

SMILE FOUNDATION USA

NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, SMILE FOUNDATION USA

Dear Friends,

This Diwali, as we celebrate the triumph of light over darkness, Smile Foundation celebrates the light within you. Your steadfast belief in our mission has ignited tangible transformation in countless lives across India. We truly hope that this festival inspires you anew - to illuminate the world with your legacy of compassion and determination to create ripples of positive change.

May you and your dear ones keep shining with good health and prosperity! Happy Diwali!

Warm regards,
Hari Agrawal
President, Smile Foundation USA



Power Of Partnerships

Equipped for Opportunity: Smile Together in Action

The Smile Together Program, a collaboration between Volunteers of America (VOA) Texas and Smile Foundation, delivers tailored job readiness training for individuals with disabilities from low to moderate income households. Out of 30 recruits, 14 enrolled in the 8 week intensive training program, with 11 successfully completing it. Each participant acquired at least one new skill, enhancing both employability and self confidence. The curriculum combines soft skills, job training, financial literacy, digital workshops, resume building and mock interview along with customized instruction and individual assessment ensuring an effective learning experience. This program's mission is to ensure that individuals regardless of their intellectual or developmental disabilities, can create real pathways to sustainable careers and live a thriving life.



Health and Well Being

One Day, One Hour Together Community Cleanliness Drive

In the small bustling towns of Nat Ki Madhiya, Uttar Pradesh and Karoli, Rajasthan, a quiet revolution unfolded with the simple and deliberate act of giving “Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Sath” (One day, One hour to One’s community) under Smile Foundation’s Swabhiman project, supported by Honda India Foundation. Residents of all ages zealously demonstrated the power of collective action by dedicating one hour of clearing waste, tending common space and restoring order to public areas. Beyond the physical effort, the campaign sparked crucial conversations about the link between cleanliness, health and dignity reinforcing the idea that community well-being begins with shared responsibility. This initiative not only made the communities cleaner, but also strengthened social cohesion and civic pride.



Pink Health for Women in Nuh, Haryana



The thin lanes of Nuh, an aspirational district in Haryana is witnessing the echoes of pink health with Smile Foundation’s Pink Smile initiative, specially designed to fight anaemia and support the health of women and adolescent girls. Reaching the doorsteps of the residents through two-wheelers, the trained project officers, nurses and ASHA workers are rigorously working within the community to ensure that pregnant women, lactating mothers and young girls are given the necessary awareness and treatment to ensure good health. With regular checkups, hemoglobin tests, screenings and teleconsultations, the Pink Smile program is working towards the government’s mission of Anaemia Mukht Bharat (Anaemia Free India) to ensure the women and their communities freely seek and get quality medical care.

Health in Motion with Collective Action

Smile Foundation and KONE Elevator India Private Limited have launched Smile on Wheels , a mobile medical unit under the healthcare program in New Delhi. Over 15 marginalized locations, children and families will gain access to curative and preventive medical support reinforcing the Government’s commitment to universal healthcare. With dedicated medical teams, these fully equipped mobile units - the SOWs shall deliver door-to-door quality healthcare, turning medical care into a tool of empowerment and resilience for fuelling communities with healthier lives.



Education and Empowerment

Empowering Young Girl's Voices with Meena Manch

The classrooms of Siddharthnagar, Uttar Pradesh, are echoing with adolescent girls' creative expressions under the Meena Manch, a program promoted under Smile Foundation's Education Program. It has been established across all 13 Kasturbha Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) as part of the Aspirational District Block Transformative Initiative. This platform offers young girls a safe space to express themselves, share challenges and develop leadership skills. Through interactive activities and open discussions on nutrition, hygiene, gender equality, life skills and community health the participants cultivate courage, self awareness and independent decision-making skills. Inspired by Meena, a girl who defied stereotypes, the Meena Manch originally introduced by the Government of India, is now a beacon of hope for young girl students to continue their education, break barriers and build equitable communities.



New Beginnings for Empowered Youth



A recent placement drive held in New Delhi marked a new chapter of opportunities for young trainees from Smile Foundation's STeP Program. Conducted at Smile Foundation's Skill Training Centre, the event facilitated direct interaction between students and recruiters, effectively transforming aspiration into achievement. Trained in digital literacy, communication, retail, hospitality, and information technology, the trainees showcased strong preparedness and professionalism. The initiative provided them with valuable exposure to industry expectations, enhancing their workplace readiness and interpersonal skills. For employers, the drive presented an opportunity to engage with enthusiastic, job-ready individuals eager to take on responsibilities, contribute meaningfully, and align their growth with the larger vision of their organizations.

Innovating on the Go with mobile STEM labs in Delhi NCR

Across the neighbourhoods of Delhi NCR, STEM on Wheels, a joint initiative by Smile Foundation and BMW Foundation, is transforming how children experience science. Reaching over 2,500 students, these solar-powered mobile classrooms bring smart learning environments and hands-on labs directly to their communities. Here, children explore circuits, machines, and experiments they once only imagined, turning abstract concepts into tangible discovery. Every session sparks curiosity, nurtures problem-solving skills, and encourages innovative thinking, empowering young minds to observe, experiment, and imagine.



Women Leading Change

Women Empowerment with Aspirations to Enterprises

The waves of empowerment have reached Modgaon's rural expanse, where women are sowing seeds of change by joining Smile Foundation's Entrepreneurship Development Training Program for Women. With over 300 participants, the program has mentored and trained them with vital skills in business, finance and digital marketing enabling them to step beyond economic barriers. Among them, 100 women received advanced guidance to shape their business idea, understand market trends and navigate financial linkages through government schemes. Today over 30 women-led enterprises are taking shape, each as a testament to perseverance and purpose.



Special Moments

Turning Miles into Meaning

With energy and zeal, Team Smile ran the Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon for a cause close to their hearts, empowering children through quality education. Held at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, the marathon celebrated health, goodwill, and purpose. Our partner, GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals, supported the cause, helping turn every mile into a meaningful stride toward brighter futures and spreading the power and smiles of education.

