



# Annual Report

2023-24



## 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*



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Ghar is not about herding sheep through a wicket gate or containing the flow of a river. Ghar is about breaking the barricades of inequality, of squalor and insecurity, of a lack of opportunities and a bleak future. Ghar is about changing the very course of the river. The lowest ebb does give way to the rising tide.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Yet another year has gone by - our second full operational year since Ghar became a home for orphan, abandoned and vulnerable girls. It gives me profound pleasure in presenting our Annual Report for 2023-24 which reflects on our journey in transforming lives.

The year gone by has been one of many challenges and yet a year of immense satisfaction. My sincere thanks to each and every one of our team and our volunteers and all those who happily came forward to help us reach where we have.

Ghar was conceived as a family – a home for orphan, abandoned and vulnerable girls, women with locomotor disabilities and the elderly residing together along with the sense of belongingness and love and affection as we have in our own families.

Along the journey feelings developed - the very motley lot who made Ghar their home became us. Down the road, relationships changed; they became our daughter's, accentuating our efforts to do all we can for them to blossom into successful, compassionate and conscientious adults.

Ghar is now a home of warmth, encouragement and learning where our girls 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.

Despite Ghar providing the best to her children including abundant love and affection and opportunities for holistic development and growth, we believe that a family is still the best environment for a child and that institutionalisation is a measure of the last resort. Our determined efforts have resulted in several girls being restored to their families.

We are indebted to all those who have reposed trust in us. It's a huge responsibility not just towards our beneficiaries but also towards those who stand silently in the wings and repose faith in us. We shall never let down that trust.

My profound gratitude to all those who have been a part of this eventful journey of the year gone by.

Best wishes, love and fair winds!

**Colonel Mickie Uberoi (Retd)**  
President

# What We Strive For

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## Our Vision

Our vision is to make the lives of orphan, abandoned and vulnerable 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 vulnerable 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.

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 an incubator of fulfilling, purposeful and meaningful lives and about them learning how to use that to make an impact and a difference in the lives of others; about growing into conscientious adults who care.

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 through educational scholarships and conducts awareness campaigns and workshops on child protection.

# Our Decision Makers



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.

During the year we were granted approval by the Ministry of Home Affairs under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 for receiving overseas donations.

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

■ GiveIndia    ■ United Way Mumbai    ■ Benevity Causes    ■ 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.



# Calender of Events

## EMPOWERING JOURNEYS

18/04/2023

Our girls visited Sorigin where the handing over ceremony of the Force Traveller school bus which was donated by the company was held.



## DEFENCE INSPIRATIONS

19/04/2023

Our girls were taken on a conducted tour of Bombay Engineering Group & Centre, an Army training establishment and briefed by defence personnel about the Centre.





## FOUNDERS DAY FESTIVITIES

26/04/2023

Our Founders Day was celebrated with a cultural programme organised by the girls followed by dinner.

## SUMMER ADVENTURES

16-25/05/2023

Our girls participated in a Summer Camp organised by Bombay Engineering Group & Centre. They participated in all activities viz, football, horse riding, swimming, yoga, trekking, excursion, tree plantation, craft work etc. Our girls received a prize for best discipline.







## WIND WONDERS

09/06/2023

An educational excursion cum picnic was organised to the windmill farm of Suzlon in Supa in Ahmednagar District.

## FUTURE MEDICS

17/06/2023

A conducted tour of the reputed Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC), Pune was organised for the girls who were briefed by AFMC officers and conducted around the college.





## DANCE OF DREAMS

01/07/2023

Our girls performed a dance in the auditorium of Symbiosis College, Vimannagar in a well-attended dance show organised by Step Up Dance Academy.



## HONORING HEROES

18/07/2023

Mrs Subeena Arora, Ex officio Regional President Army Wives Welfare Association (AWWA) and Colonel JMS Negi of HQ Southern Command visited Ghar.

## PATRIOTIC PRIDE

15/08/2023

Independence Day was celebrated with flag hoisting, singing of the National Anthem and a cultural program by our girls followed by lunch.





## A VISION RESTORED

04/09/2023

A nine years old girl of Ghar underwent a cornea transplant surgery at KK Eye Institute. Her impaired eye was replaced with the cornea of a donor and her vision restored.



