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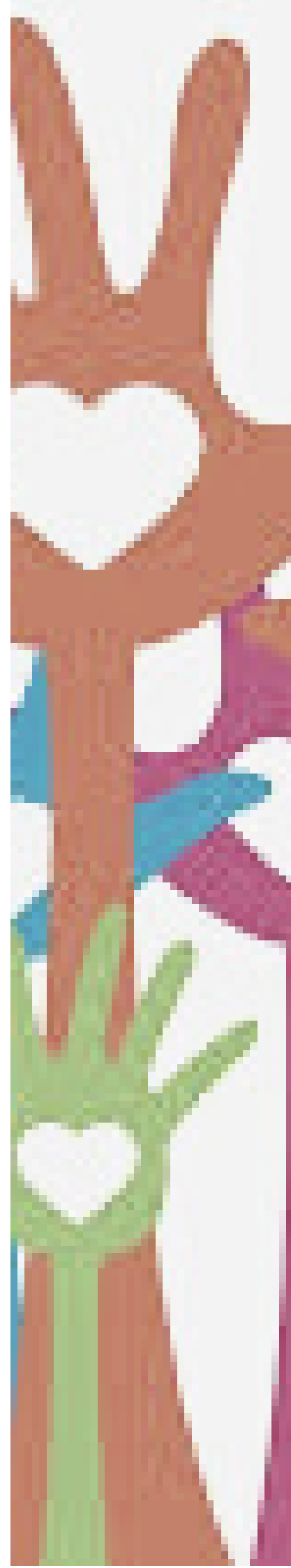
Greetings from Mudita! The past six months have been wonderfully abuzz with activity on the program as well as the organizational front.

We spent a large part of the **first quarter of the year interviewing applicants for the Mudita Scholarship program.** We met several bright young people, driven to realise their potential and make a better life for themselves & their families. In the past few months, we have added many new members to the Mudita family with close to **130 Mudita scholars as of today.**

Through the Mudita cancer support program, we continue to provide for young adults and children with cancer, ensuring that financial stress is the least of their worries.

The **Mudita Eye care program has grown tremendously** - all thanks to the dedicated support & treatment of Dr Samita Moolani and her team of concerned and efficient optometrists.

The **Annadaan program has also expanded** through the generous support of many of our CSR partners. We are hoping to continue to grow our reach and work towards eliminating hunger in our communities.



NOTE FROM THE TRUSTEES

We have also started work on 2 of our fund raisers - The **Nirmayan Pro Am Golf Tournament** scheduled for **January 6, 2024** as well as the **Tata Mumbai Marathon** to be held on **January 21, 2024**.

On an organizational front, we have been working towards planned growth & providing structure for Mudita. We **hired our first team member, Madhav Chavan** who joined us in June as a Program Coordinator.

Both founders also participated in a detailed **workshop by ILSS (India Leaders for Social Sector)**, with a focus on building and strengthening advisory boards for social purpose organisations. We continue to be mentored by the ILSS team and are now beginning the journey of establishing a panel of advisors for Mudita.

As always, we are overwhelmed with the support we have received which allows us to continue with the work that we do. Your belief in our work has spurred us on and we are grateful for our common belief that "You can succeed best and quickest by helping others to succeed."

Thank you!

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COLLEGE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Mudita Scholarship program now stands at close to 130 students, both present as well as those who have now graduated college. We now have greater diversity in our scholars in terms of the fields that our scholars are pursuing – from media & communication, to social work, from engineering to medical diagnostics, our students now have a far greater range of expertise.

As our family of Mudita scholars grows so has our program. In July 2023, we kicked off a **one-on-one mentoring of students in English fluency**. The mentors are dedicated Mudita volunteers who have been working on building conversational skills with each of their mentees.

In September 2023, we started the **Mudita Talk Series** – a planned monthly talk series equipping our scholars with various career specific skills as well as basic life skills that will support their transition from student to a working life.

The first talk was kicked off by **Mr. Harish Thadaney**, a businessman, educationist and one of Mudita’s biggest cheerleaders. Harish spoke to the students on general life skills, building perspective and resilience.



It was well received by all the students.



