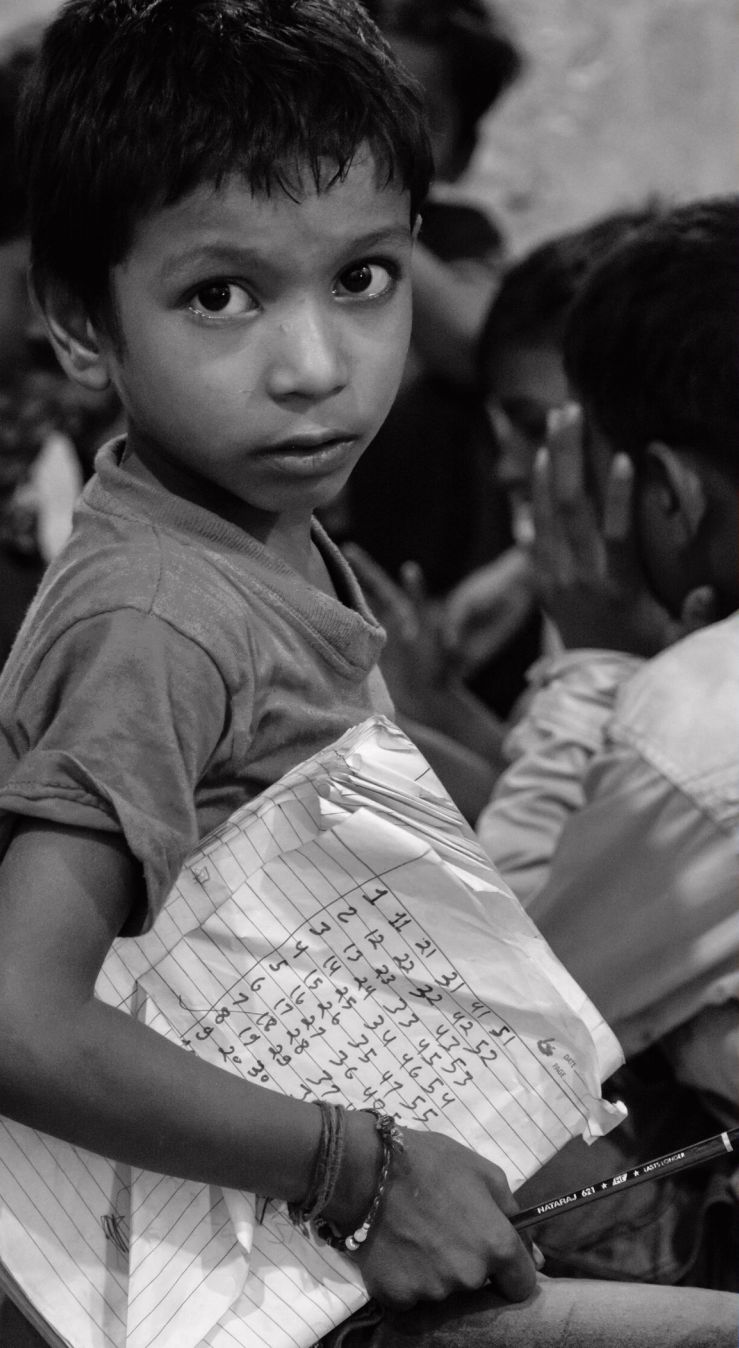


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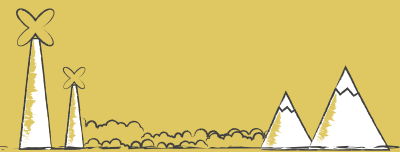
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About Us

Vision

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



Our Mission

Bucket List is one-of-a-kind club that welcomes underprivileged children and adolescents with the aim of offering them avenues to support them in positively growing physically, mentally and emotionally. While doing so, providing them stability and bringing about visible change in their behaviour and disposition.

Through years of conceptualising and pilot runs, Bucket List is today a club like no other. Bucket List club is the only such entity in the entire country - the very first club for underprivileged children. This club gives disadvantaged children somewhere to belong and find family outside of family. Studies show that one of the major reasons waywardness of street children is lack of stable relationships.