## JOYOUS JANMASHTAMI

07/09/2023

Janmashtami was celebrated with full gusto by our girls.





## GANPATI FESTIVAL

26/09/2023

Ganpati festival was celebrated with daily prayers and the immersion of Lord Ganesha.



## GANDHI JAYANTI CELEBRATIONS

02/10/2023

Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated with a cultural program followed by dinner. Mr Girish Tanti, Chairman of Sorigin and Vice Chairman of Suzlon, Mrs Tanti and several members of their family graced the occasion.



## PAWS AND PLAY

07/10/2023

15 girls visited The Pet Café in Koregaon Park and had a wonderful time there.



## TRADITIONAL CELEBRATIONS

15/10/2023

The ladies of Rotary Club Poona North celebrated 'Bhondla', a traditional Maharashtrian festival at Ghar with the washing of feet of our girls followed by pot luck. Our girls put up a semi classical dance performance.



## CORPORATE KINDNESS

16/10/2023

A five member leadership team from USA and 90 employees of BMC Software India Pvt Ltd visited Ghar and conducted numerous activities for our girls.



## METRO MARVELS

18/10/2023

Visit to Shivajinagar Metro Station, briefing on Metro and a Metro ride followed by snacks. Organised by Rotary Club of Poona North.





## UMEED OF TOMORROW

28/10/2023

Our girls participated in "Umeed" which was organised for our girls by Symbiosis College, Senapati Bapat Road in their college campus.



## TECH DAY

31/10/2023

Employees of Microsoft visited Ghar. This was followed by a visit of our girls to the office of Microsoft.



## INNOVATION DAY

07/11/2023

Our girls visited Entrata India, an IT company. Various activities, a movie and coding activities were organised and conducted for our girls.



## TECH AND TREAT

09/11/2023

Our girls visited Addepar, a technology company. Various activities were conducted for our girls.



## WATER ADVENTURES

12/11/2023

Our girls had a fun filled day at the Diamond Water Park and Adventure Park.



## FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

13/11/2023

Diwali was celebrated with fervour with fireworks and a cultural program followed by dinner.



## MUSICAL HARMONY

26/11/2023

NGO Shama organised a classical musical evening in Ghar with a performance by a reputed classical singer.



## HONOURING EXCELLENCE

27/11/2023

Colonel Mickie Uberoi (Retd), Founder Trustee and President was felicitated with the Kohinoor Bhushan Puruskar by the Khadki Education Society in a function organised in their school.

## SALUTING BRAVERY

28/11/2023

Our girls witnessed the Passing Out Parade of the passing out cadets of the prestigious National Defence Academy in NDA, Khadakwasla.



## NAKSHATRA FESTIVAL

03/12/2023

Our girls participated in the Nakshatra Festival organised by NGO Bhumi in MIT College, Kothrud and won several prizes.



## CAROLS AND CHEER

13/12/2023

The Pastor and members of the Methodist Church, Khadki visited Ghar and sang carols. Our girls enthusiastically participated in the singing.

## STAR-STRUCK

14/12/2023

Our girls were invited by Rakul Preet Singh, actress for witnessing the matches of the Tennis Premier League 2023 in Balewadi Stadium. The actress spent quality time with our girls.





## WINTER WARMTH

16/12/2023

A team of Neova Solutions Pvt Ltd visited Ghar and conducted activities for our girls.

## CHRISTMAS MIRACLES

22/12/2023

The Circle Business Head, CSR Head and employees of Ujjivan Small Savings Bank visited Ghar on the occasion of Christmas and handed over gifts to our girls as per their wish list.

## FARM FUN

24/12/2023

Our girls spent a fun filled day in Abnik Farm in Purandhar on the invitation of Brigadier AC Chopra (Retd) who gave them an inspiring motivational talk. An educational and enjoyable trip it was for our girls.





## CHRISTMAS EVE AT GHAR

24/12/2023

A team of employees of Barclays Bank visited Ghar and celebrated Christmas Eve with our girls.

## ENGINEERING MINDS UNITE

13/01/2024

Faculty members and students of Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Engineering visited Ghar and spent time with our girls.

## HEALING HANDS, CARING HEARTS

13/01/2024

Professors and students of Modern College of Physiotherapy visited Ghar and conducted activities for our girls.

## STYLED FOR SUCCESS

15/01/2024

A team of employees of BMC Software visited Ghar and spend quality time with our girls.

## MILITARY EXCELLENCE EXPLORED

20/01/2024

Our girls visited the reputed College of Military Engineering and were given a conducted tour of the College.



## PATRIOTISM HONORED

26/01/2024

Colonel Mickie Uberoi (Retd), Founder Trustee and President was felicitated by Vasumati Welfare Foundation in a function organised by their foundation.



## COLORS OF FREEDOM

26/01/2024

The Republic day was celebrated with the hoisting of the National Flag and singing of the National Anthem.



## ROCKING THE NIGHT

10/02/2024

A musical evening was organised with a live band of Symbiosis College followed by dinner.

## FESTIVAL OF TALENTS

11/02/2024

Our girls participated in the Ignite Festival 2024 organised by NGO Bhumi in MIT University, Kothrud.

## WOMEN'S DAY TRIBUTE

08/03/2024

The HR head and a team of Immply Cloud Ltd celebrated Women's Day with our girls in Ghar.



## CHAMPIONS IN THE MAKING

10/03/2024

Our girls participated in the Nakshatra Sports 2024 event held in Cummins College, Kothrud. Many girls won medals in various sports activities.



## A DAY OF WELLNESS

17/03/2024

A health camp was organised at Ghar by a team of doctors and volunteers of Ruby Hall Hospital.



## MUSICAL NIGHT TO REMEMBER

17/03/2024

A musical evening was organised with a live band playing melodious songs.



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# Transforming Lives

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- ▣ Ghar has become a model in residential facilities, care and quality education in the catchment area for orphan, abandoned and vulnerable girls and for their overall development.
- ▣ 100% school retention and good performance standards of children.
- ▣ 100% computer literacy.
- ▣ Realisation of full potential of girls in academics, sports and extracurricular activities.
- ▣ Girls being empowered through good education and holistic development and will be integrated in society as successful and conscientious adults.
- ▣ Our girls aspire to become Army officers, IAS and IPS officers, doctors and the like. This project will help in fructifying their aspirations.

## What We Do

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Ghar embraces orphan, abandoned and vulnerable girls, those without homes and family ties and those who are vulnerable to abuse and exploitation and provides them a secure and nurturing environment. Ghar provides education, skill training and counselling to those under her wings and does what it takes to make them grow into well informed and responsible humans, empowers them and mainstreams them in society as productive and law abiding citizens.

Ghar provides good amenities, healthy nutrition, healthcare, quality education and recreational facilities, good hygiene and sanitation and protection against abuse and exploitation.

Except for a few older girls, all our girls study in good English medium schools including the prestigious Army Public School, St Joseph's Convent School, Kendriya Vidyalaya and Chetan Dattaji Gaikwad English Medium School.

Our girls are also imparted extensive in-house tuitions in all subjects and in computers by a team of tuition teachers. It is envisaged that due to a strong foundation of good education and values, our girls will impact society in a positive manner with the message of humanity and empathy and give back to society in times to come.



# Implementation Plan

We strive to empower every girl under our care through quality education and progressive development with values of humanity, empathy and goodness and facilitate their growth into successful and self-assured adults.

Our approach is multi fold. The major steps are outlined below:-

- Expose them to a new world by organising visits to reputed institutions, iconic defence establishments and other places of learning and interest. This helps in raising their aspirations and their desire to become a part of this new world.
- Focus on quality education in good English medium schools with extensive tuition classes to bring them up to their potential in academics. Use of computers, laptops, tablets with BYJU's education content is taught and encouraged.
- Encourage and facilitate participation of girls in all activities in school and in Ghar in order to make them confident and capable to participate and compete in all activities. Our girls have participated in various competitions organised by various organisations.
- Encourage and facilitate participation in field games namely football and basketball to build character, team spirit, initiative, courage and leadership. They are also imparted regular coaching in table tennis.
- Development of body and mind with regular yoga classes and periodic meditation classes.



