

# ANNUAL REPORT



**FOR**

**MAR 2018 - APR 2019**





# OUR MISSION

**At proVISION ASIA, our mission is to people who have disabilities to lead independent and fulfilling lives; to extend a hand up-not a hand out; inspiring hope by providing an environment that fosters holistic transformation; enabling people affected by disability to experience abundant life to reach their highest potential for which God created them.**

# OUR

# VALUES

*In loving memory of*

**Dr. CHARLES KINGERY**

*This financial year we lost our benevolent Cofounder, Chip. However, his legacy lives on through the values that he instilled in this organization and our staff.*



Every person that walks through our door is welcomed with **LOVE**.



As we build an inclusive world, we engage differences with **RESPECT**.



Our work is only possible because of the undying **PASSION** that everyone at **proVISION ASIA** embodies in our quest to empower the people we serve, to lead independent lives.



**proVISION ASIA's** leadership and Board display exemplary **STEWARDSHIP** in motivating our staff to constantly strive to grow individually while being intentional about the impact of our work.



**INTEGRITY** plays a key role in all our work as we embrace the community and create safe spaces internally and externally when dealing with people we serve.

# 2018-2019

## AT A GLANCE



**FUNDS RAISED**  
**₹1,43,20,534**



**CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOPS**  
**117 HOURS**



**HOMES MADE ACCESSIBLE**  
**330**



**PEOPLE IMPACTED**  
**7020**



**PASS PERCENTAGE OF ALL STUDENTS**  
**98%**



**SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**  
**212 HOURS**



**RESPITE CARE FOR FAMILIES**  
**105 HOURS**



# MOBILITY

## MOBILITY CREATES INDEPENDENCE

**Access to good mobility aids is still a challenge in our country. All of our wheelchairs are imported through our partner organisation, Joni and Friends, whose volunteers collect used wheelchairs across the United States. These second hand wheelchairs are in great condition and are better quality than what is available locally.**

**Every wheelchair recipient that we serve is unique and has specific needs. Therefore, we treat each beneficiary individually. That equates to our process taking longer but it ensures every beneficiary gets the best possible quality care. Each wheelchair is customized to suit their specific needs according to their condition and physical requirement.**

**Often times beneficiaries can be treated with physiotherapy or given a walking aid like a walker or a crutch instead of a wheelchair. This is determined after a thorough assessment and after exploring all options of treatment.**

# STORY OF A CHAIR



**Volunteers collect used wheelchairs across the United States**



**The collected wheelchairs are shipped to Bengaluru, India**



**These wheelchairs are then refurbished by ten trained inmates at Bangalore Central Prison**



**Home visits done to the check the beneficiary's condition and space availability for a wheelchair**



**Wheelchairs are then presented to people affected by disability in rural and urban areas across India**

# MOBILITY DISTRIBUTIONS



**This financial year proVISION ASIA reached more people than we ever have! We visited, presented and followed up with various rural and urban areas in India. Our reach expanded from Raxaul, Bihar in north India to Thirunalvelli, Tamil Nadu in south India. Our distribution camps helped us understand that there is still a huge need and we have only scratched the surface.**



# MITHRA SCHOOL

**Mithra Special School is the heart of our mission. All of the students are cared for and are treated like the smart and beautiful individuals that they are. As with all children worldwide, each boy and girl comes to us with their own unique dreams, passions and talents. Our job is to develop the whole person, not simply feed and educate the child.**

**The school year runs from June to March and consists of a headmistress, four teachers, two assistants, cook, bus driver, bus attendant, physiotherapist and a speech therapist. All 22 children were given three nutritious meals each day and a majority of the students are picked up and dropped off daily at their homes. Apart from education, speech therapy and physiotherapy are provided as well.**

**Below are a few highlights from the past year:**

- **Independence Day celebration on August 15, 2018**
- **Cake Mixing At Renaissance Hotel on Nov 22, 2018**
- **International Persons with Disability Day celebration at Sanchez with Hothur Foundation on Dec 10, 2018**
- **Christmas celebration with BICF on December 14, 2018**
- **Annual Day celebration on March 4, 2018**





# EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP

People with disabilities in India, struggle with getting a quality education that they desperately need. A prime example is Ms. Khalida Begum, one of our beneficiaries, who is a cheerful 13-year-old girl affected by Cerebral Palsy. This condition makes communicating difficult and it is a struggle for her to walk.

proVISION ASIA makes it possible for Khalida to attend 10th grade at the Modern Kannada and English School here in Bangalore. Along with her, all of the students who receive these sponsorships are required to submit their test scores and attendance reports. This is our way to follow up and help the student further.