Bucket List club works on six major verticals, which in their own unique way, help each child in reaching her full potential - socially, physically, mentally as well as emotionally.



The aim is to give underprivileged children a support system that is complete and helps them grow into healthy functioning individuals of the global society. We are also actively working on creating awareness about the plight of children on the streets and giving the masses a glimpse into their difficult lives and an opportunity to make a real difference.



Director's Letter



As another year comes to a close, Bucket List has so many new stories to share with you all. Another year where we've tirelessly worked to find new and innovative ways to make our work better and more impactful with each passing day. The past year at Bucket List witnessed activities, collaborations and events that seemed to multiply with each passing month as we worked hard to provide meaningful support to the kids as well as the communities we worked in.

We were covered by 8 leading newspapers, featured in over 16 newspaper articles and had our work recognised by many other leading online portals. We collaborated with India's number one Rugby Football Club and also received support from Rugby India. Social media handles of World Rugby covered our story and published it. We also collaborated with organisations like Modicare, Butterflies Foundation, YouWeCan, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights and Save The Children, to name a few, in helping us move a step closer towards realisation of our goals and vision.

This year we kicked off our very first School Admission Campaign where we aim to get every child who is associated with us, enrolled in a school under Right To Education Act of India. With this campaign, we took a major leap into the arena of child rights. While we had worked on child rights awareness in the past too, this campaign took us a step ahead with us very actively working on advocacy, and on ground action.

Despite facing various challenges, our team is actively working on ticking this wish off our kids' bucket lists.

We also expanded our reach geographically in the state of Uttar Pradesh, where we kick started our journey through our sports intervention program, Streets To Field. Our entry in this community was met with great applause and we were welcomed with open arms by a huge crowd turnout in our very first sports event, Go For Rugby. We hope to expand into more rural areas in the state in the coming year and curate some beautiful stories of change and impact, by replicating our current model of work being implemented in the capital city.

It is no secret that budding civil society organisations remain under the constant dark cloud of financial instability. For this reason, I'd like to acknowledge the hard work of the entire team of Bucket List employees, volunteers and supporters for keeping in mind the larger goal and vision of our work and working tirelessly to help us craft a better future for our kids.

Whether it is about Pinki continuing her education, Shivani adjusting to the new world of school she has just been introduced to, or about Vishal flying in a plane, we will continue our fight for the realisation of rights, dreams and aspirations of these children because to us every wish matters.

