush Mob, Pravah, partnered up with us on several occasions. The CSR team from Omnicom Media Group, Dubai pledged their support to Bucket List and are currently assisting us in running the operations of our Jasola learning center. We were also a part of an incredible entrepreneurship and social change journey with 12 other social organisations in the Changelooms Leadership and Learning Journey.

Many of our kids got their wishes ticked off their bucket lists this year. Kishan celebrated his birthday for the first time ever while Anshu got to visit a zoo. Vineeta and Shobhit got to act in a play and showcase their flair for acting. Pinky got her wish granted by



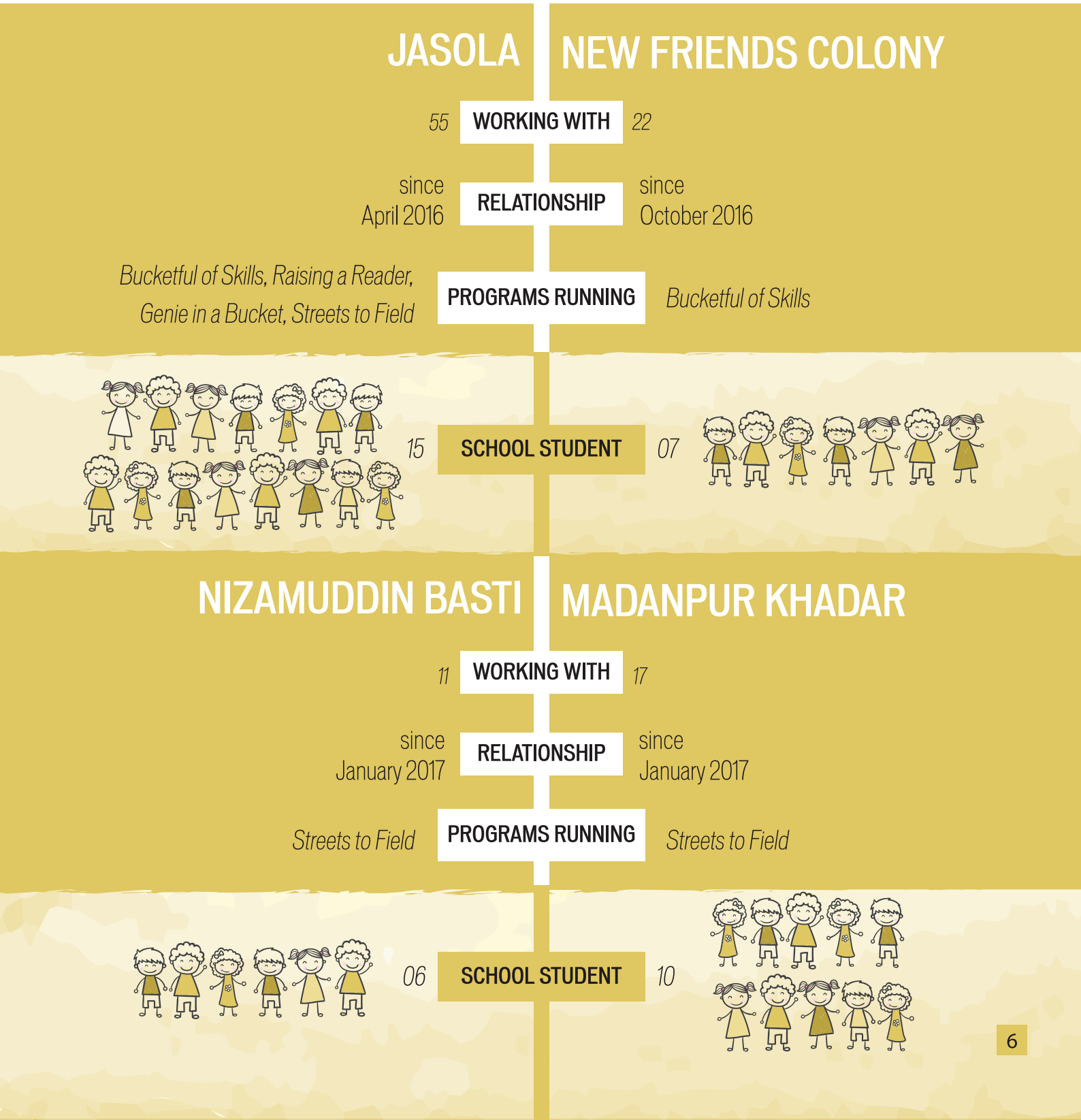
being a princess for a day and Shivani got to be on the stage. All this while learning about Shakespeare, Saint Valentine and the magical world of wizards through Harry Potter, to name a few things.

We hope to keep this momentum going and touch more lives in the coming year. The focus will be on expansion of the team and our outreach numbers. We will further be solidifying our existing programs through increasing our pool of fiscal supporters and partnerships. The emphasis will be on resource generation and volunteer action to ensure deeper and more sustainable impact. All of this and of course, a quest for finding more and more “genies” for our little ones throughout the year.

Together, with our partners and donors, we plan to keep converting our commitments into concrete results on ground. The continued support of our donors is what makes our work possible. We are immensely grateful for this, and we will continue working towards making the most efficient use of the funds entrusted to us in order to drive change and leave positive impact in the lives of the most vulnerable, excluded and at-risk children.

Outreach & Community

In our first year we have made an impact in four major locations. Children and adolescents from each of these communities, though similar in every sense, are just a bit different if observed closely. For example, some of them rag-pick, beg or work as underage labour, while some are victims of substance abuse. We plan our programs very specifically to accommodate their particular needs.

