



We Aspire

**ANNUAL REPORT
2022-23**



FOUNDERS DAY

Making a difference to the lives of people

A dream it was for a young lad of 17 years of age, while still a cadet in the National Defence Academy (NDA), to one day start a home for orphan and marginalised children and to give them a new life. As a proud soldier, he served the Nation with honour and aplomb but never let go his dream. His dream finally fructified with the conception and creation of Ghar – a home that would take into her embrace orphan and marginalised children in need of care and protection, women with disabilities and the elderly. Three generations of people from diverse backgrounds would be woven together as one family with togetherness, belongingness, security and above all love and affection.

Ghar would be the mother for her children, the elder sister for women with disabilities and a companion for the elderly; a home of warmth, encouragement and learning where children would dream and reach for the stars. Ghar would be the quintessence of happiness and aspirations, of hope and a sound future; of opportunities to realise one's potential, of growing into conscientious adults who care.

Ghar would be the incubator of fulfilling, meaningful and purposeful lives who in turn would learn to use that to make an impact and a difference in the lives of others. Ghar would hold the hands of her children and help them climb up the tallest mountains; her children too would do so likewise in times to come.

Ghar's very own children would shoulder her when they come of age and this legacy would likewise continue down the generations.

This is the dream and the vision of the founder of Ghar.

26 April 2022 was the day when Ghar embraced her first child. This day will be celebrated down the years as our Founders Day; a day to celebrate all that we have achieved together, to reflect on our progress and to aspire yet again to make a meaningful difference to the lives of people.

Colonel Mickie Uberoi (Retd)
Founder



“They must aspire and dream. They must be exposed to a new world - a world they must eventually become a part of, a world in which they become agents of change, a world in which they shine as beacons of goodness, empathy, humanity and love, a world in which they reach out to others and help them climb up the tallest mountains, a world of humans and humanity unfettered with goodness and empathy.

It is then the vision of Ghar will be realised.”



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is an honour for me to present to you our Annual Report for 2022-23. The year gone by has been hard work and toil for all those who have contributed to the creation of this unique home in Pune. We started from scratch and have come a long way since then. It has been a learning experience for all of us; the pitfalls during the year have helped us in choosing the correct path and in navigating *Ghar* to where it is today.

It hasn't been an easy task but we have every reason to be happy for what we have achieved in these formative years. My sincere thanks to our trustees, staff, doctors, teachers, volunteers and all those who have come forward to help us in this endeavour.

Our first child made *Ghar* her home on 26 April 2022. Thereafter, there has been no looking back. *Ghar* is now home to a lively family of girls who are deeply bonded as a family. We are still to get our wheelchair bound 'mother' residents and, in the coming year, we intend to focus on making them a part of our family. Our home for senior citizens has seen several residents come and go and we would like to see this facility with more permanent residents in times to come. All those who have stayed with us have been full of praise for the facilities provided and we thank them for being a part of our journey and for their contribution to our success.

We are indebted to the scores of seen and unseen faces and entities who have come forward to support us and have contributed in cash and kind to ensure that we provide the best to our beneficiaries. Thank you for your support and your morale boosting efforts which have further prodded us to do better. It's a responsibility we have to uphold the trust you have reposed in us and we shall never ever dither in shouldering the same.

Last but most importantly, lots of love and warm hugs to our children. You are our *raison-de-etre* and have given us immense happiness. You have proven that you are indeed special in more ways than one. Your zeal for life exemplifies your indomitable spirit to emerge anew and to reach for the stars. You mean the world to us and we are confident that you will succeed in realising your dreams and in spreading joy and happiness wherever you go. We are confident that you will make all of us at *Ghar* proud of you one day.

My deepest felicitations to all those who have been a part of this wonderful journey of the year gone by. We do hope that the next year is even better than the one gone by!

Good wishes, love and best of luck!

Colonel Mickie Uberoi (Retd)
President



ABOUT US

Ghar is about belongingness, hope, a sound future, education, care and affection and love - about what each one of us cherishes in our hearts

Our Organisation

Sant Ishwar Foundation is a registered public charitable trust which was incorporated in December 2018 by a team of Army veterans along with other members to serve humanity. The trust has immersed itself in activities that relate to the humane aspects of society and has garnered the vast experience of its trustees to work for the underprivileged sections of society.