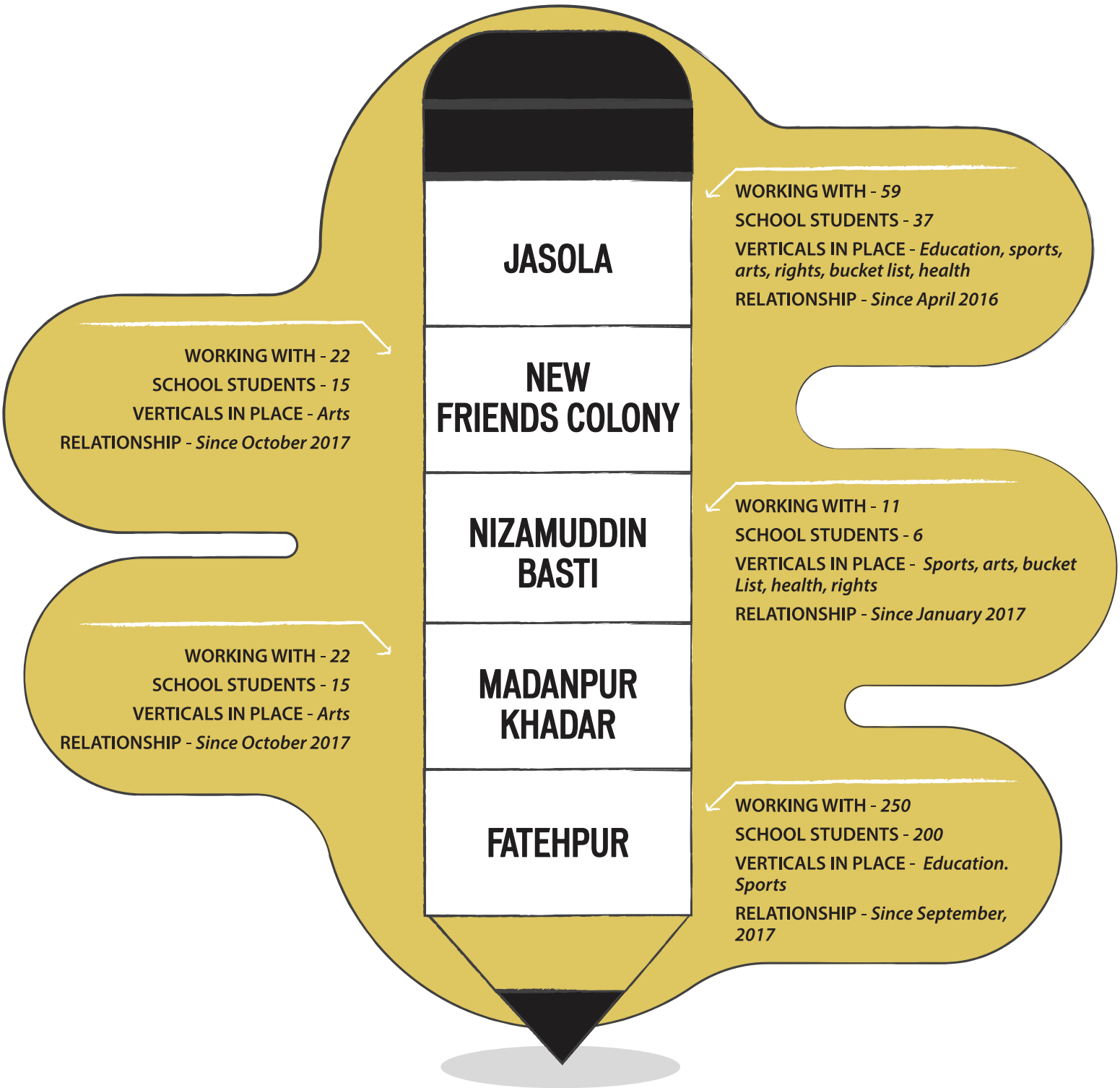
My deepest thanks to all of you who collaborated with, donated or contributed to Bucket List in any way this year, as volunteers, peers, consultants, mentors or as well-wishers. Please know, that we truly understand that our successes would not have been possible without your efforts.

TO ANOTHER WISHFUL YEAR AHEAD!



Outreach & Community

So far, 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

We go about fulfilling our mission and vision by keeping in mind the very popular and repeatedly proven Framework for 21st Century Learning. In a simplified form, the framework holds two sections - Student Outcomes and the Support Systems that provide a nurturing environment for the outcomes to appear.

Bucket List focuses on both areas equally.

21ST CENTURY STUDENT OUTCOMES

- Content Knowledge - Mastery in fundamental academic subjects
- Learning Innovation Skills - Focusing on creativity, critical thinking, communication and collaboration
- Information, Media and Technology Skills - To create, evaluate, and effectively utilise information, media, and technology
- Life and Career Skills - To develop thinking skills, content knowledge, and social and emotional competencies

21ST CENTURY SUPPORT SYSTEMS

- 21st century standards
- Assessment
- Curriculum and instruction
- Professional development
- Learning environment

Keeping this very framework in view, we have carefully selected the following verticals to work with:

EDUCATION

We work on getting children enrolled into school and keeping them there by providing constant and complete support in academics

HEALTH

Bucket List holds health camps, group sessions and individually focused conversations to ensure a child's overall healthy functioning