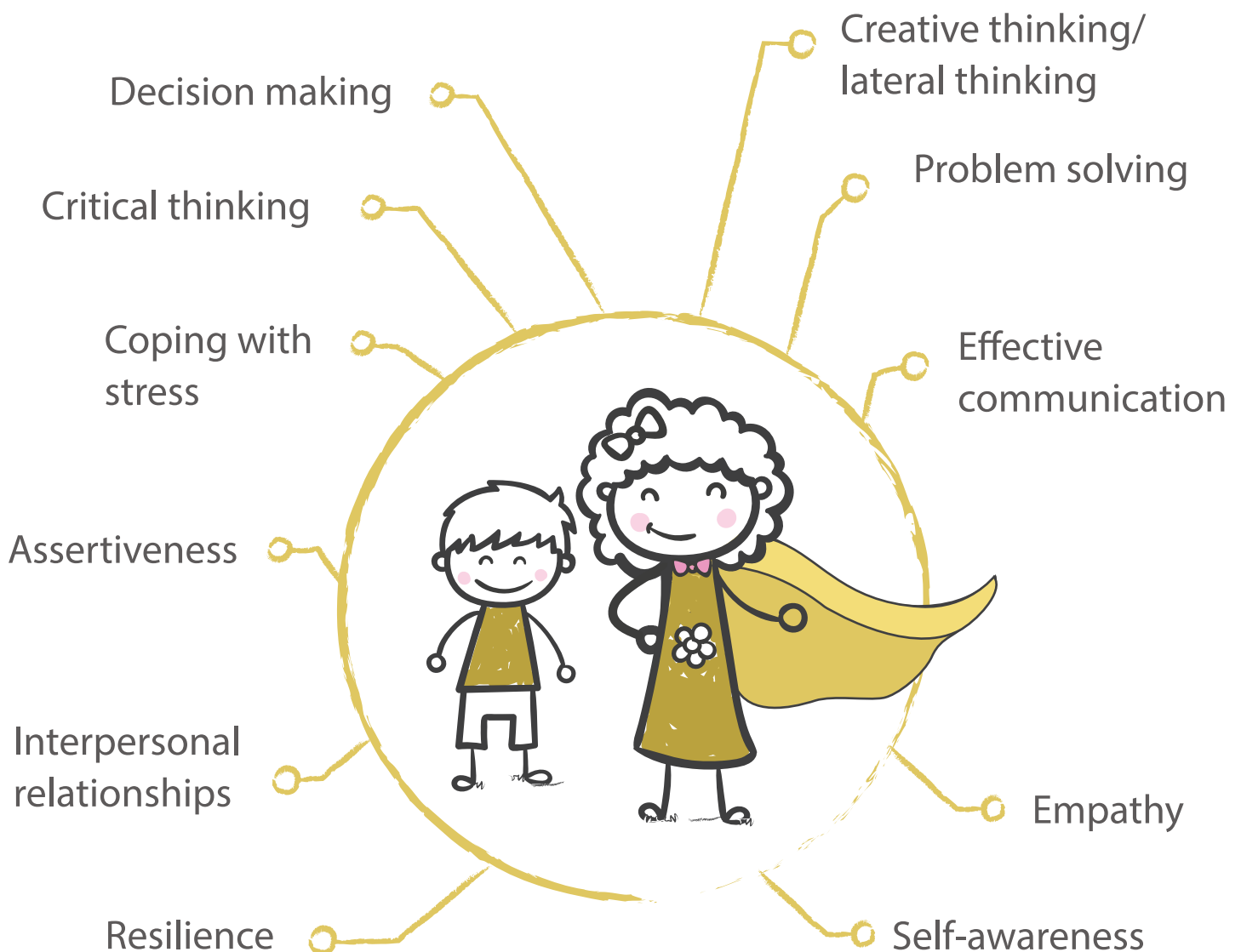


How We Go About It

The concept we utilise in order to develop their psycho-social well-being is '*Life skills*'. A concept that is elastic by nature, Life skills broadly fall under the umbrella of '*psycho-social*' skills. As a reflection upon the two terms will clarify, Life skills are also subjective to the surrounding social norms and culture.

As we work with children, adolescents and young adults, we have made sure to utilise methods that interest and engage them most. Mediums like art, sports and story-telling, that focus more on experiential learning than theoretical.

WHO identifies the following as the important Life skills:



Our Programs

Bucketful of Skills

April to June 2016



This program utilises mediums of fine art, craft, performing arts and storytelling. These mediums work perfectly as they are all inclusive, motivating, inspiring and skill enhancing at the same time. The quarterly programme, is grandly concluded with exhibitions and events, showcasing the progress made and the skills adorned by our dear children.

We ran a pilot cycle at the Jasola centre, under which we took sessions designed around learning and practicing life skills through activities. The activities were fun, exciting and inclusive. We concluded the run with Tell-a-Tale, an event to present the children with an opportunity to share the difference they had felt.

January 2017 to present



We started another cycle with the children in New Friends Colony. Only, this time, we customised the program according to the specific needs of these children. Keeping in mind the vulnerability of the children in terms of substance abuse and their need to provide for their families.

"I used to be so shy! I didn't even speak to my friends properly; forget acting on a stage. But now, I tell them everything! I learnt that one should never be scared of anything." - Shivani, an 11 year old giving us her own interpretation of the confidence boost she felt after part of Tell-A-Tale - our annual event - and with a huge naughty grin if we may add.



Genie in a Bucket

Under Genie in a Bucket, we find them a Genie who fulfils the wish of one kid every three months for that immense contentment that he or she feels after their wish gets fulfilled! The gesture gives the children positive attitude that is open to aspirations and ready to work their way to it. The program also makes a beautiful bridge between these children and the rest of the society, giving everyone a chance to know these little humans a bit better and take a glimpse into their lives.

June 2016



Our children were invited for the screening of movie 'Dhanak' to the Saket movie theatre by PVR Nest. The venture also helped us tick off the wish of entering a movie theatre from many of our little one's Bucket Lists. We hoped that the exposure left them with increased levels of curiosity towards new experiences.

September 2016



We kick started the program by finding Kishan, one of our Jasola kids, a group of Genies. The said Genies were a group of Delhi University students who wanted to celebrate his birthday, the biggest wish he had - a cake and lots of fun with his friends.

March 2017



Anshu's one wish was to go the zoo once. So for this quarter we put our heads together, raised the funds to take Ashu and her friends to the zoo and the day couldn't have gone better!

December 2016



A GIB event where we included all of our volunteers as well. It was a picnic at Humayun's Tomb and planned and executed by the volunteers to give the children an unforgettable day.

From scrumptious food to dance performances and games, there was everything. Another event under the same program was on Christmas. We used this festival to bring cheers to the little ones and also make a note of each of their wishes for next year. We plan to make it a tradition and give our children a chance to believe in the power of good behaviour and wishes.

"I never thought I'd ever see a cake with my name on it" - said Kishan, a 12 year old in a quiet conversation with one of our team mates after his birthday celebration was over. Kishan is one of our most sincere & intelligent boys. The odd combination of sheer happiness on his face and the seriousness in his voice, showed the deep impact this little celebration was going to leave on him in the coming days.



Raising a Reader

August 2016



Bucket List ran a book drive, wherein we invited and encouraged everyone to donate story books. The idea was to collect books that will aid us in inculcating the habit of reading amongst the children.