We are proud that Khalida ended the school year with a B+ average and grateful that we were able to empower her and 56 other students like her.



## EMPOWHER

**The empowHER program is a three-month course that provides training for women with disabilities in basic English, computer, and personality development. Through this program we aim to equip women to develop their individuality and be independent. We also train the women to attend interviews and assist in employment.**

**We are excited to see how this program has enabled these women to grow, become independent, secure employment and make positive changes in their communities. In this financial year we had two batches of eight women who graduated from the course.**



## **EMPOWHER**

### **SUCCESS STORY**

**My name is Epsibha, I was one of the students who attended the empowHER course in proVISION ASIA. The class has helped me a lot as I learned how to operate a computer and I also learned spoken English. Before the course, I didn't know how to use a smartphone or computer properly; but after the course, I have learned many skills that helped me start an online business to sell artificial jewellery and clothes online through Facebook, Whats App etc.**

**The course has made me bold to sell my products to people without fear. The business requires me to communicate in English, and all the customers are very happy with the way I approach them. I am a successful entrepreneur because of empowHER so I am thankful and proud to be associated with proVISION ASIA.**



# PHYSIOTHERAPY

## **CAN GIVING SOMEONE A WHEELCHAIR BE BAD?**

**Did you know that giving someone a wheelchair sometimes can exacerbate their existing condition and prevent them from ever walking again?**

**At proVISION ASIA our physiotherapists evaluate each patient to understand their requirement before recommending the necessary mobility aid whether it is a wheelchair, crutch, or walker. Our physiotherapy team plays an essential role in helping our children in Mithra Special School meet their milestones. Therapy helps them learn to be independent and strengthens their motor skills. Every Wednesday and Thursday, our doors are open to anybody from the community seeking physiotherapy through our OPD (Out-Patient) program. Averaging around five patients a day, we provided over 300 hours of free physiotherapy to our beneficiaries.**



# DISABILITY AWARENESS

A big part of our work in disability is creating and spreading awareness around accessibility and inclusivity. Fortunately, the importance of creating an inclusive society has been given prominence in the past decades. However, that doesn't mean that this is an issue.

This has not been prioritized at the governmental level. However, they do provide some schemes that benefit people with disabilities. Non governmental organizations like ours research those schemes and relay that information to our beneficiaries; through our government advocacy work.

# SPORTS INCLUSION



## TENNIS CLINIC

This project was started when we realised the lack of sports inclusion in our city. Sports would provide an opportunity for leisure and a feeling of inclusion. The wheelchair tennis clinic was held to address this challenge. This has enabled the children to recognize their talent in the field of sports. We now have 3 children training to be tennis players. We hope to introduce Wheelchair Basketball in 2020.

## TCS WORLD 10K BENGALURU

Annual participation with our friends in wheelchairs, pushed by community leaders and our partners, is an excellent opportunity for advocating inclusion of people with disabilities in our city. This event enables us to raise needed funds for our work, through obtaining sponsorship and donations by individuals, groups and corporations



## MIDNIGHT MARATHON

A group of our child beneficiaries attended the Midnight Marathon, an athletic event held in KTPO, Whitefield. We were excited to meet the Indian wheelchair cricket team. The whole experience was inclusive, lively and inspiring.

# International Para Games

Organised by Asian Track & Turf Federation

held between 14th to 17th April, 2019  
at University Ground, Kurunegala, Srilanka



## SPORTS SUCCESS STORY

### Meet Gopichand

Five years ago, he had to have both legs amputated after an accident while crossing the highway. This hasn't stopped him from living his dream. In fact, the accident has inspired Gopichand to overcome barriers and prove to the world that disability doesn't stop you.

Gopichand has won over 15 gold and silver medals in national and international para swimming. Being the delightful overachiever that he is, Gopichand is also passionate about playing tennis. proVISION ASIA has been mentoring him over the last year to participate and train in tennis events in India. We are certain that he will bring laurels to our country and make us proud!

# COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



## PLAYGROUP

Rest, recreation and FUN! All of these elements are found in our Saturday PlayGroup, where children with disabilities, accompanied by their parents and siblings, come to hear stories, sing songs, and make craft. The PlayGroup is held in a large local park, which has been made accessible by proVISION ASIA. Parents meet other parents, as well as interact with our staff for counselling and medical advice.

## FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

People touched by disability come to a safe place where they can share their experiences, make new friendships and learn how to thrive. Experts from various fields volunteer their time to help make a difference in the lives of our friends with disabilities. From dance therapy to motivational speaking, our friends with disabilities feel welcomed and experience the encouragement which comes through the community.



## FAMILY RETREAT

Our family retreat was concept developed by Joni And Friends, a disability organization based in the USA. It is aimed towards families affected by disability; providing an opportunity for fun and rest in a safe and accessible environment. These families are cared for, encouraged and rejuvenated. We provided inclusive teaching, age-appropriate fun activities, and cultivate meaningful connections with other families with similar struggles. Every camper was tagged with a loving and trained volunteer while parents and caregivers attend program worry free! This family retreat was organized alongside other organizations such as the Engage Disability Network, Good Sam Foundation and Project Vision.



# OUR TEAM



**JENNIFER, DIVYA, USHA, KRISHNAVENI, UMA, NANDHINI, AGILA, MUNISWAMY, SELVI  
VIGNESH, KRUPA, VARUN, SHIKHA, GANESH, RANJITH, VENUGOPAL, JEREMY  
JOANNE, SELVANAYAGAM, JAMES**

**We're so thankful for our Advisory Board members who have supported us through this past year: Mrs. Jean Kingery, Mr. Michael Holland, Mrs. Christine Jamal, Mr. H.T Sangliana, Mrs. Bina Aruldoss, Mr. Daniel Christopher and Mr. Danny Gray.**



# FUNDRAISERS

# ART-ON-THE-LINE



**Art-on-The-Line was a FUNdraiser that we held in November 2018! Renowned and amateur artists donated pieces from Australia, Italy, America, Hong Kong, Singapore and all over India. The pieces used charcoal, ink, pencil sketches and a variety of paints; depicting abstract objects, self-portraits, deities, nature, pets, monuments, festivals and other stills from everyday life. Painted on Different media, All of the artwork was hung on lines to look like laundry being hung on clotheslines. The hosts and venue was The Leela Palace Bangalore and Fratelli wines was the sponsor. The event was an absolute success and over 3 Lakh Rupees were raised!**

# FLEA MARKETS



**proVISION ASIA participated in several events this year. At these flea markets, we focused on bringing awareness to the cause of disabilities and inclusivity while selling fun products and merchandise.. We were invited to Rimagined, Mount Carmel College, Canadian International School, Overseas Women's Club, We Are Your Voice and VMWare India.**

**These flea markets were an excellent way for us to increase our volunteer database. Our intake of volunteers and interns have increased by 43% in this financial year.**

# TCS WORLD 10K

## BENGALURU



**TCS World 10K Bengaluru : More than 450 individuals, six corporations and three volunteer groups represented us in Kanteerava Stadium, Bengaluru. Internationally, 85 people participated from seven global locations. Together, we champion the cause for people with disabilities. This year we were delighted to receive the award for the second-highest fundraising charity, among 89 charities that participated all across India.**



# ACHIEVEMENTS



**Our dedicated staff work very hard everyday to ensure every person who comes through our door is welcomed, loved and cared for. The shout-outs we receive from our friends are very encouraging to us!**