RIGHTS

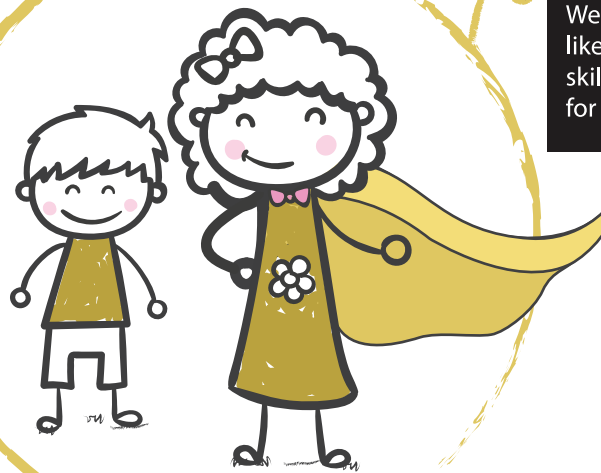
Bucket List, through words as well as actions, ensures awareness and practice of rights of disadvantaged children

SPORTS

We use sports to build lifeskills like team work, interpersonal skills and a very healthy outlet for negative energies

BUCKET LIST

A simple wish fulfilled, whether small or big, gives a child the willingness to dream and confidence and resolution to achieve her goals



Art

Bucket List utilises both visual and performing arts to give children a sense of freedom in expressing emotions and thoughts



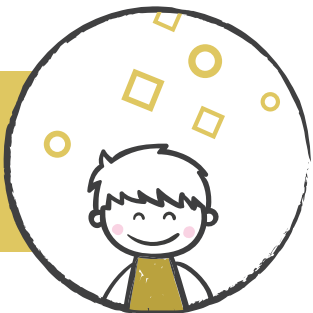
I used to be so shy! I didn't even speak to my friends properly; forget acting on a stage. But now, I tell them everything! I learnt that one should never be scared of anything. - Shivani

Shivani, all of 11 year old, gave 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.

I used to think of becoming a doctor when i grew up, and now i feel like i really can be - says Vineeta,



Vineeta is a 12 year old girl, being raised by a single mother, while talking about how studying make her feel.



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 teammates after his birthday celebration was over.

Kishan is one of our most sincere and 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.

We were also taught to never make fun if someone falls or doesn't know anything. Instead, we should help them - Manish



Manish is 11 years old, while talking about his learnings under our sports project - Streets to Field.

Highlights of 2017-18



4th July, 2017

GENIE IN A BUCKET EVENT - PLANETARIUM VISIT

Fulfilling the children's collective wish of 'seeing the world', we took them to the Nehru Planetarium. The event was entirely planned and executed by our core volunteer team, after realising that our sessions about the solar system weren't enough for knowledge hungry children like our's. A day spent beautifully with the kids and nearly 15 volunteers, it was a grand outing!

August, 2017

TRAVEL FOR ARTS

Representing Travel for Arts, Saif, Adil and Asrar paid a visit to our Jasola centre to take a session. Through very interesting and interactive stories, the team taught the power of imagination and tried to eradicate the common and mostly baseless fear of police authorities.



May - June, 2017

SUMMER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM - THE OTHER SIDE

The maiden run of this 2-6 week program was clear success! Community exposure program, the design aimed at sensitising the participants towards street children all over the world and ran in two batches with 11 entries in all.

Learning about and engaging with the families of our Jasola community, our volunteers did a marvellous job at becoming a part of their lives and sharing their time, skills, love and compassion.

May - June, 2017

BEYOND ZEBRA

Pravah, for their volunteer program - Beyond Zebra, collaborated with Bucket List. Under which, one of their volunteers - Dhruv Kumar, became a part of our Summer Volunteer Program for two weeks. The community exposure was meant to make him more conscious towards the lives of the families living under the flyover, developing empathy.



16 & 18th August, 2017

MODICARE

We collaborated with Modicare, to take sessions with our beneficiaries, designed around some very important angles of Lifeskills. The target was to familiarise the children with importance of personal sanitation and hygiene, how to tackle peer pressure and sexual abuse and healthy diet habits. The interaction happened through games, stories and audio-visals.

September 11, 2017

GOFORRUGBY! STREETS TO FIELD LAUNCH IN FATEHPUR

With a turnover of over 250 children, we expanded our "Streets to Field" program into district Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh with a blast.

Our Rugby introduction event, Go for Rugby, hosted 4 national level rugby players - Hitesh Dagar, Deepak Puniya, Neha Sinandi, Priya Baisla and President of Delhi Hurricanes RFC - Arun Dagar as our esteemed guests.