Through this program, we inculcate storytelling in learning to make it fun, creative and interactive at the same time. Kids learn more by metaphors than by facts. The core idea behind this program is that listening to stories is not enough, the more impactful action is to be able to read the stories one wants to. Hence, as the name suggests, under this program we try to instil the habit of reading in the them and give them the tools to do so by teaching them English and Hindi reading and writing skills.

October 2016

Kit distribution and a briefing session for parents, also addressing their concerns & queries.



November 2016

Two teachers were appointed for the centre, to ensure the quality of education we were aiming at imparting.



“ I used to think of becoming a doctor when i grew up, and now i feel like i really can be ”
- says Vineeta, a 12 year old girl when asked about how does studying make her feel.



Streets to Field

December 2016

Bucket Listed initiated a sponsorship campaign, under which we urged people to sponsor one child's rugby kit.

Under this program, we create a space for the children to use their vigour and passion in sports rather than getting involved in unhealthy practices as an outlet of negative emotions or thoughts. These vulnerable kids from underprivileged parts of Delhi developed skills, like communication, problem solving and self discipline, that allow them to work together in teams, build sports ethics, develop self-assurance and give them the chance to have something great to aspire towards.

January 2017



Once we had sponsors for the children, we got the kits together and distributed them at the community. On the same day we took a session with the parents, to address all their queries and concerns.

January 2017



The program was kick started with a blast at Vasant Kunj DDA Sports Complex.

February 2017



Our team participated in a tournament at the British School and came up as runner's up, after only a month of training.

"Sir also taught us to never make fun if someone falls or doesn't know anything. Instead, we should help them" - this is what Manish, an 11 year old said when asked what he learnt from the STF project apart from Rugby.



Activities & Events

5th June, 2016

Tell-A-Tale

The perfect launch event, with the children having a time of their lives and over a hundred guests to witness the magic

9th June, 2016

Movie Screening by PVR Nest - Dhanak

Our children were invited for the screening of movie 'Dhanak' to the Saket movie theatre. The venture also helped us tick off the wish of entering a movie theatre from many of our little one's Bucket Lists. We hoped that the exposure left them with increased levels of curiosity towards new experiences.

August, 2016

Book Donation Drive

A book donation drive was started by Bucket List that encouraged everyone to donate story books or any other kind of books they felt our children could interest themselves into reading. The initiative was taken in support of two of our programs- *Bucketeers* (to bring the magic of stories as close to them as possible), as well as *Raising a Reader* (to encourage our children to develop the habit and interest of reading those stories themselves).



15th August, 2016

Independence Day celebrations

A day filled with action and fun, the day was celebrated at our Learning center itself. There was tri-colored cap making, patriotic song preparation and finally a beautiful flag hoisting. Learning about the significance of the day, the children concluded the celebrations with a string of musical performances.

27th August, 2016

Ateetshala

Organized by a volunteers group called E3 from Delhi University, Ateetshala was an excursion trip to Mehrauli Heritage Park. Aimed at sensitizing the little ones towards our historical monuments, heritage and culture.

25th September, 2016

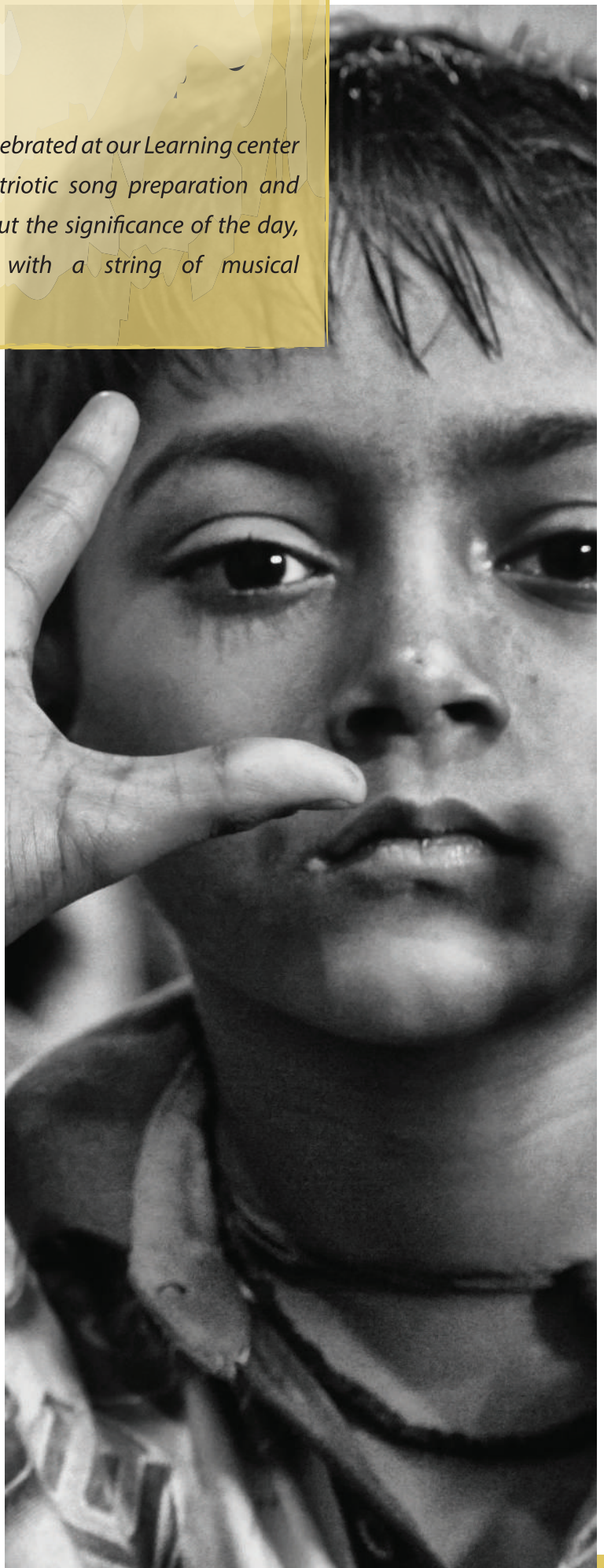
Genie in a Bucket - Quarter 3, 2016

A day that made our hearts swell up with happiness. Under our dearest program - Genie in a Bucket - one of our children's wish finally came true! Kishan, a very sincere child wanted to celebrate his birthday at least once, since he didn't even know where it fell on a calendar.