Our Vision

Our vision is to make the lives of orphan, abandoned and marginalised children, the differently-abled and the elderly secure, productive and fulfilling.

To be an incubator of fulfilling, purposeful and meaningful lives who in turn will learn to use that to make an impact and a difference to the lives of others; about our children growing into successful, compassionate and conscientious adults who care.

Our Mission

Our mission is to set up sustainable homes for orphan, abandoned and marginalised children and to educate and empower them; the differently-abled to make them productive members of society and to chart a new tomorrow for them; the elderly to enhance their quality of life; to inspire humanity.

Our Concept

Our concept is to set up and integrate 'homes' for children, differently-abled women and the elderly wherein each component complements the others; and to create an environment of a *home* - of belongingness, security, education, hope, a sound future, care and affection; of feelings, emotions and above all of love.

Our Institution

Sant Ishwar Foundation has set up homes housed in a specially designed seven storied building to house orphan, abandoned and marginalised girls, women with locomotive disabilities and the elderly all under one roof.

Ghar embraces orphan, abandoned and vulnerable girls in need of care and protection and strives to empower every girl under her care through quality education and progressive development with values of humanity, empathy and goodness and facilitates their growth into compassionate, conscientious and productive adults who will impact society in times to come.

Women with locomotive disabilities will be provided skill training and numerous facilities for them to evolve into independent, confident and productive members of society and to empower and mainstream them. Our senior citizens are housed in comfort and are provided with numerous facilities to make their lives content and fulfilling. The home for the elderly is self-sustaining.



Ghar is the creation of a joint family of three generations – daughters, mothers and grandparents and their bonding as we have in our own families.

Ghar is a home that provides warmth, encouragement and learning where children dream and reach for the stars; the quintessence of happiness and aspirations, of hope and a sound future; of opportunities to realise one's potential. *Ghar* is a home where children are nurtured in safe and loving hands, imbued with good values and provided all round development.

Ghar holds the hands of her children and helps them climb up the tallest mountains; her children too would do so likewise in times to come.

The trust also supports the education of marginalised non-resident children.

The building that houses *Ghar* was provided by the founder trustee who ploughed in his life's savings to create the institution. Our operational costs are met from donations from our supporters.

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OUR DECISION MAKERS

Ser No	Name of Trustee	Designation	Qualifications
1	Colonel Mickie Uberoi (Retd)	President	B.Sc, B.Tech, MPM
2	Colonel Ashun Bahl (Retd)	Vice President	B.Sc, B.Tech, M.Sc, MBA
3	Lt Gen Sanjeev Kanal, PVSM, AVSM (Retd)	Secretary	M.Sc, M.M.S
4	Colonel Bharat Haladi (Retd)	Treasurer	B.Sc

We follow the highest standards of accounting and financial audit. Audit Reports for the financial year are filed before the Office of the Charity Commissioner, Pune and the Income Tax Department. Income Tax Returns are filed as prescribed. Neither the Charity Commissioner nor the Income Tax Department have raised any observations in respect of our audit report and income tax return.

Details of donors and donations received are filed under Form 10BD as prescribed under Income Tax rules.

Due diligence of our trust registrations, audit reports and work was successfully carried out by the following trusted fund raising platforms:-

- GiveIndia
- Benevity Causes
- United Way India
- DonateKart

Our trust was certified as eligible for corporate giving programs and received CSR support from several corporates during the year.

Our Audit Reports and Income Tax Returns are available for scrutiny.

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OUR SUCCESS STORIES

*Not in the clamour of the crowded street, nor in the plaudits of the throng;
but in ourselves lie triumph and defeat.”*

Ghar provides quality education for her girls in good English medium schools along with extensive in-house tuitions by an experienced team of tuition teachers. They are imparted training in computers and online education on computers and tablets with BYJU's education modules.

Yoga, sports, music, dance and arts and other activities are undertaken to ensure their holistic development. Healthy nutrition, good healthcare and counseling by our Psychologist and Child Welfare Officer ensure our girls are healthy in body and mind.

A few examples of lives being transformed are enumerated below.