The event was covered by over 10 publications - including both national and local print media. Highly prestigious newspapers like Hindustan Times, Amar Ujala and Dainik Jagran.

September 24, 2017

GENIE IN A BUCKET - SCIENCE MUSEUM

This quarter our children unravelled the complicated concepts of science with their very uncomplicated minds. This quarter we planned one child's wish in a way to plant the seeds of curiosity in every child by taking them to the science museum. With all the games, activities, illusions, sound effects and little tests, we were more than successful in achieving our goal.



Week #1, October, 2017

JOY OF GIVING WEEK

Joy of Giving is not just about 'Giving', it's also about the 'Joy' you spread and feel yourself as you share something.

Our volunteers, supporters and guests explored the true joy of giving as they shared their skills, happiness or something they valued, with our children. The gratitude and exhilaration in our children's reactions brought "Joy of Giving" week to the perfect end.



29th October, 2017

SEWA SE SHAADI

Sagar Vishnoi and his wife, together curated a novel idea and saw it through. The idea was to tie the knot in a not-so-conventional way. The couple invited about a 100 underprivileged individuals, including our children and served each of them lunch with their own hands.

It was nothing less than a real wedding,, if not more, complete with dancing and a magic show for the little ones.

November, 2017

RAISING A READER PILOT RUN CULMINATION - EXAMINATIONS

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14th November, 2017

CHILDREN'S DAY WITH TRAVEL TRIANGLE

Our kids were invited by TravelTriangle this Children's Day.

The day started with a healthy breakfast for our kids, which led to an interactive session with the employees. Our children had an absolute blast playing games and fun activities with the amazing Travel Triangle staff. We concluded the day with a full course lunch and a children's day cake along with a lot of memorable photographs.

In addition to that, Travel Triangle was also kind enough to donate clothes, stationary and sweets for our kids, and became the official "Secret Santa" for our annual Christmas event!



16th December, 2017

TELL-A-TALE - CINDERELLA! CINDERELLA!

Our second year of breaking stereotypes through a fun, creative and imaginative theatre production. This year Cinderella became the subject of our reinvention. With a group of adolescents, we renovated the classic fairytale with the objective of their social and psychological development, along with adding or enhancing the element of confidence in their personalities.

Guests pointing out, "We could see a massive difference in the confidence level of the children since last year" and our chief guest, Mr. Rajeev Shukla's highly motivating speech, proved that we are right on the track.

The event was everything and more than what we had planned it to be. The group of teenage artists broke all bounds of our and their own expectations. From a brilliant ballroom dance sequence to learning complicated long lines in English, our young ones pushed every boundary of conventional expectations. With the help of our hard-working and passionate core volunteers and donors, we reached our objective of giving our children a month long of opportunities of discovering and reinventing themselves.

23rd December, 2017



CHRISTMAS

This holiday season, our Santa returned with loads of help from Travel Triangle. The backbone of our Christmas endeavours, Travel Triangle helped us fulfil all the wishes children made last Christmas. After lots of fun, milk and cookies, Santa said goodbye to all with the promise of returning next year if and only if they were "good" this year too.

14th January, 2018

FREE HEALTH CAMP

From day #1 of our relationship with the Jasola community over 2 years ago, we've heard, seen or tended to one or the other child going through a health issue; an injury, a constant fever or stomach ache. What worried us most was the consistency of these issues.

Finally, with the help of YouWeCan, we found a solution. We held a Free Health Camp at our centre for everyone in our and the neighbouring communities.



18th January, 2018

AWARENESS PROGRAM: CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

A much needed session for every community. In collaboration with Butterflies, Bucket List conducted sessions on Protection of Children against Sexual Offence (POCSO Act). We covered all areas of the Act in the most optimal way in order to help each and every individual of the community, age or gender no bar.

Professionals spoke about the offence and made the audience aware of possible outcomes and solutions. The objective was completed when the invited local police inspector attended the session and assured everyone of their full cooperation and shared some great hands-on advice on how to tackle such situations.