October, 2016

Launch of Raising a Reader Program

We started our third program at the Jasola Centre. With the idea of supporting the storytelling portion of our Bucketful of Skills program and instilling a habit of reading amongst our children, we started with teaching them the basic reading and writing skills in Hindi and English.





8th October, 2016

Joy of Giving

In collaboration with Udayan, Bucket List received a lovely group of children from their Centre. Together, children from the two organisations exchanged gifts and made creatively beautiful designs with reused household items like buttons, cans and waste paper.

29th October, 2016

Diwali Celebrations

On the day before Diwali, team Bucket List put together a session that revolved around the joy of light and celebrations but also instilled a sense of responsibility in the children when they were introduced to the concept of 'No crackers'. Everyone enjoyed decorating lamps with paint, glass pieces, etc.

November, 2016

A new community!

New Friend's Colony community market has a large number of children spending their time there. You'd find them almost at any time of the day, just playing around or mostly begging. To begin with, we started with art lessons and then moved on to theatre - all under our Bucketful of Skills program.

18th December, 2016

Genie in a Bucket Event

This quarter's event we started with introductions assigning one kid to one volunteer as a 'buddy' for the day. Next the kids moved on to telling everyone about themselves and their sweet little bucket lists, which actually happened to bring tears to many eyes. Post this the volunteers took over and helped kids have the time of their lives! From games to choreographed performances, there was everything, and all by our dearest volunteers.

23rd December, 2016

Christmas Celebrations

A super fun day! Santa Clause payed a visit to our Jasola centre and filled the kids with all the joy in the world. The idea was to introduce the little humans to other cultures as well as spreading the love in form of gifts. Each child came to Santa to get their gift and also tell him their one wish.

15th January, 2017

Streets to Field Launch

An unforgettable day for the entire Bucket List family, team as well as the children. For the kick off of our newest program Streets to Field, we took our children to Vasant Kunj, DDA Complex where Delhi Hurricanes, our partners for the project, practice.

21st January, 2017

Flush Mob Visit

Bucket List collaborated with The Flush Mob (TFM) to do a day long workshop on importance of hygiene and sanitation with 40 kids at Jasola Centre. Team tried to impart basic hygiene and sanitation practices through energizers, games and storytelling sessions.

28th January, 2017

Open-house for Volunteers

With the aim of giving our volunteers and anyone else who wishes to spend time with or simply meet our kids, we decided to open our centre to everyone on fourth Saturdays of every month.





February, 2017

I Did My Bit Campaign

We launched an online campaign #IDidMyBit that aims at sensitising as many people as possible about child rights in general and how the street children are in dire need of them in particular. It is an attempt at inspiring and motivating people to realise these rights in street children's lives and consciously act accordingly.

26th February, 2017

British School Touch Rugby Tournament

Children from Bucket List participated in their first ever Touch Tournament at British School. The motivation level of the kids, after the tournament, was through the roof and it can be very well seen in their rugby practice sessions now.

19th March, 2017

Genie in a Bucket - Zoo Trip

This quarter's Genie in a Bucket event was for Anshu, one of our Jasola sweethearts. Once we posted it out in the beginning of the quarter, we found more than one 'Genie' for her called 'Pack leaders', each volunteer was showing around a group of 5-6 children. Another one of our events that was much more than just an educational trip.

25th March, 2017

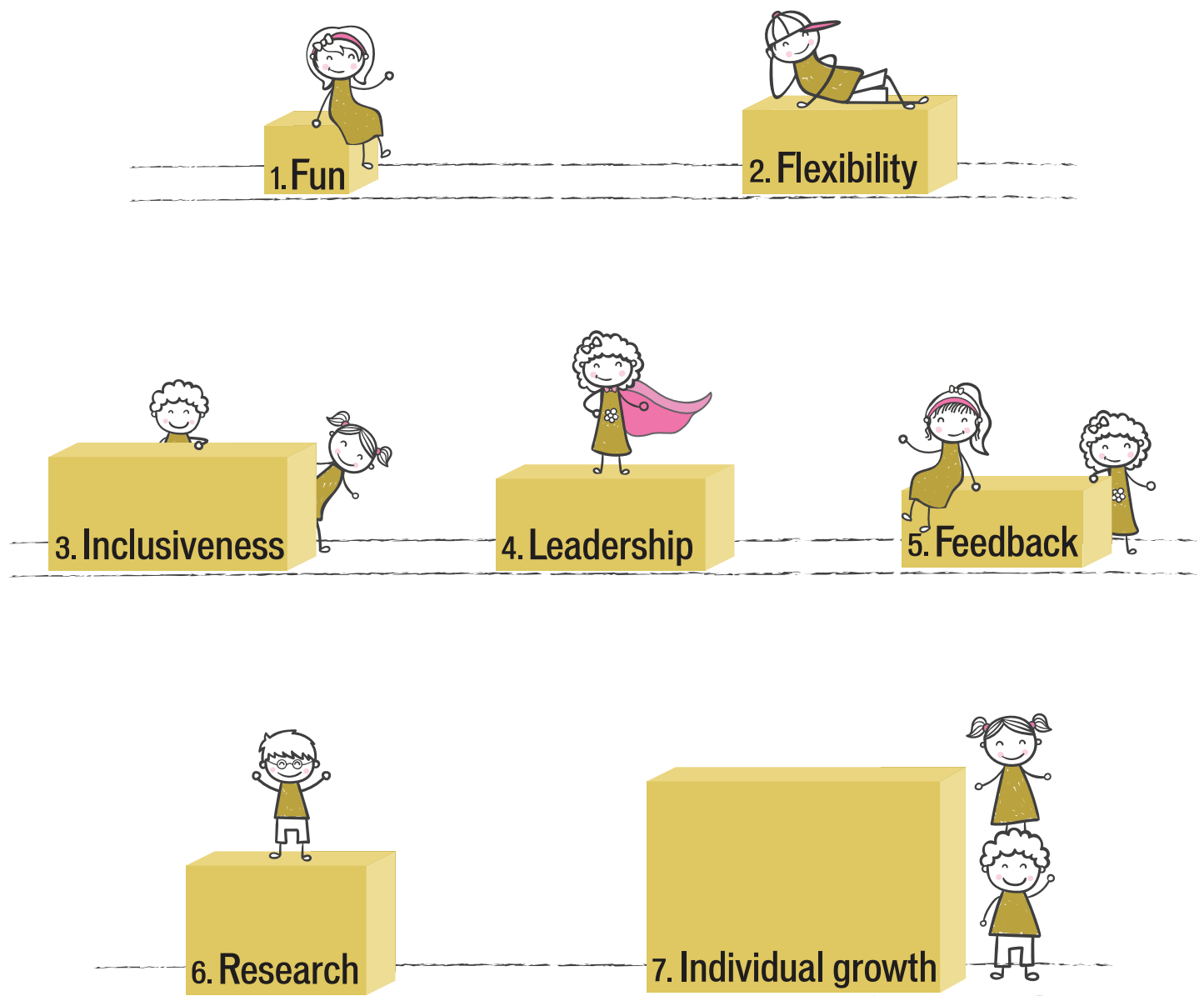
Omnicom Media - A Friendly Visit

Under a CSR project, a group of 12 members from Omnicom Media Group, Dubai flew down to India. The group also visited Bucket List's Jasola centre. The visit entailed an exciting and all-participatory STF session and an emotional visit to the community. The Omnicom team also collectively raised funds for the renovation of our Jasola Learning Centre.