**Some of the highlights from this year were:**

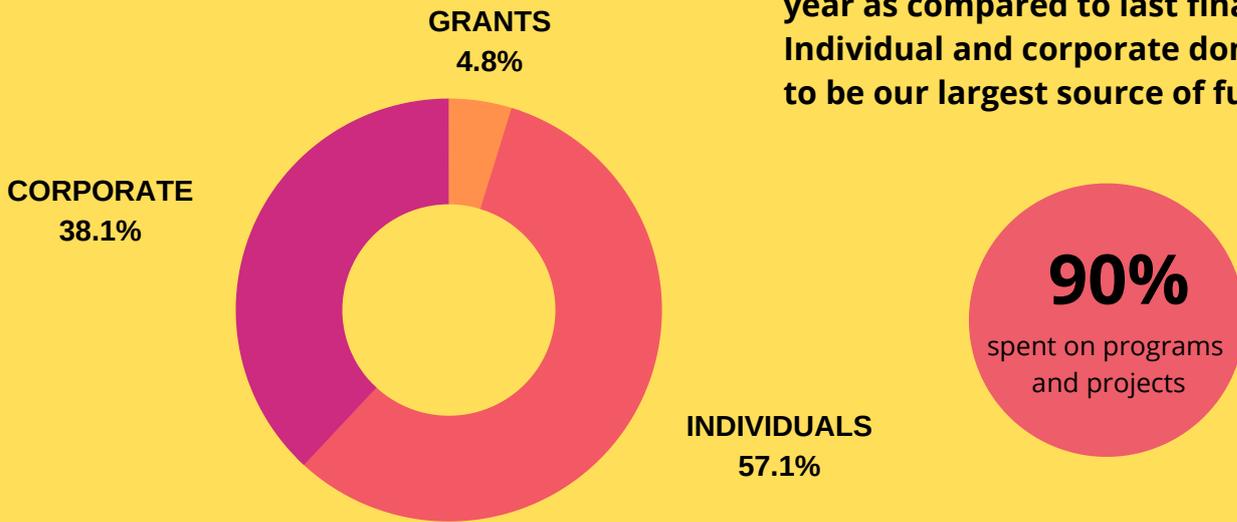
- **Second highest fundraiser in the TCS World 10k 2018**
- **NGO leadership award in 2018**
- **Recognized for our efforts by HP during their annual leadership conference in October 2018**



**FINANCE**

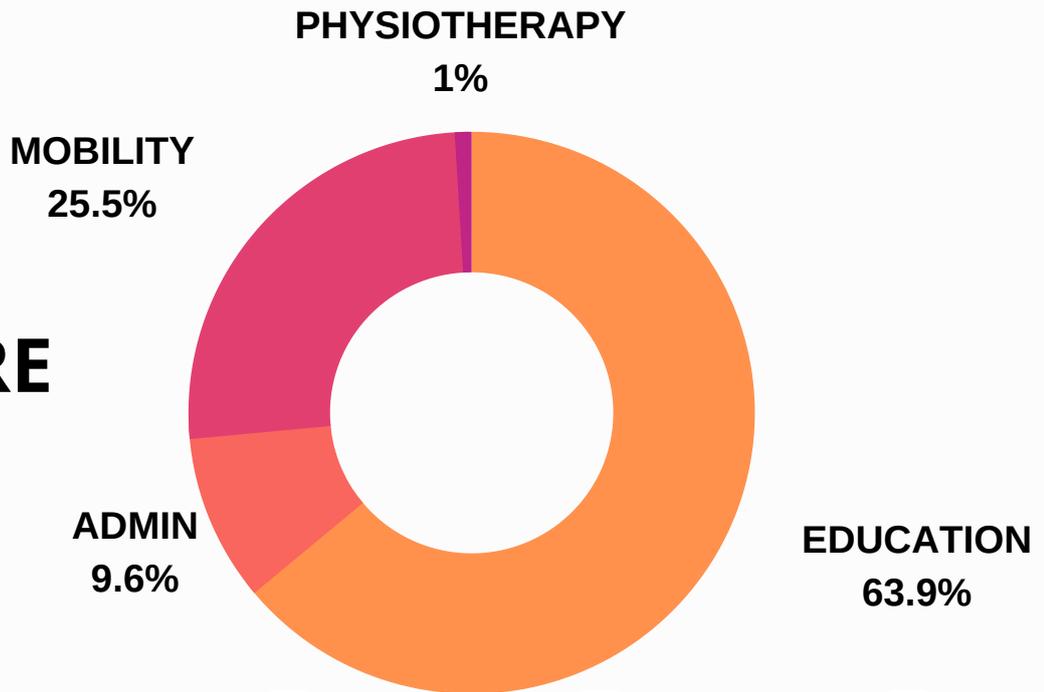
# INCOME AND GROWTH

There was a 23% growth for funds raised this year as compared to last financial year. Individual and corporate donations continue to be our largest source of funds.