Beneficiary 1. Born to a poor family residing in a village, she lost both her parents at a very young age. She was admitted to our Child Care Institution (CCI) a few months after the death of her mother. She showed good potential in academics and seeing her progress, as a special case she was granted admission to the prestigious Army Public School. She has coped well with her CBSE curriculum, is doing very well academically, shows good promise and aspires to become an Army officer.

Beneficiary 2. Badly assaulted and made to beg for alms, she had deep wounds when she was admitted to our CCI as a skinny child with no records. She had no prior schooling and was admitted to an English medium school in 1st standard. With regular tuitions and encouragement she showed good progress and moved up from 60% to 95% in her successive unit tests. She now studies in an Army Public School. She's a sincere child, shows promise and aspires to become an Army officer.

Beneficiary 3. An abandoned street child, she was admitted to our CCI at a very young age. She was initially a quiet child but with the care and affection she received, she evolved into a confident child. She was admitted to an English medium school in UKG. With continuous tuitions and encouragement, she showed remarkable progress and performed creditably. She achieved 70.95% and finally 95% in her successive unit tests. She now studies in an Army Public School. She's a diligent and intelligent child who aspires to become an Army officer.

Beneficiary 4. A rag pickers daughter, she had no prior education when she was admitted to our CCI as a small child. She showed a studious mind, good potential, creativity and sincerity and was admitted to a reputed English medium convent school. She is performing very well and shows good promise. She aspires to become a doctor.

Beneficiary 5. As an 8 years old she exhibits good leadership qualities and was admitted to an English medium school. She performed creditably and scored 'A' and 'A1' in all her subjects. She now studies in an Army Public School. She aspires to become an Army officer.

Beneficiary 6. A street child, she was admitted to our CCI as a 9 years old. She had no prior education. With regular tuitions and encouragement she showed good improvement. She was admitted to an English medium School in 2nd standard. She has performed well and was promoted to 3rd standard. She is a well-disciplined child who is putting in efforts to do well. She aspires to become an Army officer.



Beneficiary 7 & 8. Two siblings had lost both their parents to COVID within a short span of time. With no one to take care of them, they were admitted to our CCI. Both the girls are studying in a Kendriya Vidyalaya School as part of a Govt. scheme for COVID orphans. They show potential and aspire to be successful in life; one aspires to become an Army officer, the other an IPS officer.

In much the same way, our girls have shown remarkable progress in emerging anew from their tragic backgrounds. Except for a few elder girls for whom the transition from Marathi to English is difficult, all other girls study in good English medium schools.

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EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

*“Helping one person may not change the whole world;
but it can change one person’s whole world.”*

The year saw a beehive of activities with events, celebrations and visits. Some of these are enumerated below.

- April 2022 The Chairperson and members of the Child Welfare Committee visited *Ghar* and were briefed about our work.
- April 2022 Army officers, veterans and ladies of 112 Engineer Regiment visited *Ghar*.
- May 2022 Members of Alliance Club visited *Ghar* and donated playground equipment for children.
- June 2022 Kavita Singh, Chief Human Resources Officer of United Breweries Ltd, Banaglore visited *Ghar*.
- August 2022 Mrs Nain, Regional President of the Army Wives Welfare Association (AWWA) and senior functionaries of AWWA visited *Ghar*.
- September 2022 Girls and senior citizens visited Katraz Zoo.
- September 2022 Archana Masih and Rajesh Karkera of Rediff.com visited *Ghar*, interacted with our girls and interviewed some trustees. Their article titled ‘Ghar Is Such A Lovely Word’ was subsequently published on Rediff.com.
- October 2022 Our girls first Diwali was celebrated with full vigour. Two members of the Child Welfare Commiteee attended the celebrations.
- November 2022 Children’s Day was celebrated with a magician’s show. The event was organised by Tanti Foundation and was attended by Mrs Tanti and Vanitha Ganesan, CSR head of Sorigin.
- November 2022 Mr Girish Tanti, Chairman of Sorigin, inaugurated the Computer Lab in ‘Khushi’ in the presence of Mrs Tanti, Vanitha Ganesan and other senior executives of the company. The computers and LAN system were donated by Sorigin.
- December 2022 Mr Girish Tanti, Chairman of Sorigin, Mrs Tanti and members of their family visited *Ghar*. They handed over the key of a school bus which was donated to *Ghar*. A magician’s show was organised.
- January 2023 The President received the Lokmat and Maha NGO Federation ‘Atulya Sewa Samman’ award for *Sant Ishwar Foundation* being judged amongst the 50 best NGOs in Maharashtra.
- January 2023 An inaugural event was organised with a cultural program by our girls. Mrs Subeena Arora, Ex officio Regional President AWWA addressed the gathering. Colonel Raksha Rajpurkar of the Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC) gave a motivational talk to the girls. A video film on *Ghar* was premiered and screened.



