

together....let us share happiness!

We began the year with the Weekend Bazaars, hosted colourful melas for Independence Day, Diwali and Xmas, showcased the hard work and creativity of our special adults, sold our bakery and handicraft products in beautiful Happiness boxes and offered the simple joys of mehendi, tattoos, candy and chaat that had people coming in with a smile and going away with much bigger smiles.

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learn, work, enjoy, be

We teach to empower lives!

Independence Day 2023: Our adults sent hand crafted flags to people all over the country. We saw a massive outpouring of support for our initiative.

Hand embroidery: Our teachers helped our adults to go one step further and take up patchwork embroidery independently.

Bakery manufacturing and packaging: The programme was extended to a large group of special adults on a one to one basis, in specific product preparation.

Data entry: We increased our daily target with our client and worked hard to build a team of special adults who work in data entry exclusively.

Hand made products: Our adults made torans for Ganpati, rakhis for Raksha Bandhan, garlands for Diwali, gift bags, paper bags, paper plates and assembled job work.



The right to talk on the phone!

'Phone a friend with autism' is our landmark training programme that was extended to all our adults this year. It became compulsory for our special adults to carry a phone to the workplace and with the help of teachers, connect with their family members over video call at least twice a day.

Eat with a smile!: Our sugar free bakery was launched this year. Mr.Amit Dalal, Executive Director, Tata Investment Corporation Limited inaugurated this initiative.

A year well spent: Mr.Dalal presented our special adults with work skill certificates, attesting to their individual contributions and strengths. The monthly stipends that our adults earn for their contribution was also presented.



Holidays = Fun= Building Human Connections

The year was liberally dotted with get togethers, Diwali and Xmas parties, carol singing with Osmond and the Bombay Cambridge International School Choir, a day long picnic with friends and teachers and a unique programme called 'Getting ready for Summer Holidays'.

The Together Community at Hosur (Greater Bengaluru):

Our residential project is presently under construction and will go live in 2025: accommodating forty special needs individuals and their families within a gated community.

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Vocational Training Coordinator – 1, Counselor - 1, Special Educators - 2, Consultant Chef – 1, Bakery Operations Assistant - 1, Vocational Assistant – 1, Digital literacy trainer - 1, Computer trainer – 1, Data entry operators - 3, Support Staff - 1

Team Members:

38 (Students at centre - 33, AIMS program - 2 Students Online - 3)

Our Parents:

We have regular meetings with the parents of our special adults and strive to involve them in various aspects of our work.

Our Donors:

The grants made by donors helps Together Foundation to maintain and increase the scope of services that are offered by us.

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