

Now my grandmother and mother go to work without any worry about us. I am very happy that I am going to school. I dream to become a teacher one day and make my mother proud of me. I have great gratitude towards Children's Hope Prayas to put me on the path of success.

**G**ulshana aged around 12 years. I live at C-341 Kathputli Colony. I lost my father at very young age. My mother's name is Ms. Nagma. She is rag picker. I have six members in my family. Mostly I used to stay back home to take care of my siblings in the absence of my mother. Sometimes I used to help her in her job to increase the earning. I had a lot of desire to go to school to gain education. Since the death of my father the financial position of my family deteriorated drastically, therefore, my mother was unable to arrange any kind of education for us because she was unable to take the burden of paying school fees. Suddenly one day I came to know that Children's Hope Prayas is running a AE center just near to my house and a lot of children of my community are getting education there and I also had a great desire to go to school. One day a "Didi" from Children's Hope Prayas came to my house for a survey and told my mother to send me to school but my mother refused, as I had to take care of my siblings in her absence. Didi told us about the crèches being run by Children's Hope Prayas. My mother agreed to send me and my sister to the center and my siblings to the crèches. Now me and my sister are going to school everyday and trying to study hard so we can become successful one day and take care of my mother. My mother also has become a member of SHG. We are very thankful to the Children's Hope Prayas for all the help and guidance they have given.



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## IN THE WORDS OF BENEFICIARIES

**Z**arina, I am the resident of A-562 Marathi Camp, Kathputli Colony. I have five children; three are studying at the AE center and one in the creche. My husband is engaged in daily wage work and earns Rs. 30-35 per day. I was running a general store through which I was earning around Rs. 20-25 per day. Despite the fact that both of us are working, the family income remains meager. Once "Didi" of Children's Hope Prayas met me and explained the formation, membership and functioning of SHG. She asked me to save Rs. 50 per month. I thought the idea and became a member of the SHG. After six months, Didi explained the process of an inter loan. I expressed the need of a loan to the SHG so I could put more things in my shop and increase my sales and incomes. I was lucky that my group agreed to give me Rs. 1,000/- as a loan. Me and my husband were happy and so grateful to CHP and my group members. I have added more items in my shop to sell so the earning also has increased a lot. I regularly pay the installment of Rs. 110/- along with 2% interest. Me and my family have great respect for Children's Hope Prayas; my whole family is empowered in one way or another. Children are getting education, women are empowered, and youth is becoming sensitive towards their responsibilities. Besides the mid-day meal and health check-ups, drug de-addiction and other awareness programmes run by Children's Hope Prayas are benefiting the Kathputli Colony.



**R**ukhsana, I stay at A-568 Marathi Camp, Kathputli Colony. My husband is a daily wage worker and earns Rs. 25-30 per day and I make toys of clay and sell them. I earn Rs. 10-15 per day. We have five children. Children were small so it was difficult to leave them and go to sell toys. One day a "Didi" from Children's Hope Prayas came to my door and discussed my problems with me and explained about the facilities of "creche" at Children's Hope Prayas. She told me that if your child is between 2 to 5 years and you are working you can send your child to the creche where the child will get nurtured properly.



Then I visited "creche" with "Didi". I was happy to see that children are playing with toys and are happy even without their mothers. I decided to send my children to the creche. Now I leave my children at creche in the morning and I go to work every day. My earning is now regularized. Earlier I used to return home early to look after my children, but now I work freely and come back at 4 o'clock so that I can take my children from the creche. In between, during PTM (Parents Teachers Meeting) or during field visits whenever we meet Didi, she keeps on talking on other issues like personal hygiene, community sanitation, family planning etc. Didi repeatedly talked about family planning and advised me to seek family planning and she took me to PHD Dispensary where Dr. Aparna Bannerji explained the process of operation. My husband did not support me initially but later on he was also ready and I got operated on 27th August 2005. Now I am healthy and happy and nurturing my family. At last my elder daughter who was deprived of education, as she had to take care of her siblings is now attending classes at "Children's Hope Prayas".

I am really happy that my family is now on the track of progress. We are definitely thankful to "Children's Hope Prayas" for its various programmes like family planning, sanitation, health check-up, nutrition and education.

**J**amal, I am seven years old. I live at K-350, Kathputli Colony. My father's name is Mohd. Khusher. My mother's name is Safiran. My father deserted us and now we live with our grandmother. My mother works in a factory. I have two younger sisters. My grandmother is a rag picker. Me and my sister remain alone in their absence, I wanted to go to school but my sisters could not be left alone. One day a "Didi" from Children's Hope Prayas came to survey. She told my mother about the AE center and crèches. She told her about education, mid day meal, uniform and lot of other facilities provided by CHP. My mother got me admitted in the center and my sister at the creche, we are getting all the facilities at AE center and creche as told by teacher. We have music and games teacher in our center so we take part in co-curricular activities beside our studies. My mother also has become a member of SHG.