Organisational Structure

The work that we undertake at Bucket List is successful not because of the great resources and investment that we have. Rather, our growth and progress as an organisation has been a result of active and equal participation from the team, children and volunteers we work with.

Following are the aspects we lay great emphasis on in the common workings of the organisation:



"The days that I spend volunteering at Bucket list are the best bits of my month.

Everytime I pay a visit to the centre or at the office, I always come back having learnt something new. The kids, the amount of Love and care they shower, I am so devoted to them now. Adding to my personal character, I feel like, I have grown as a human under the guidance of all the people at Bucket list.

Our Saturday meetings are something I really look forward to. I still try to follow the communication lesson we learnt at one of our meetings. I will always cherish the time I spend at Bucket list, it is always good to have a family away from home."



Rupali Rakheja

Core Volunteer, Bucket List
Founder, Explore.Excavate.Enjoy



Saif Ullah Khan

Former Volunteer
Project Lead, Streets to Field, Bucket list
Hooker, Delhi Hurricanes Rugby Football Club

"After the very first time volunteering for Bucket List I knew that social sector is my long term ambition. Not much of a duty it was that day, but the day as a whole, the conversations, the fun and the inclusion in something peaceful transformed me from a volunteer to a full time employee. As the aim was psycho social development of street children through creative mediums, I chose to start with a sports based program called STF (Streets to Field) with Bucket List in association with my Rugby club Delhi Hurricanes, I chose rugby as the medium because rugby brought focus to my life and helped me improve both physically and mentally.

For me, Bucket List is helping me tick off things from my own bucket list, it believes in promoting leadership as I came with an idea and I was provided the space and structure to implement and lead it. In spite of being the best buddies, the deadlines are still respected and if there is a lag on one member's part, the work still stays balanced as we've got each others back and support each other on every level. It has been a great experience so far, big plans for the upcoming year; sticking to the pace, One step at a time!"



Collaborations, Partnerships & Support

Collaborations

PVR Nest



Our children were invited for the screening of movie 'Dhanak' to the Saket movie theatre. This became a first time ever experience for them - coming together with hundreds of other children from different communities of the capital. We hoped that the exposure left them with increased levels of curiosity towards new experiences.

Udyan Care



In the spirit of Joy of Giving week, Bucket List received a lovely group of children from their Centre. Together, children from the two organisations exchanged gifts and made creatively beautiful designs with reused household items like buttons. Besides the artsy fun, the event idea was also to give both groups of children an insight into each other's lives and learn the art of sharing and giving.

E3 - Explore.Excavate.Enjoy



E3 organised an excursion trip - Ateetshala, to Mehrauli Heritage Park. Aimed at introducing the little ones to our historical monuments, heritage and culture and also sensitizing them towards the same. Along with making them familiar with our history, the idea was also to teach them why it is important to preserve it and how. It was fantastic to see how well they absorbed the information and developed a sense of ownership almost immediately.

Fluch Mob



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Partnerships

Delhi Hurricanes RC Football Club

Our partners for the program - Streets to Field, the club also very generously has opened the gates of it's own practice field for our little ones. Which was from where we kicked off the program - this was the first time ever our kids came to a real sports field and put on same jerseys like one team. In fact, for so many it was their first time ever wearing shoes.

