



ABOUT RAPID

REHABILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE IN DISTRESS (RAPID) IS AN NGO SERVING WOMEN IN DHARWAD SINCE 2001. WE PROVIDE REHABILITATIVE CARE TO SINGLE WOMEN AND SINGLE MOTHERS BY CREATING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH COUNSELLING, EDUCATION, SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT

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Stitch in time...RAPID's COVID Relief Work

Year 2020 started with a lot of hopes, positive vibes and much promise to look forward. Satisfied and completing most of the work promised to us by us! We were planning for next year and sudden onset of lockdown made us stay at home, being an activity-based work to no activity was very challenging for the entire team. Realizing COVID19 effects, slowly we started calling our women to understand the impact on their life and difficulties to cope with the situation. WFH (work from home) new word coined in this pandemic, few could adapt easily but many find it difficult to understand how to adapt our life and livelihood in this way, nevertheless we ensured to reach around 200+ families. With assurance from a few of our collaborations, donors for the emergency financial fund we collected our members' documents & bank account details through whats app, it's heartening to see the quick response and how well our women have adapted to the digital world, the task was completed quickly.

From April to June 2020 we could support **224 RAPID member families** with emergency financial assistance ranging from **Rs. 3000 - Rs. 5000 each** for taking care of day-to-day essentials like grocery, milk, vegetables, home rent & health-hygiene essentials. Along with this around **100 food/grocery kits** were also distributed to members. They were happy and said the assistance came in time of need. This may not be an assurance for a bright days ahead..still long way to go. Up-Skilling, Job Assistance, