

# About Baroda Citizens Council



Baroda Citizens Council began its journey in 1966 as an advisory body to the Baroda Urban Community Development Project, established by the American Friends Services Committee (Quakers group), which was registered in 1966 under the Societies Act in a tripartite partnership with the Baroda Municipal Corporation, the M. S. University of Baroda and the Federation of Gujarat Industries.

Baroda Citizens Council was initially an advisory organization which was primarily meant to support and undertake self-help activities in slums where soon urban community development projects took place that were tailor-made for each area and addressed the local needs. Gradually, over the years, the programs were streamlined so that they led to sustainable development and empowerment of communities.

And today, it has become a well-recognized Community Development Organization, which is not just limited to urban region but has also reached the rural parts of the Vadodara district, working on various Health care, Child Rights, Women & Youth Empowerment, Community Development and Awareness based projects with the support from State as well as Central government and National as well as international funding agencies.



## Objectives

- Provide a forum for the economically and socially deprived section of society and promote the use of available resource amongst them.
- To initiate a partnership between public and private sectors for developing the underprivileged communities
- To develop into an information and resource centre.

# Our Projects at a glance

## Children's Education

### BALWADI

Beneficiary: 160

### AANGANWADI ADOPTION PROGRAM

Beneficiary: 110

### SAVERA - Educational Sponsorship Program

Beneficiary: 1608

### PROGRAM AFTER SCHOOL SUPPORT

Beneficiary: 350

### ICT - Information Communication Technology

Beneficiary: 145



Balwadi- Group Activitiy



Anganwadi- Group Activitiy



School Visit



PASS- Anti Tobacco Day



ICT- Inauguration of Bhayli  
Center

*Baroda Citizens Council envisions Good Health and Well-being and Quality Education (SDGs 3 & 4) as the important components of the Projects.*

*Under Children's Education, various programs and activities were conducted like training sessions, School and home visits, celebrations on Anti-Child Labor day, Parents Meetings including other Educational and Developmental activities benefiting approx. 2500 kids.*



## Child Protection

CHILDLINE  
(1098)

Beneficiary: 28254



*Railway Childline- Anti Child Labor Day*

DAY-CARE  
CENTRE FOR  
SPECIAL  
CHILDREN

Beneficiary: 34



*Day Care Center for Special Children-- Therapy Session*

SMT. URMILABEN  
PATEL-  
MENTAL  
WELLNESS  
PROGRAM

Beneficiary: 225



*Stress Management Session with PHC Staff*



*Chhotaudepur- Tree Plantation*



*Day Care Center for Special Children-Vocational Training*



*Warli Painting*

*As part of Aazadi ka Amrut Mahotsav, 75 districts were selected overall in India. From which, in Gujarat district, Vadodara City Childline was selected to celebrate "Anti Child-Labor Week" in which our Childline team organized campaign and rallies at various places to make children pledge to stop Child Labor and reached about 3000 people. It was a proud moment for BCC as Vadodara City Childline was selected by Ministry of Women and Child Development and had celebrated the whole week. Apart from this, other celebrations and festivals like Yoga Day and Environment Day were also celebrated by various beneficiary group. In addition to stress management session was organized with PHC staff on "Life is a Festival" under the Mental Wellness Program.*

## Women Empowerment

### PANKHI



*Pankhi - Our project for Counselling of Domestic Violence victims received over 49 cases in this quarter which have been intervened by our team.*

*Case taken by BCC in collaboration with Zindagi Helpline*

## Vocational and Rural Development

### LUNA "RURAL INITIATIVE PROJECT"

Beneficiary: 349



*Luna- Health Check up*

### ADOLESCENCE

Beneficiary: 110



*Training of Adolescence on Mental Well-being*

*Under the Vocational and Rural Development, health camp was organized in Luna village as well as a training on PRI, labor law and child labor was conducted. Various sessions focusing on Mental Well being, leadership skills, handwriting skills, story-telling, dance and cooking without fire along with home visits were conducted for children under Adolescence project. With the support of Divisional Railway Manager, a vocational training program was also initiated for women of Railway Colony.*

# Case Study

A SHE-WOLF, AN ORDINARY SIXTEEN -YEAR-OLD GIRL WITH AN EXTRAORDINARY STORY OF DETERMINATION AND HARD WORK TO GET THE FURTHER EDUCATION.

"SHE-WOLF BORN IN AN UNDERPRIVILEGED FAMILY IN TANDALJA AREA VADODARA, CONSEQUENTLY, HER FATHER IS THE ONLY PERSON WHO HAD TO TAKE UP THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EARNING A LIVELIHOOD FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY, AND WITH THREE LITTLE CHILDREN AND AN ILL FATHER TO TAKE CARE OF, EACH DAY BROUGHT A NEW CHALLENGE FOR THE IMPOVERISHED FAMILY. EVERY DAY THE WHOLE FAMILY ALONG WITH SINGLE EARNING PERSON FACE NEW CHALLENGE AND NEW OBSTACLE, FATHER ALWAYS STEPS OUT TO EARN AFTER GIVING BUNCH OF THOUGHTS.

ANKITA FATHER WORKED AS A DAILY-WAGER, EARNING A MEASLY FOUR OR SIX THOUSAND RUPEES A MONTH. DESPITE ALL THE ADVERSITIES & CHALLENGES HE ENSURED THAT NONE OF THE CHILDREN HAD TO DROP OUT OF SCHOOL. HE TOILED FOR TEN LONG YEARS WITH NO SUPPORT FROM ANYONE. CONSEQUENTLY, BCC-BARODA CITIZENS COUNCIL WAS HELPING ANKITA FAMILY BY GIVING SPONSORSHIP TO HER ON A REGULAR BASIS.