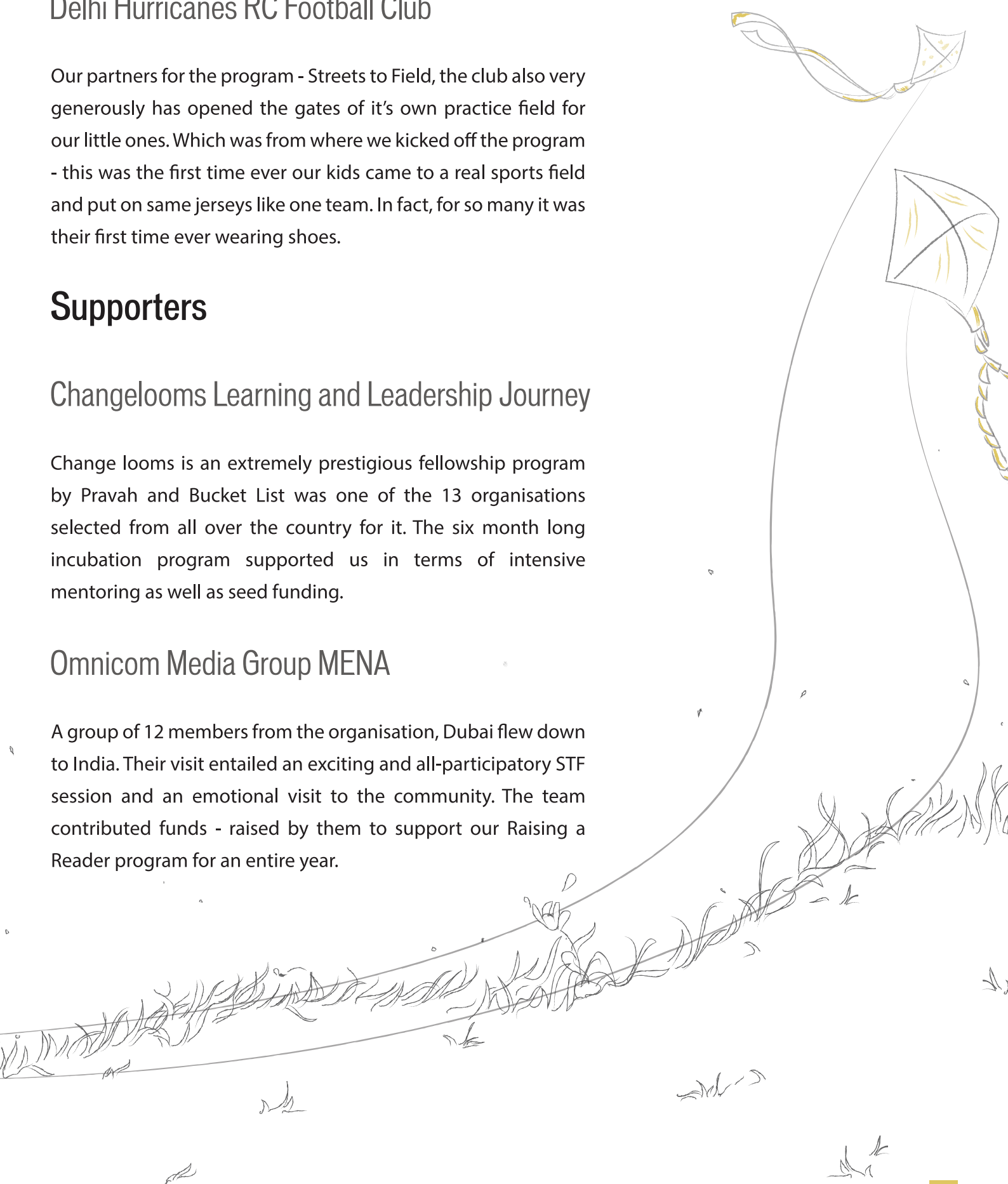
Supporters

Changelooms Learning and Leadership Journey

Change looms is an extremely prestigious fellowship program by Pravah and Bucket List was one of the 13 organisations selected from all over the country for it. The six month long incubation program supported us in terms of intensive mentoring as well as seed funding.

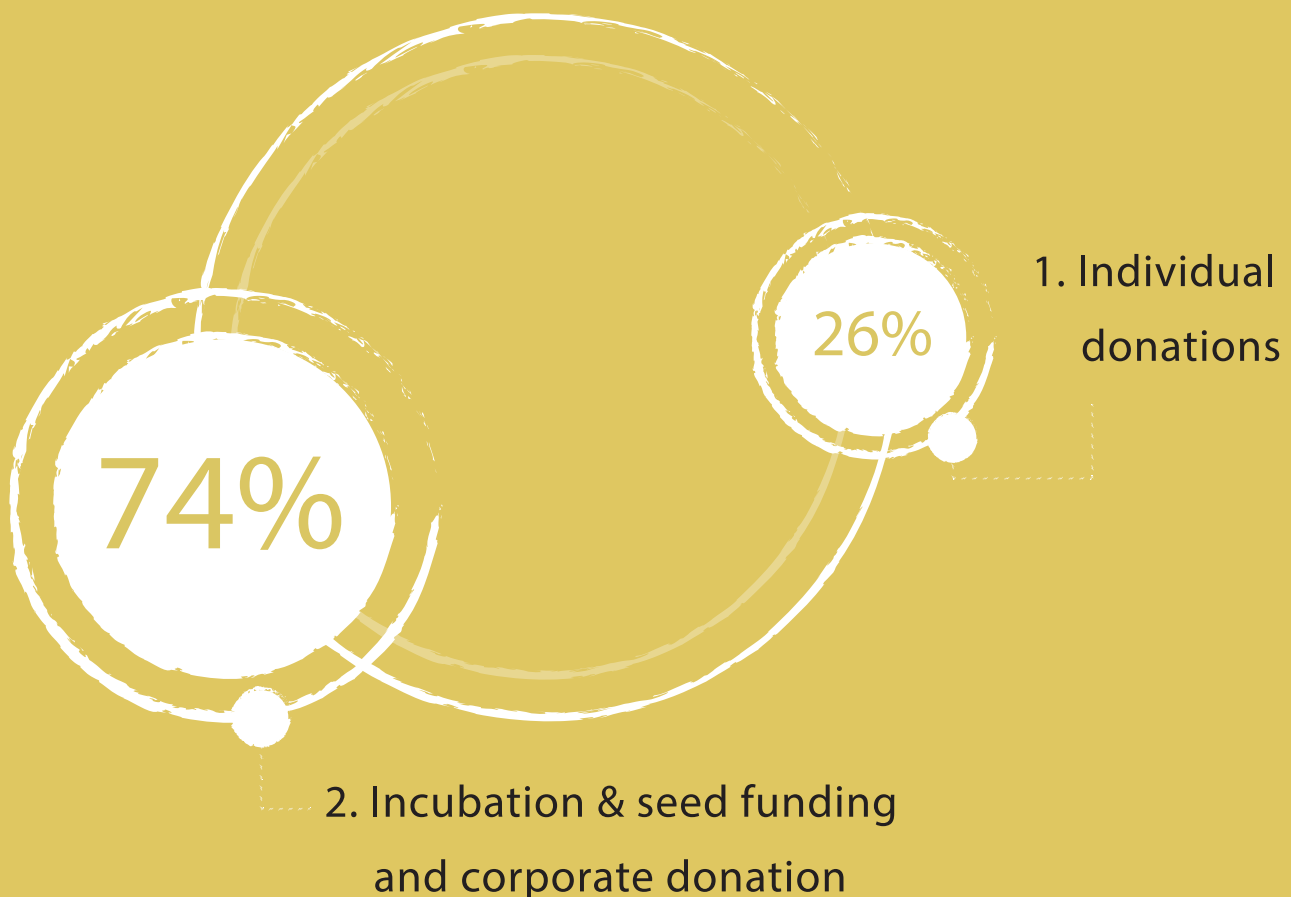
Omnicom Media Group MENA

A group of 12 members from the organisation, Dubai flew down to India. Their visit entailed an exciting and all-participatory STF session and an emotional visit to the community. The team contributed funds - raised by them to support our Raising a Reader program for an entire year.



Resource Mobilization

In financial year **2016-17** we received collective funds of over **4.5 LAKHS**. The sources varied from individual donations to collaborations.



1. Individual donations - Campaigns - Tell-a-Tale and Streets to Field launch

2. Incubation & seed funding and corporate donation - Sources - Pariah's Changelooms and learning leadership program and OMNI com Media Group

We don't want to lose this opportunity to thank all our supporters. We couldn't have reached so far without your faith in us!

Future Vision

India is home to more than
444 Million
children below 18 years, equal to
approx. 37 per cent of India's total population.