28th January 2018

BETI SHAKTI ABHIYAN - BETI UTSAV

Along the lines of a cause very close to Bucket List team, promoting gender equality & breaking gender stereotypes, Bucket List participated in the annual Beti Utsav, organised by District Magistrate (East District, Delhi) and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP). Bucket List did a team building exercise to engage the audience followed by an interesting myth bursting game, which helped the audience to break deep rooted stereotypes associated with girls participating in an organised sport.

Attended by more than 400 people, the event was a huge success.



31st January 2018

POWER OF ONE CARNIVAL, ORGANISED BY HCL FOUNDATION

NEW DELHI: Power of One Carnival held at the Noida SEZ campus of HCL Technologies.

Present at the event were Roshni Nadar Malhotra Executive Director and CEO, HCL Corporation, Director, HCL Technologies, Trustee, Shiv Nadar Foundation, District Magistrate (DM) of Gautam Budh Nagar Brajesh Narain Singh, Preeti Bala Gupta, SP Crime, Noida and Nidhi Pundhir, Director, CSR.

The carnival was a fun-filled day with varied cultural performances and activities led by children from HCL Foundation's project locations, stalls by NGO partners, experiential workshops, various engagement activities, music and dance.

Pravah invited bucket list to showcase the impact of the streets to field program through experiential rugby focussed games and screening of the STF film .



14th March, 2018

GIB - RAIL MUSEUM

For this quarter's GIB, we took our 53 children to the Rail Museum. They showed special interest in the internal workings of a train - something each of them are quite familiar with in real life. Their curiosity was increased as they began understanding the technicality of the country's most popular mode of transport. We made it a point to divide the group in smaller sections, lead by a volunteer, who explained the details in a comprehensible manner. A big shout out to Sugandha Juneja, our Genie of the quarter, who went beyond the conventional ways of celebrating a birthday and decided to spend the day with a bunch of naughty but adorable children.

19th - 25th March, 2018

ART DRIVE



A week long carnival celebrating colours and creativity! The days witnessed presence of volunteers, who took time out of their busy schedules to come and teach our kids art. The exciting sessions included various forms of art, from origami to upcycling waste materials to pottery and what not!

This one week brought out colours and forms beyond our imagination. It not only gave our children a brand new insight into the world of art, but also gave us a peek into their massive potential.

Divided by backgrounds, united by the love of art!

24th, 25th March, 2018

OMNICOM VISIT

This March we witnessed how kind acts on a small scale can bring about huge changes in individual lives as well as in a movement like ours that aims to make life easier for those not as privileged as us.

We got to witness a glimpse of just how dedicated they are towards this cause when 9 of their amazing team members interacted with the kids at our center and left us with priceless memories that we and the kids will cherish forever. There was no stopping them from participating so enthusiastically in everything, from dirtying their hands with pottery to copying the kids through bollywood dance! This was their second visit to Bucket List.

January - June, 2018

SCHOOL ADMISSION DRIVE

This year we took it upon ourselves to send all our eligible children to school under School Admission Drive. The weapon we are working with to reach our aim is Right to Education Act (RTE).

The campaign not only aimed at enrolling our children into a formal school, but also focused on spreading awareness of RTE, amongst our and neighbouring communities, but also through our thousands of followers online.

