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*As we move on to the new year, we at Butterflies cannot thank you enough for the ways you have always stood by us especially during the last few difficult years. A significant number of adults had lost their livelihoods, there was reduced income, less food, children lost out on learning levels. During all this you came to us as a support to help us reach out to children and families in distress.*

*We are ever grateful to you and would like to share with you a greeting card made by our children who came up with the idea of imprinting their hands in the shape of a butterfly!*

*It is with your support the children are learning to fly like a butterfly, reach for their dreams, colourful and full of life.*

*On behalf of all of us at Butterflies we personally thank you again and wish you a very happy, safe and healthy year ahead.*

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## Delhi Children's Football League

### Ensuring sports and play for all children

#### **Football Tournament for children. Referees from the official Liverpool Fan Club.**

The Delhi Children's Football League (an initiative of Butterflies), organized a Football Tournament for children on 3 & 4 September at the Commonwealth Games Sports Complex. Referees from the official Liverpool Fan Club, Delhi NCR were officiating for the matches which were played by children at the national football stadium. The two day event was a sight to behold, with children in spanking new uniforms putting their best foot forward, and another group of children performing a dance on the famous South African song Jerusalem. [Click here](#) to view short videos of the event.

*Play and sports are part of childhood, it is important for both the physiological growth and development and emotional wellbeing of a child. Play and sports are considered to be cornerstone of children's health and well-being. It not only helps in mental & physical wellbeing but also breaks down boundaries of caste, colour, race, religion, gender and instills the value of inclusiveness. Playing together provides opportunities for social, moral and emotional development and is a vehicle for personality development. Through the Child Health & Sports Cooperative (CHSC), Butterflies ensures that children in each of its programme location have access to play and sports opportunities. [Click here](#) to read more about CHSC.*



### Celebrating World Children's Day

On 20th November 2022, almost 800 children of Delhi Child Rights Club participated in the World Children's Day celebration at Central Park, Connaught Place. The day long event consisted of dance performances, skits, and songs. Special corners were dedicated for painting, drawing, spoon race, hand painting and balloon flying. [Click here to view their photos](#)



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## Butterflies School of Culinary and Catering

*India's first catering institute for street connected teenagers and young persons*

- Guest faculty from eminent institutes continue to offer the trainees both theoretical and hands-on sessions. In September, Ms. Chitra Awasthi, Director of Sales and Marketing at Le Meridien Gurgaon, Marriott International visited BSCC and shared her expertise of working in the hospitality industry for more than 20 years.
- Trainees from BSCC displayed their culinary skills at an observation home for boys and encouraged the adolescent youth to join the programme and craft a new life for themselves.
- Three trainees graduated from BSCC and were placed in Pullman Hotels, New Delhi.



## Mental Health Programme

- **Positive Parenting-** In order to build positive social norms for caring and protecting children and preventing sexual violence against boys, a training on Gender and Masculinity was organised for parents. Parents were sensitised on gender, masculinity, sexual violence against boys and its impact on their lives. The interactive training focused on the education of the child, their future and the microsystem, while highlighting the different roles and responsibilities a family expects from their children depending on the gender of the child. The training concluded with an awareness session on Child Sexual Abuse (among boys too) and positive parenting.
- **World Mental Health Day** was observed by children at their contact points on October 10, 2022. Different activities like meditation, laughter therapy, games and painting were organised to spread awareness on the importance of caring for one's mental health and emotional well-being. Using their paintings children also sensitised shop owners and community members on this issue.



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### World Human Rights Day

On the occasion of World Human Rights Day, children from Butterflies were invited by Unicef and the Juvenile Justice Committee, Supreme Court of India to an event at the Annual Stakeholders' Consultation on Child Protection. The evening event was hosted at the residence of Honourable Justice Ravindra Bhat, Chairperson of the Juvenile Justice Committee. Through a dance performance children raised awareness on the issue of sexual abuse of boys and a Mime show on the ill effects of excessive mobile usage which received a rapturous applause from the audience who were senior officials from Government of India, law enforcement, senior members of the judiciary, state governments and civil society. The children were felicitated by Ms. Cynthia McCaffrey, Unicef India Representative and Honourable Justice Ravindra Bhat, Supreme Court of India.



### Cultural Afternoon

Almost 390 children and staff from 15 Delhi Child Rights Club (DCRC) member organizations participated in a cultural afternoon on 9th September. The children eagerly await this opportunity to present their traditional dances, poetry recitation and drama.



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### Butterflies Children felicitated at the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

Children from Butterflies won the first, second and third prize at the National Inter-NGO Painting Competition organized by HUDCO and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India. The children were felicitated by Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, the Honourable Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India and were given cash awards and mementoes for their achievement.



### Butterflies CHILDLINE

Butterflies Railway CHILDLINE organized a sensitization for auto & taxi drivers, coolies, sanitation staff of Nizamuddin Railway Station, on CHILDLINE 1098 and the Child Help Desk located in the station premises. Participants were also apprised on ways to identify a child in need of care & protection, how to talk to a lost child, steps to ensure their safety and protection, and their role in making a child friendly railway station. A meeting with Railway Police Force was also held to understand standard operating procedures and avoiding duplicity.

Three children were rescued from child labour and restored to their families. The children were helped in

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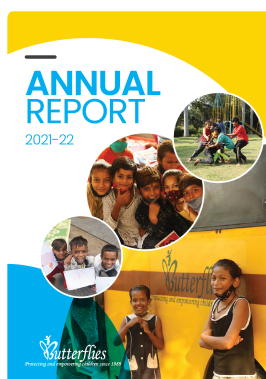
and its effect on a child's holistic development'. Sensitisation campaigns were held at different locations, through drawing competitions, street plays and public screening of a film highlighting the ill effects of physical abuse on a child's emotional well-being. This was followed by tying of customized friendship bands on senior government and law enforcement functionaries and a signature campaign against child physical abuse.



### Alliance

#### *Stronger, Together*

- On 19th September, 43 adult facilitators from DCRC organizations participated in a capacity building session on training children to write better news articles, poems and essays.
- A bimonthly session was organized on 12th November 2022, where 75 children from 18 organizations of Delhi Child Rights Club got together and formed the Review and Monitoring committee consisting of child members from all organizations. The session concluded with a module focusing on the causes of behavioral problems in adolescence, its identification and treatment.



### Butterflies Annual Report

Butterflies' audited Annual Report was released in September 2022, which documents the activities conducted during the period 1 April 2021- 31 March 2022. Read about Butterflies' key achievements in 2021 in the report available for download on our website [here](#).

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***This cold winter share your warmth with those in need.***

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