- ❑ Regular dance classes. Our girls have performed dance in front of large audiences.
- ❑ Organise various workshops and activities for new learnings, increasing awareness and their overall development.
- ❑ Provide quality and timely healthcare and a healthy and nutritious diet for physical development.
- ❑ Provide recreational facilities and conduct regular recreational activities.
- ❑ Provide counselling by a qualified Psychologist.
- ❑ Motivational talks by reputed people.
- ❑ We have provided them a very good standard of living and quality of life which in itself has become a motivation for them to strive to succeed in life.
- ❑ Encourage and facilitate strong sisterly love and bonding amongst the girls.
- ❑ Provide them all facilities, learning and encouragement to ensure their holistic development into successful, compassionate and conscientious citizens who will impact society in a meaningful manner.





# Our Thoughts

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We are catalysts who are spurring the realisation of the potential of these girls, not just in attaining success in their careers but equally in attaining success in topping human values - of empathy, of humanity, goodness, of love, of reaching out to those who need a hand, becoming agents of change, of carrying that sparkle of goodness in the prism through which they see humans and humankind.

The sound of their chappals on the stairs, the cheer in the air, the twinkle in their eyes, their unbound enthusiasm, their gleeful smiles...

A background that is invariably tragic, yet new friends, boundless energy... *Ghar* is about relationships, about trust and an *ocean of love*...



***"Empowering  
and inspiring  
through service  
to create a  
better tomorrow  
for all."***



*The gust of wind lifted her luff and filled her sails...*

She had left port to sail the seas, on a mission and with a vision. As her bow had surged through the waters, she had taken on board and in her embrace one, then one more and more...

Her deck is now awash with a hullabaloo of young, eager hands.

It's been trying times, school admissions, uniforms, medical care, more to care for and feed, a surge in our requirements of just about everything most of all of care and affection.

Edward Hale comes to mind.

"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."

*Yes, we shall do what we ought to do.*

Thank you for being there.



Play, happiness knows no bounds!  
There's so much we can learn from these girls - their tragic backgrounds yet smiles, cheers and not letting go any opportunity to let down their hair and dance with gay abandon!

They indeed are *life*!

*They are our silent brigade...*

They have been working tirelessly, day after day, to help partake in our efforts to change the course of the rivers that once emanated as tributaries and are now gushing with energy, laughter, clatter, mischief and life! They are loved by their adulating fans - their pupils.

*Ghar* is blessed with many tuition teachers, our dedicated Gurus who are helping shape our girls to prepare them for their journey ahead.

Our young hearts are truly indebted to their *Gurus*, so are we! Thank you!

*Their journey has begun...*

Demure they were when they entered the portals of *Ghar*; the care and warmth of *Ghar* spurred them into secure, confident, bubbly girls and the beginning of a new journey, a new family.

A journey that will catapult them to the crescendo of success, take them to the highest reaches of the mountains, a journey that will evolve them into *humans who care, who reach out to those who need a hand*, a journey that will make them change agents who spread humanity, empathy, goodness and love.

A new and warm family, an umbilical cord that will nourish them and when they step out into the world to cross the seven seas on their own, the soundness of a family and plenty of sisters and *didi*'s who will always be there for them, their *maika*.

Fair winds and God speed!



*'Mujhe yahin rehna hai, marne ke baad bhi...'*

So said our 10 years who became us recently.

Fountains of affection – palpable, spontaneous, contagious and spreading amongst even the reticent ones, melting the hearts of the most morose amongst us - the very essence of *Ghar*.

Friendships blossom, bountiful of affection, new relations are born, new sisters...

Affection - the magic of *Ghar*, her signature, her very soul...

*Do to others as you would have them do to you...*

So we do at *Ghar*, we open doors, of opportunities, of learning, of developing as we would want our children to, of dreaming, of reaching out for the stars, of realising one's potential, of becoming future beacons for those who live in the dark world in times to come, of emerging anew.

We shall carry them on our shoulders with the support of our well-wishers and when we fade away into oblivion it is they who will shoulder others when they reach their prime and carry the baton of *Ghar* down the road.

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

They too will find triumph, one day - *in themselves.*



# Our Partners

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# Thank You Note

Dear Supporters,

Because of you, Ghar is more than just a home, it's a place where lives are changed. Your support makes everything possible. Thank you for being a part of our journey.

Warm regards,  
The Ghar Family



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