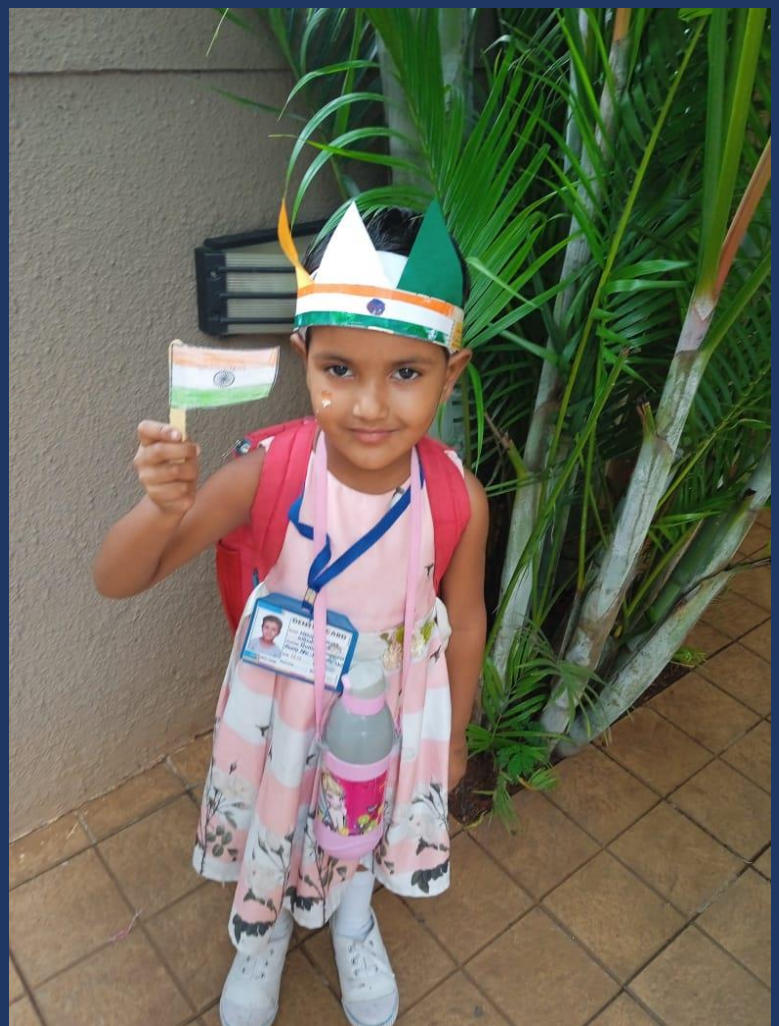
- February 2023 10 of our youngest girls performed a dance in the auditorium of Symbiosis College on the occasion of the Annual Day of Snuggles World Preschool.
- February 2023 Our girls participated in the Ignite Festival 2023 organised by NGO BHUMI in an institution in Karve Nagar.
- March 2023 Some girls visited the office of Brig Dilip Patwardhan, Commandant BEG & Centre and met National medallists of the National Games for Persons with Disabilities.

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Celebrating the Festival of Lights



Off to School!



In-house Learning



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Regional President and Functionaries of the Army Wives Welfare Association (January 2023)







Wedding Bells of their Teacher



Regional President and Functionaries of the Army Wives Welfare Association (August 2022)



Our well wishers



Together we can, together we will!



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*"It is wonderful what one person can do when he is dedicated to doing it.
I am only one, but I am one. I can't do everything, but I can do something.
And what I can do, that I ought to do.
And what I ought to do, by the grace of God, I shall do."*

- Edward Hale