Together, youth (those in 18-25 years age group)
and children comprise of more than
52% of the
Population,
enough to define India as a young country.

While this aspect of India's demography is often celebrated, a UNICEF estimate points towards a sobering reality — there are more than 11 million street children in India. Save the Children too has stated that street children constitute a significant portion of the population of vulnerable children in India. In a landmark report, *Surviving the Streets* (2011), it was noted that,

“the presence of a street population, especially children in a city is a clear indicator of the level of denial of basic rights. It also reflects on the fact

that the rehabilitation efforts are either minimal or below the desired level compared to the magnitude of street population”.

Due to the lack of permanent shelters and the fact that the number of street children is not recorded in any national survey or study street children are often referred to as the “invisibles”. Having said so, they are at a higher risk to being abused, exploited and neglected. Another group that is at a high risk of ending up on the street are migrant children. Families come to cities in hope of finding new jobs and employment opportunities, bringing their children along. In such an environment which is prone to deviance, violence and substance abuse, it isn't uncommon for children to fall prey to harmful habits. As such, it becomes imperative that they should have access to right mediums to channelise their energies and aggression.

In **2016-17**, we have had an intensive outreach of over **200** people and extensive outreach of **2500** people.



In the coming year, we plan on doubling our outreach by incorporating more slums as our areas of functioning and by deepening our efforts to ensure greater impact through volunteer action and youth development for change.

This year we plan to design our interventions which are build upon an amalgamation of the findings by psycho-social development theorists like Piaget, Erikson and Vygotsky. Therefore, our effort will be to strengthen children's intrinsic interest in learning and lead them to learn for themselves. Our focus

will be on individual learning, flexibility in the curriculum, and the use of the environment for their development. Not only do we plan on giving our children the ability to explore their artistic expressions in our existing base of theater, craft and sports, but we also plan on incorporating the field of music and creative writing within our existing programs. We further plan on expanding geographically in the state of Uttar Pradesh in the coming year.

Expression of Gratitude

'Thank you' are only two words, but be sure that when we are saying it to you, it holds much more than just words - it holds our feeling of immense gratitude for bringing us so far. It holds the smiles you have helped bring to the faces of our children, it holds the dreams you have allowed them to see and it holds a drop of our team's hardwork you have supported.

To all our supporters, team members, volunteers and specially the children. We could not have begun to reach our vision if it wasn't for all the faith, compassion and cooperation each one of you have shown us. Our intentions alone could not have brought us so far in such a short period of time.



Become a Part of Our Journey

Collaborate with us

In order to increase the outreach of its projects, Bucket List always looks forward to collaborate with organisations that share its goal of social upliftment.

Volunteer with us

We, seek to offer you a space which directs your thoughts and enables you to convert them into actions. To work as a volunteer at this organisation, all that you need is goodwill; and an amount of time and skill that is enough to positively contribute to a good cause.

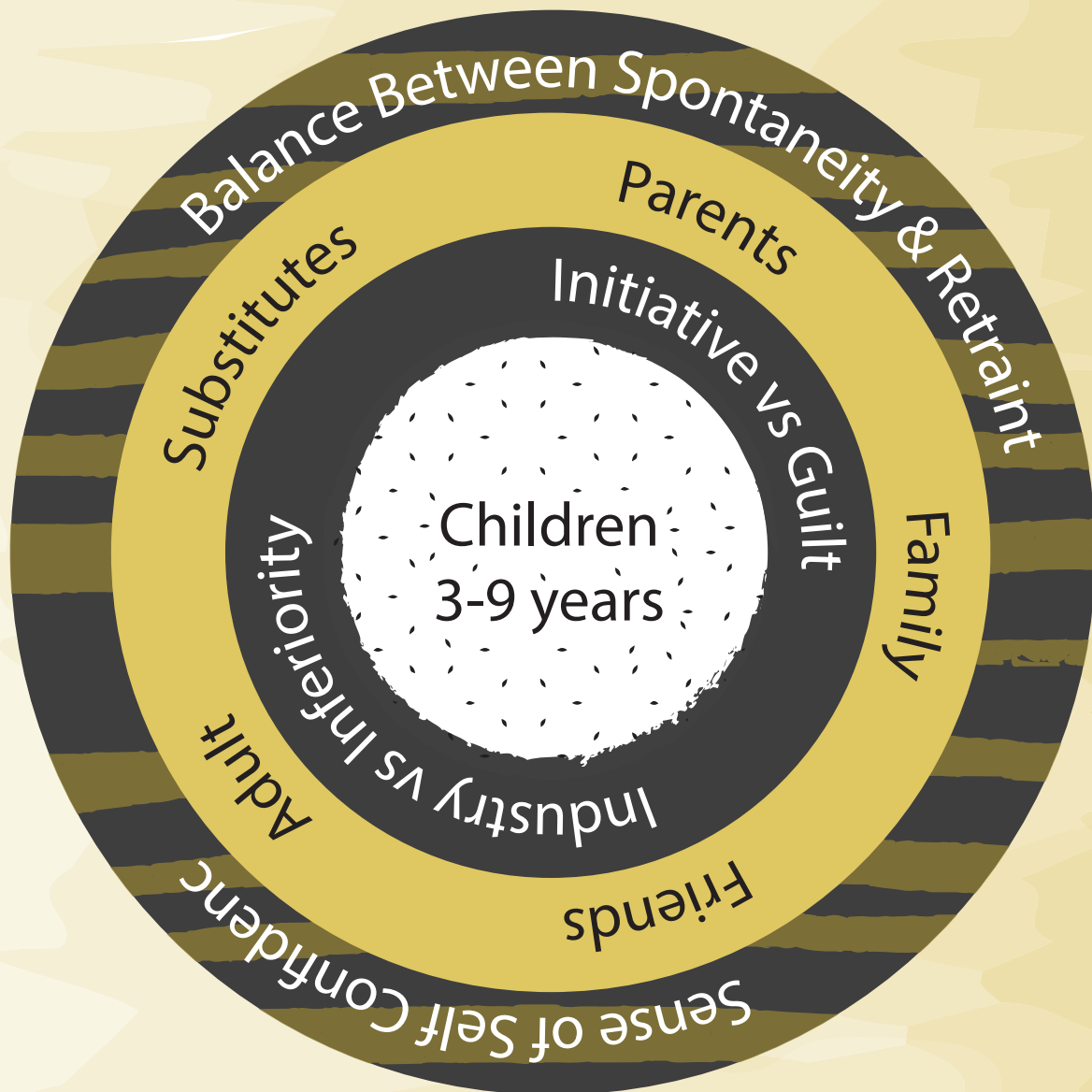
Support us

Bucket List invites fiscal support from individuals as well as organisations.