**90%**  
spent on programs and projects

# EXPENDITURE



### MOBILITY

Our Mobility Department distributed **255** wheelchairs.



### EMPOWHER

The number of empowHER students have doubled in the last year. We were able to serve more women affected by disability.



### MITHRA SPECIAL SCHOOL

There was a **39%** increase in the number of student enrollments and an increase in staff as well.



### EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP

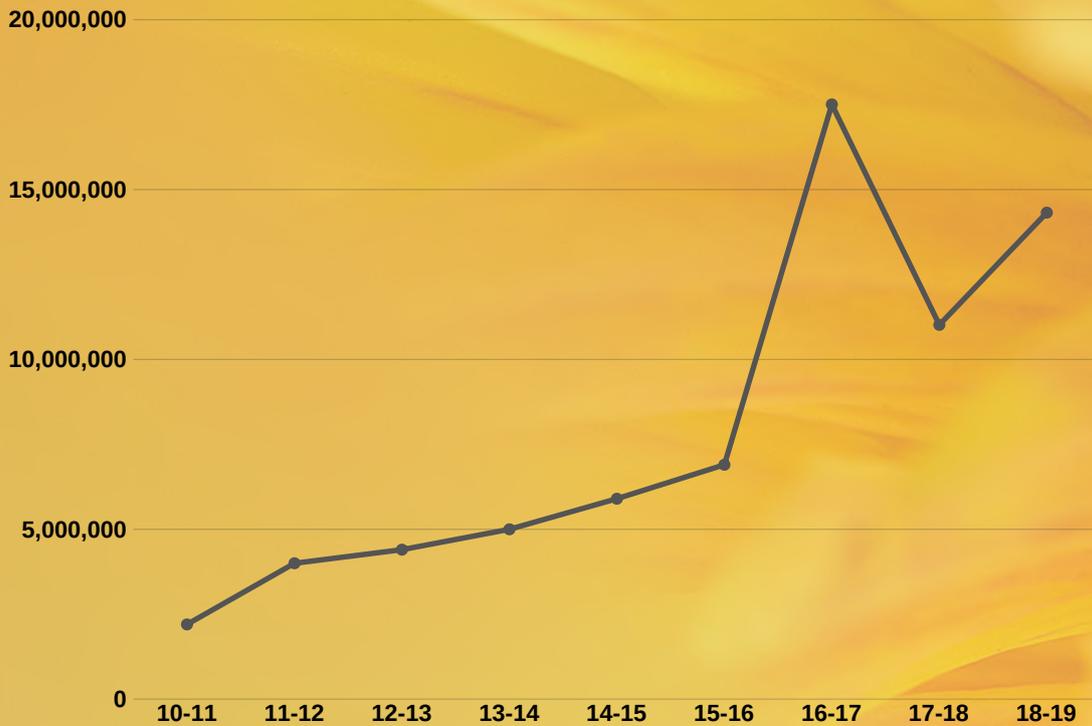
This year we were able to support the education for total of **56** children. 30 girls and 26 boys.



### ADMIN

The Administrative department has increased from 3 full time employees to 4 full time employees and 2 full time volunteers.

## FUNDS RAISED OVER THE YEARS



# ACCOUNTABILITY

proVISION ASIA follows the international industry GAAP guidelines for administrative expenses, salaries and overheads.

Our commitment to accountability and transparency is an expression of our core value of 'stewardship.' We strive to maintain the highest standards of professional competence; and accept the need to be accountable through appropriate structures for achieving the set standards.

Thanks to our auditors P Venkobi and Associates, Bangalore, for helping us in this regard. Our financial statements are available upon request.

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**TRUST** under  
women and child  
dept, Govt of  
Karnataka

# THANK YOU!



**WE WOULDN'T EXIST WITHOUT YOU! EVERYTHING WE DO IS MADE  
POSSIBLE BY GENEROUS, ENTHUSIASTIC, DEDICATED SUPPORTERS LIKE  
YOU**

**YOU HELPED US RAISE**

**₹ 1,43,20,534**



**proVISION ASIA is a non profit organization bringing hope to people with disabilities. We provide Mobility Aids, Physiotherapy, Job Placement, Counseling, Government Advocacy, English Lessons, Computer Training and education at Mithra Special School.**

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