

REHABILITATION AIDS WORKSHOP BY WOMEN WITH DISABILITY

(RAWWD)



Annual Report
For the year April 2008 – March 2009

Foreword

Dear friends,

“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention. ~ Oscar Wilde”



This quote has truly come to life with RAWWD. What began as an initiative to lend a hand to physically challenged women has today crystallized into an organization supporting over 2000 people in need per year.

It gives me great pride to share with you that this year RAWWD is celebrating its 12th anniversary. In this journey of 12 years, we have been able to reach out to more than 15,000 people including children and supporting them to lead a normal life with our appliances. In keeping with this spirit of continual change and evolution, I would like to extend my gratitude to all the members for evincing much interest in developing the organization.

This year we also had an opportunity to represent ourselves internationally at the Community Based Rehabilitation Congress in Bangkok and we look forward to more such opportunities in the coming years.

Once again, I take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support and encouragement all through these years. Our vision for the coming years is to further establish our organization in the field of physical support appliances with better infrastructure, growth and building strong connect across society. Pursuing this vision, we look forward to a confluence of divergent thoughts, ideas will all come together under one roof to make great things happen.

Thank you,

Lt. Col. Dhanalakshmi. R

Chairperson, RAWWD

Glimpses of our journey till now

Name: Suraj

Supporting NGO:
Ashraya (Home for orphanage)

Two year old Suraj from Ashraya foundation came to RAWWD to get prosthesis.

He was born with congenital limb deficiency, he does not have a limb below the right knee. As he was born



Mast. Suraj

with the disability he was abandoned by his parents at Kim's hospital Hubli. He was then handed over to who is turn referred the child to Ashraya. By the time Suraj was a year and half they trained him to stand in one leg and the therapist of Ashraya foundation suggested a right below knee prosthesis (artificial limb) for him.

RAWWD made a prosthesis. Initially he was not able to stand because he did not have trunk balance and again a thigh shell had been given to make him to stand stable. With the regular training now he is able to stand on his own and soon will be able to walk.

Internationally Workshop

Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Congress, Bangkok

Ms. Noorjan, Senior Orthotic Technician attended the CBR congress held in February 2009 in Bangkok. Noorjan is from the first batch of disabled women trained as technicians by Mobility India.

This congress is the first opportunity for CBR implementers, policy-makers and representatives of Disabled People's Organization

(DPO's) from all over the Asia-pacific Region to share their experiences, to form a network and to be updated with the new trends in CBR within the context of Asia and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons and the Convention on the Rights of the Persons with Disabilities. Noorjan had an opportunity to share her experiences and represent RAWWD at this congress. She came back with immense learning about different currencies and culture. Noorie's participation in the CBR congress was made possible with support from TG Voices.



***Ms. Noorjan and
Ms. Ritu Ghosh at CBR Congress***

Other Workshops and Seminars Attended

- ◆ Sugirtha, RAWWD Technical Manager, attended Leadership training organized by APD, Mar 13 - 16th, 2009
- ◆ Sugirtha made a presentation on RAWWD activities to the Mobility India CBR programme on 15.5.08
- ◆ Lt. Col. Dhanalakshmi, Sugirtha and Indra Moses, Admin and Accounts Manager, attended Partners meeting at Mobility India on 4.4.08 and Sugirtha made a presentation about RAWWD's activities.

New Technologies

Machines



Noorjan at work

Ms. Marika from MIBLOU, Switzerland donated Rs. 56,937.42 for vacutech machine. The vacutech machine is used for moulding and lamination. The machine's major strengths include high vacuum pressure, efficiency, and best-in-class moulding

combined with outstanding performance in lamination. This machine helps us perform our work quickly and efficiently.

Training

We identified Ms. Ramanujamma and Sharada from RDT, Andhra Pradesh to undergo training in Lower Limb Orthotics at Mobility India. The training commenced in July 2008. The training of Ramanujamma was supported by Disability and Development Partners (DDP).

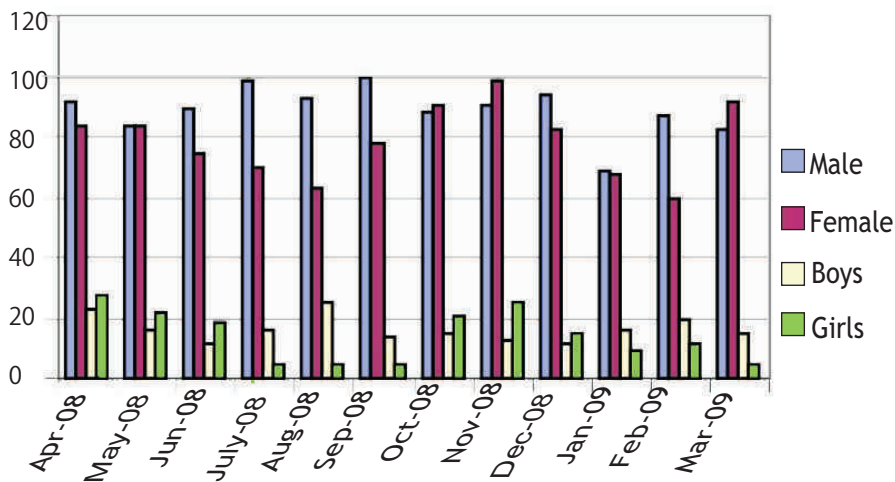


Ms. Ramanujamma and Ms. Sharada at Mobility India undergoing Lower Limb Orthotics Training