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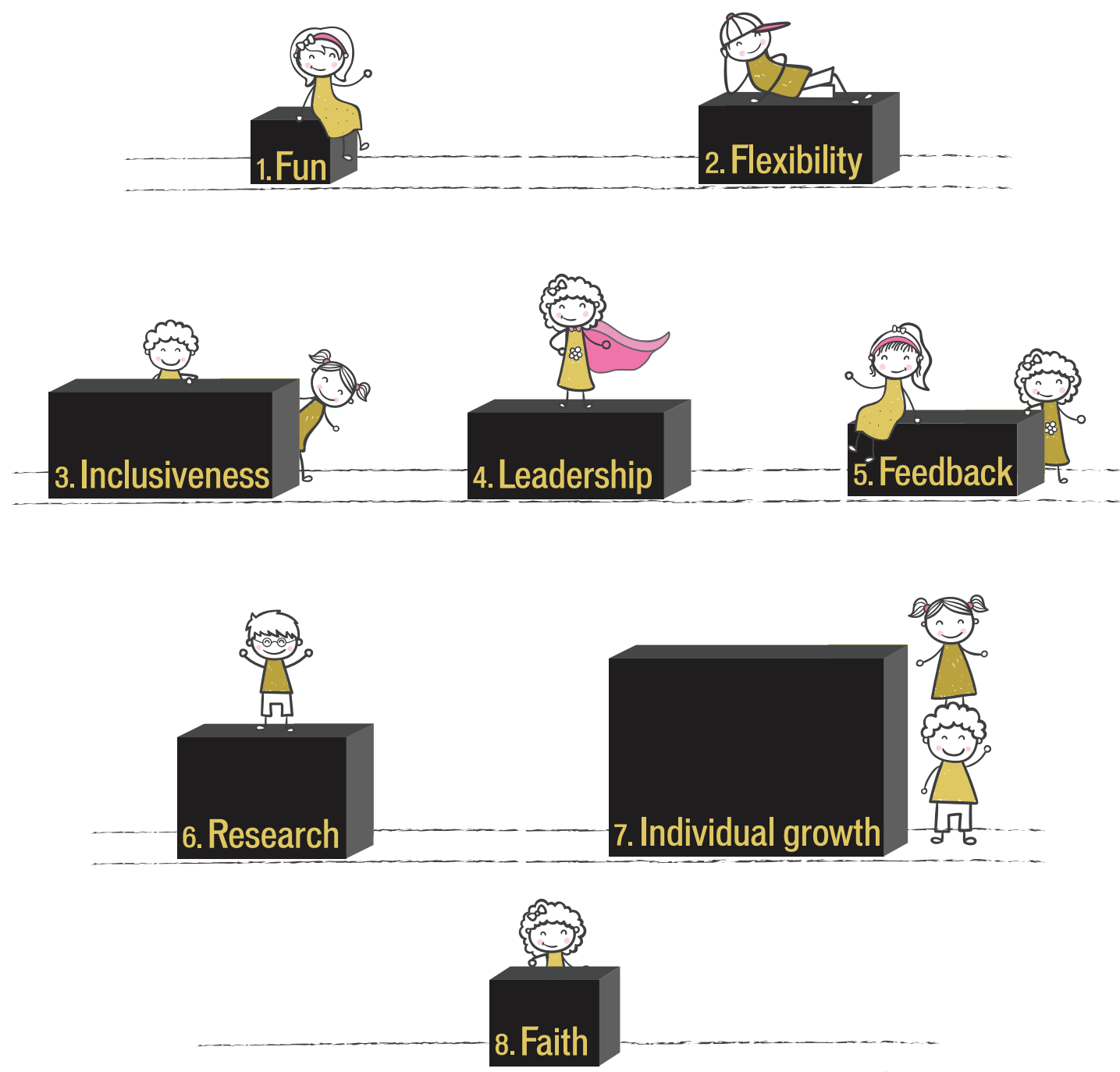
- An on-ground rally was conducted to ensure the participation of neighbouring communities - with overwhelming response and action
- About 30 Adhaar cards were procured in support with Salaam Baalak and NCPCR
- We reached our entire target number, not one less
- Today, every child living under Jasola flyover and below the age of 14 is going to school
- To give them a support system that will help them bridge the gap between them their classmates, we have begun carefully designed remedial classes
- Continuous counselling is done for the parents



Organisational Structure

The work that we undertake at Bucket List is successful not just 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. Equally essential has been the common vision of every member.

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





Faraz Zaidi

Walk Leader at Qaasidd
Core Volunteer at Bucket List

It was in august 2016, when i first met the kids and the people of Bucket List. Since the very first day, I've felt a strong connection with the entire Bucket List family. As a volunteer, I have also had my personal growth here - I have learnt how to work in a team. From working together to crying together, we have made some unforgettable memories while changing the lives of little children.

The best part about working in Bucket List is that you are treated like family. Whenever I think about the day when I was asked to be a core volunteer, I feel that I couldn't have made a better decision.

