To transform the lives of underserved children and youth, through meaningful interventions for development at every step of their journey towards a dignified life.

**ISSUES THAT WE ADDRESS**

**CHILD & YOUTH CARE**
- 31 million OHC* children in India
- Only 1.4% receive any sort of formal alternative care
- Aftercare programmes almost non-existent
*OHC: Out of Home Care or OHC children are those who are abandoned, orphaned or at risk of separation from their biological families and hence need care and protection.

**EDUCATION**
- Although 96% of girls enroll in primary school, only 1 out of every 100 girls reaches a secondary level of education.
- Only 9.11 percent of girls have access to higher education

**SKILLING**
- Almost 60% of India’s population is below 25 years of age yet 80% youth have not received any training on vocational or marketable skills

**IMPACT**

**CHILD & YOUTH CARE (SINCE 1996)**
- Over 700 OHC children touched in 13 Homes and 2 Aftercare facilities
- 343 children have been restored to their family
- Over 60 at work and leading productive lives
- 22 girls now married and taking care of their own families; with over 25 grand children
- 32 long term, life long, volunteers working as mentor parents.

**EDUCATION (2002)**
- Over 6500 girls educated and mentioned
- High retention rate of 95% of our selected girls
- At present, over 4,000 girls are pursuing higher secondary and undergraduate education.
- Over 2000 girls already graduated and are working as Cas, Doctors, Engineers, Researchers, Technicians, Teachers and Nurses etc.
- Full soft loans given to 10 students pursuing post graduation

**SKILLING**
- Over 12,000 youth trained in IT and other skills and over 50% successfully placed in jobs

**ADVOCACY**
- Instrumental in getting the ‘Guardian’ column included in the application forms of Board exams through Public Interest Litigation in 2005
- 8 national Consultations and 2 Biennial International Conferences on ‘Alternative Care’ with focus on South Asia; the 3rd one coming up in 2018
- Several Trainings on Standards of Care and Mental Health for Staff in Governmental and non-governmental organizations
- Sustained publication of 7 issues of academic, bi-annual journal on Alternative Care, ‘Institutionalised Children: Explorations and Beyond’,
- 9 academic research papers published in international journals on different aspects of alternative care

**CHILD & YOUTH CARE**

**Udayan Ghar (Sunshine Homes)**
Udayan Ghars are group homes, based on a strategy, ‘L.I.F.E’ (‘Living in Family Environment’), to nurture OHC children in need of care and protection.

**Udayan After-Care Programme**
Children from Udayan Ghars over the age of 18 are supported until they finish their education and training, and reach financial independence through our Aftercare programme. Children from Ghars remain a part of the Udayan family for life, long after they are well settled adults.

The Child and Youth Care programme also includes gatekeeping, family strengthening and restoration of children to families wherever possible.

**EDUCATION**

**Udayan Shalini Programme**
Monetary and mentoring support to girls from disadvantaged communities for secondary and graduate studies to become dignified, independent women(Salini) and leaders and responsible citizens of tomorrow

**Udayan Pragnya Programme**
Loans at low interest rate and industry specific mentoring for post-graduate studies. The loans have flexible pay back options and depend on the employability and the income status of the student borrower.
SKILLING

IT & Vocational Training Centres
Improves the job readiness of youth from disadvantaged communities by offering training in skills and vocations related to digital learning to equip them with the necessary professional & soft skills so that they can take up placements with dignity.

Skill Centres
Improves the employability of women from disadvantaged communities by providing them vocational trainings such as tailoring, CAD/CAM courses for pattern making, Papercraft, Enamel, Jewellery-making, English language skills and personal grooming. They also get a marketing platform under the label ‘Sukriti’ for selling the products they

SUWTRITI

Sukriti means beautiful creations. Our skill centre trains women from disadvantaged sections of society to produce products like jewellery, ceramic crockery, linen, dresses, etc. which have a fine finish and are market ready. Sukriti engages with various platforms like online media, exhibitions, stalls, etc for marketing these products, eventually leading to these women becoming financially independent.

ADVOCACY

- Using persuasive and consistent methods such as seminars and consultations, and providing platforms for debates and dialogues on different aspects of Alternative Care for OHC (Out of Home Care) children and thus influence policy and decision makers.
- Increasing capacities of stakeholders for better standards of care in alternative care practices through trainings
- Promoting voice of children and youth in alternative care
- Publication of an academic, bi-annual, international journal on alternative care, titled 'Institutionalised Children- Explorations and Beyond' (ICEB) focusing on South Asia; and other awareness materials on Alternative Care
- Undertaking research to create evidences on best practices in Alternative Care

GET INVOLVED

VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

Our volunteering and internship programme offers innovative platform for Citizen Action - for people from diverse walks of life, corporate employees, retired professionals to come together to bring sunshine in the lives of children and youth. Students from universities in India and overseas also gain meaningful internships here and get exposure to the non profit sector, as well as contribute their subject expertise in their own unique ways.

Engaged with 150 interns from 30 countries, 165 long term volunteers and over 700 short term volunteers every year. (long term means more than 3 years)

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