Number of Persons Touched by RAWWD

We have been able to assist the following number of persons for the period April 2008 - March 2009.

Month	Male	Female	Boys	Girls	Total
April	92	84	23	27	226
May	83	83	16	22	204
June	89	74	12	18	193
July	98	70	16	5	189
August	93	63	25	5	186
September	99	78	14	5	196
October	88	90	15	21	214
November	90	98	13	25	226
December	94	82	12	15	203
January	69	67	16	9	161
February	87	60	19	12	178
March	82	92	15	5	194
Total	1064	941	196	169	2370



Counseling from Parivarthan

Parivarthan, a counseling centre offered to do few counseling sessions for staff. The staff had a few counseling sessions. Two volunteers from Parivarthan spent time with us.

Honorary Visitors

1. Mr. Simon Godziek from Disability Development Partners (DDP) visited in September 2008.

Staff:

During the year 2008, the following staff left for following reasons:

1. Latha was getting married
2. Swarna underwent tally training AP and found a job near her hometown
3. Suchitra who was volunteering with RAWWD also took computer training and started working from home.
4. Ammu resigned for personal reason

Would you like to support us?

Your donations will help improve the lives of physically challenged women.

You can support our work in a number of ways. Below are some of our immediate requirements:

1. **Petrol expenses** - The adapted two wheeler vehicle is used by two disabled women to commute from home to office and for other office work. They are spending about Rs. 1,500/- every month for petrol which is Rs. 18,000/- per annum.
2. **Short term training** -The staff need to undergo short term training to enhance their present skills in fabricating orthopedic appliances. The training in Knee Ankle Foot Orthosis (KAFO) and Below Knee Prosthetics is Rs 40,000.
3. **Computer training**

Basics in computer training for two staff: Rs. 3,500 X 2 = Rs. 7,000/-

4. **Salaries** for physically challenged technical staff

Rehabilitation Aids Workshop by Women with Disabilities - Bangalore Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2009(Local)

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
To OPENING BALANCES:			By PERSONNEL COST:		
Cash on Hand	3,712.18		Salaries	574,004.00	
Cash at Bank	134,944.15	138,656.33	EPF	74,656.00	
Donations		1,840,418.00	Stipend	18,000.00	
Bank Interest - SB / FD		80,205.63	Staff Welfare	24,433.00	691,093.00
Fixed Deposit Maturated		100,000.00	OPERATING COST:		
Rental Deposit Refund		30,000.00	Travel & Conveyance	47,240.00	
			Printing and Stationery	13,645.00	
			Postage & Telephone	853.68	
			Professional Charges	7,500.00	
			News Paper & Periodicals	660.00	
			Rent	40,170.00	
			Office	47,091.00	
			Raw Materials	204,505.00	
			Medical	21,749.50	
			Repairs & Maintenance	10,135.00	
			Electricity	8,390.00	
			Bank charges	2,075.00	
			Telephone	27,203.00	
			Vehicle Maintenance	1,130.00	
			Work Shop & Seminar	9,455.00	
			Training	276.00	442,278.18
C/F		2,189,279.96	C/F		1,133,371.18



RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
B/F		2,189,279.96	B/F		1,133,371.18
			DIRECT SERVICES:		
			Orthotics Prosthetics & Rehabilitation Devices		639,209.00
			Fixed Deposit		373,065.00
			CLOSING BALANCES:		
			Cash on Hand	1,002.00	
			Cash at Bank	42,632.78	-43,634.78
TOTAL		2,189,279.96	TOTAL		2,189,279.96

PLACE: BANGALORE
DATE: 17.08.2009

Chairperson
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RAHWD

Prabakar
TREASURER
RAHWD

AS PER OUR REPORT OF EVEN DATE ATTACHED,
for CHARLES PRABAKAR & ASSOCIATES,
Chartered Accountants,

Charles Prabakar
(CHARLES PRABAKAR)
MEM NO. 18391



Thank you

We thank the following organizations, individuals and friends who have helped us to achieve our vision and serve the people with disability. It would not been possible for us to complete 12 years of our existence without your support.



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Our Vision

Promote equality for women with disability



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