My visit at Bucket List was one of the most memorable and special trip. I didn't know what to expect but when I met the kids at the center, it was an overwhelming experience. I along with my colleagues met Rida and all the other volunteers who made our visit special and fun-filled. The team at Bucket list are doing an absolutely amazing job in raising these kids by indulging them in various activities to build life skills and making sure to support them to be educated too. I loved all the time i spent with the kids and the volunteers who are truly making sure to fulfill each wish at a time. The team at Bucket List will have my continuous support through this beautiful journey they are on.



Dimple Dinesh

Media Professional at
Omnicom MENA

Bucket List truly lives up to what it stands for, fulfilling the innocent wish list of under privileged children of our society, and not only this but working with a vision of preparing the young generation to be capable of achieving their goals fulfilling their wishes and above all being independent.

I got a chance to be a part of this organisation and have attended few events like 'Genie in a bucket' and 'Tell a Tale', it was a wonderful experience to watch the kids perform and embrace their talent. Bucket list is an amazing organisation working with a genuine intent. I would want to appreciate the efforts of the whole team working selflessly, unconditionally and passionately to fulfil the innocent dreams.



Sugandha Juneja

Medical Professional
Volunteer at Bucket List

A bunch of unruly impoverished kids from the margins of the urban centers, to some this would instill despise, but the contrary holds true. The innocence, drooling smiles, and curious twinkling eyes with chirps abound summarises the day I spent with the kids.



Mridul Dhyani

Engineer
Volunteer at Bucket List

My experience in Bucket List India, as a volunteer at first, and now as a core volunteer is inexplicable. I have gained relationships, as well as skills, which don't only reflect on the professional, but also on the personal aspect of my life. And the best part about our mentors is that they have maintained confidence in us throughout our journey. My time with Bucket List has helped me in building an optimistic character and incited my inner potential.

And of course, when you find comfort in what you do and with whom you do, anything is possible!



Urvashi Rajput Singh

Psychology student
Core Volunteer at Bucket List

Collaborations, Partnerships & Support

Entities accompanying us in this journey of changing the world:

Collaborations

PVR Nest

Qaasidd

Udyan Care

Flush Mob

Pravah - Beyond Zebra

Travel for Arts

Modicare

Butterflies Foundation

Partnerships

YouWeCan

Raj Fancy Dresses

Save the Children

Salaam Balak

Supporters

Omnicom Media Group MENA

Travel Triangle

National Commission
for Protection
of Child Rights

SimplePlan Media



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.

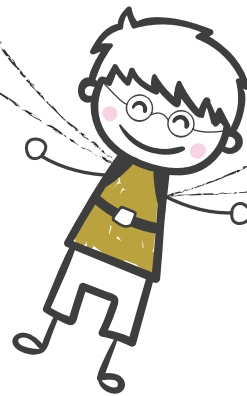
While this aspect of India's demography is often celebrated, a UNICEF estimate points towards a sobering reality — there are more than 11 million street children in India. Save the Children too has stated that street children constitute a significant portion of the population of vulnerable children in 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 **2017-18**, we have had an intensive outreach of over **450 people** extensive outreach of over **11,000 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 and new age methods like 21st Century learning frameworks. 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 within the capital city.



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 hard work you have supported.

To all our supporters, team members, volunteers and especially 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.



How You Can Make A Difference

Here is how you can get involved and make a change.

Sponsor a Child

If you want to change the world, one wish at a time, help kids like Kishan and Shivani reach their full potential.

Pledge for a Cause

If there is a specific cause close to your heart, pledge your one time or monthly/annual support.

Volunteer with Us

If you have some time that you can invest. What's better than working with the kids directly and knowing that you made a difference.



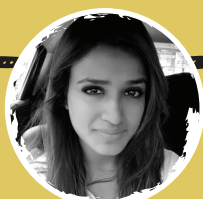
Partner with Us

If you are an organisation who is looking to make a real positive impact for a better tomorrow as part of your Corporate Social Responsibility, reach out!

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 and enthusiastic volunteers, without whom, Bucket List could not have come so far so fast.

Hello! We are the Bucketeers!



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