PEDIATRIC CANCER CARE

In the last one year, as support for our Cancer program grew, we also **began supporting the treatment cost for pediatric patients not covered by any of the government schemes.** Over the past year, we have supported patients as young as 5 months to 16 years old.

We have been working closely with the hospitals and doctors to ensure the best treatment protocol is followed. We have also found strong partners within the hospital social workers who make sure we are able to leverage Mudita funds by spending them only when government schemes do not cover the treatment.

MUDITA - LKT CANCER CARE

Our partnership with **Switzerland-based Love Kare Trust continues to be strong.** Through this partnership, we have supported the treatment of mothers & fathers of young children from rural backgrounds. Our association with doctors and hospitals has grown and we are now able to reach greater number of individuals in need.



MUDITA EYE CARE PROGRAM

Mudita's collaboration with Dr Samita Moolani and her team at Moolani Eye Care Centre has grown.



With a brief hiatus in cataract surgeries due to the monsoon season, we have been carrying out eye camps in various under privileged schools in **association with the non-profit iTeach**. Through this partnership we have reached close to **3000 students** and fitted them with spectacles and provided after care as needed.



ANNADAAN

The Annadaan food distribution program **continues to expand across neighbourhoods in Pune**, ensuring at least 2 basic nutritious meals for those in need. The basic premise for distribution remains individuals and communities that are underreached.

Through the program we support **ration kits for 500 senior citizens living in slums** in Pune with limited family support. Our reach has grown across slums of Janata Vasahat, Yerwada, Patil Estate & Lohiya Nagar - all in partnership with the Vriddha Mitra Program of the SCHOOL NGO. We are grateful to our Corporate partners whose contributions have ensured the Annadaan program reaches as many seniors in need as possible.

This year, as we look at expanding our reach, we have also been visiting various residential centres and schools for a better understanding of the nature of support required.



UPDATE ON UPCOMING EVENTS

Nirmayan Pro-Am Golf Tournament



The Nirmayana Pro-Am Golf tournament is back. Scheduled for **January 6, 2024**, this biannual event raises money for various causes. Funds received by Mudita from the Nirmayan event will be directed entirely towards the Mudita College Scholarship Fund.

Please do reach out in case you would like to know more about the tournament.

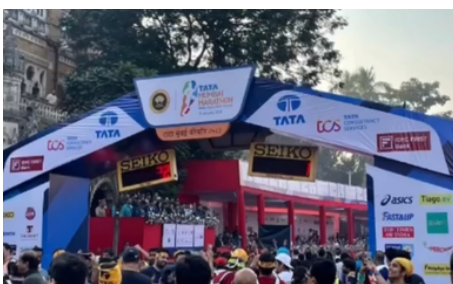
Tata Mumbai Marathon



The popular Tata Mumbai Marathon is back on **January 21, 2024** and once again Mudita will be a charity partner for the event.

Please spread the word to support us by buying a charity bib through Mudita or even directly supporting via donations or contributing to the fund raisers who will be raising money for Mudita.

TMM funds raised by Mudita support the Mudita Medical Care Program.



ORGANISATIONAL UPDATE

Mudita hiring

We are happy to inform you that the Mudita team has grown. We hired our first full-time team member, **Madhav Chavan** as Program Co-ordinator. Originally from Latur, Madhav has an MSW from Karve Institute of Social Sciences. He comes with over 8 years of experience, having worked with organisations like iTeach and will be managing the day-to-day activities across our program portfolio.

Building capacity

As we grow in support and reach, we believe that we need to go beyond our current resources and seek advice for a **streamlined growth for Mudita**. As a first step to setting up a **panel of advisors** for Mudita, the founders participated in a workshop organized by the think-tank - ILSS.

Across the 2-days there were discussions on ways of setting up an advisory panel, talks by seasoned professionals in the non profit field as well as discussions with peers that steered our thoughts on how we can better support Mudita.



NOTE TO OUR SUPPORTERS

We are grateful for your support that has enabled us to reach where we are. We hope to continue to grow in reach but more importantly in the collective impact that we can all have in the communities around us. We strongly believe that our collaborations with donors as well as other non-profits will help us all realise dreams for under resourced individuals and communities.

Please do continue to send in your feedback on our programs and how we can make a greater/ more focused collective impact.



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