LATER ON HER FATHER DECIDED NOT TO CONTINUE ANKITA EDUCATION BECAUSE OF THE FINANCIAL CRUNCH. THIS PROVED TO BE TURNING POINT FOR BCC- SAVERA SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM, THEN THE STAFF OF BCC INTERVENE IN THIS MATTER AND TRIED TO SOLVE ANKITA'S PROBLEM.

BCC STAFF MEMBERS VISITED ANKITA'S HOUSE AND ENSURED HER FOR SMOOTH ADMISSION IN SCHOOL FOR FURTHER STUDY. THIS COULD BE A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY FOR HER TO ACQUIRE HER EDUCATION.

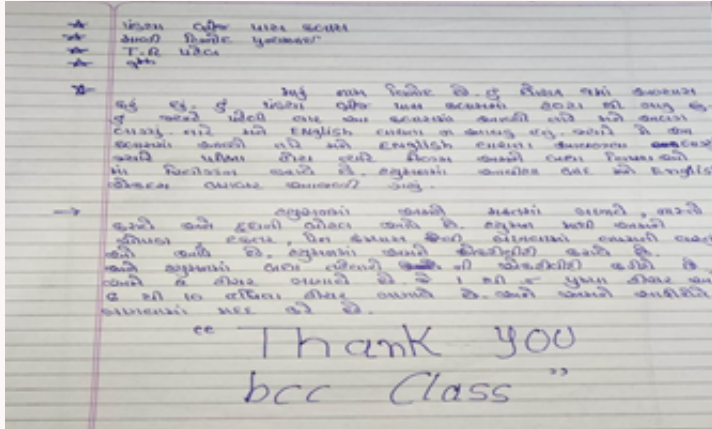
ANKITA'S STORY OF GRIT AND PERSEVERANCE IS INSPIRING AND HEARTENING, BUT THERE ARE MANY MORE SUCH UNDERPRIVILEGED YOUTH WHO ARE STILL UNABLE TO FIND THE RIGHT DIRECTION IN LIFE."

IF YOU KNOW ANY UNDERPRIVILEGED YOUTH LIKE ANKITA, WHO HAVE THE POTENTIAL AND DESIRE BUT DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT ADVICE OR SUPPORT TO GET A BETTER EDUCATION, SIMPLY BY CONTACTING BCC- BARODA CITIZENS COUNCIL OR ONE CAN ALSO REFER SUCH CHILDREN TO THE SAVERA EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.

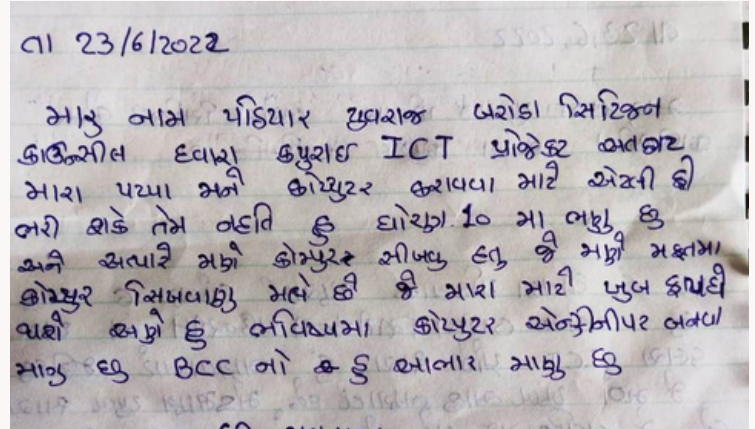
SMALL STORY OF ANKITA TEACHES US HOW PHILANTHROPICAL APPROACH AND CSR CAN HELP PEOPLE LIKE ANKITA, AND ALSO PUTTING A LIGHT ON HOW PEOPLE SHOULD THINK IN A PRAGMATIC WAY BY OFFERING SMALL HELP TO THE NEEDY. THIS APPROACH ALSO HELPS TO ESTABLISH SENSE OF GENERATIVITY TOWARDS SOCIETY.



# Testimonials & Press Coverage



Program after school support



Information and communication technology

## World Day Against Child Labour

<https://youtu.be/dUe1fSZTyLg>

## Press Coverage on counselling

[https://youtu.be/PmNS\\_Sl9bUs](https://youtu.be/PmNS_Sl9bUs)

## Environment Day



## Child Labour Week





# Celebrations

*"Coming together is a beginning, Keeping together is a process Working together is success"*  
- Henry Ford



*Celebration of 56th Anniversary  
of BCC*



*Luna- Yoga Day*



*Adolescence- Yoga Day*



*Anganwadi- Yoga Day*



*Daycare Center For Special  
Children- Yoga Day*



*Information & Communication  
Technology- Yoga Day*



*Program after school support  
- Yoga Day*



*Luna- Tree Plantation*



*Day-care center for special  
children- Tree Plantation*

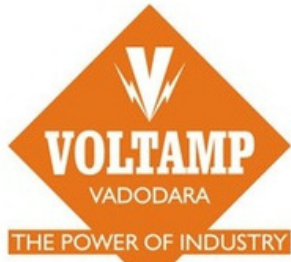


*Information & Communication  
Technology- Tree Plantation*



*Chhotaudepur- Tree Plantation*

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Thank you for making a difference.



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