As an individual, you can reach out to us to support our project campaigns such as Streets to Field and Raising a Reader, lend us your support through our frequent online fundraising campaigns, or contact us directly. You can sponsor a child's sport training, education or both!



Initiative vs Guilt



Target Group



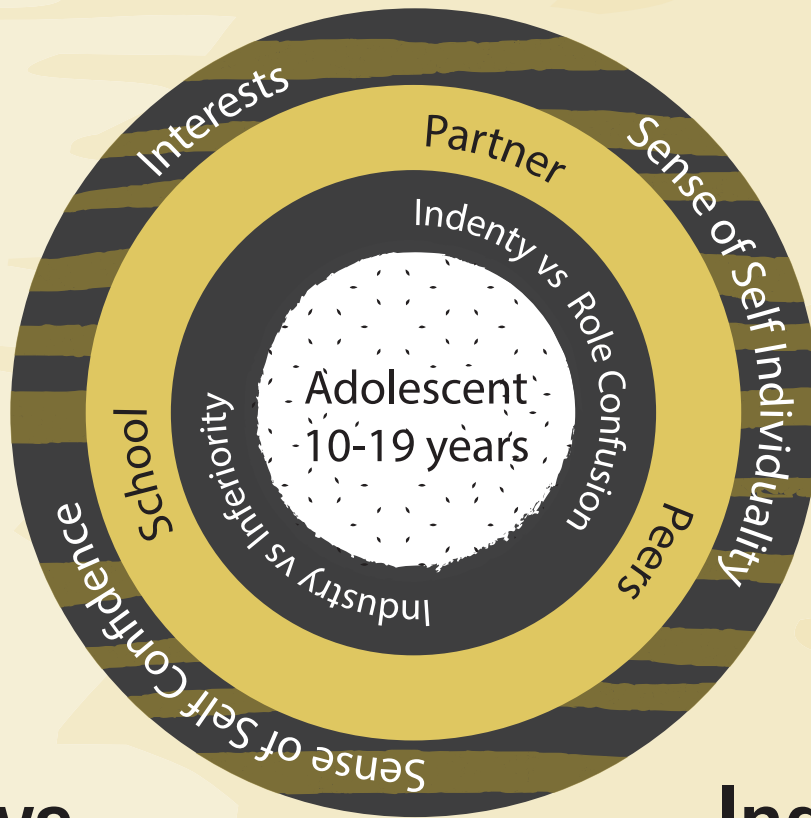
Psychological Conflict



Major Environmental Influence

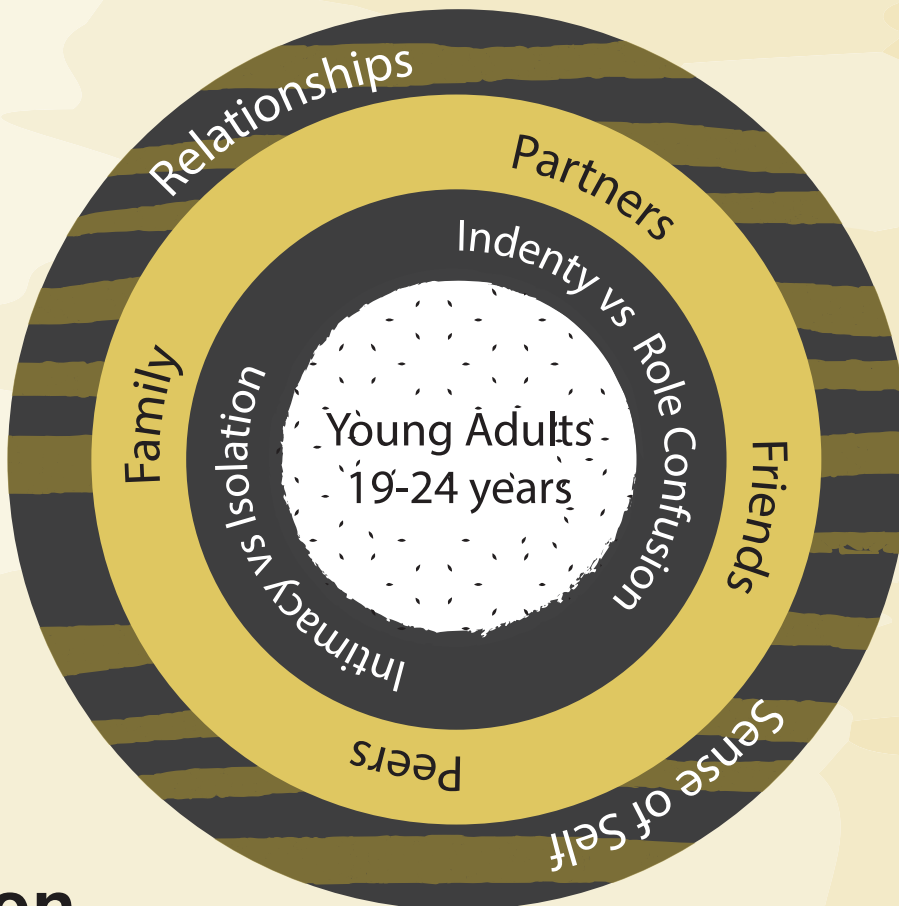


Developmental Needs



**Intimacy vs
Isolation**

**Industry vs
Inferiority**



**Identity
vs Role
Confusion**

How Do We Do It

SOCIAL WELL BEING



PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL BEING



PHYSICAL WELL BEING



RAISING A READER

Focus on learning rather than end product
Evaluate learning with suitable tasks

Using active learning that involve
reconstructing truths

BUCKETFUL OF SKILLS

GENIE IN A BUCKET

Using active learning that involve
reconstructing truths

Using collaborative as well as individual
activities

Devising situations that present useful
problems and create disequilibrium

STREETS TO FIELD

Meet the Bucketeers

The team behind Bucket List is a group of imaginative peers, from all walks of life, who seek to promote equality, inclusivity and creativity in thoughts and actions alike. This dynamic squad consists of individuals working both full time and part time with Bucket List, but the majority is a bunch of charismatic, inspiring & enthusiastic volunteers, without whom, Bucket List could not have come so far so fast.

Hello! We are the Bucketeers!



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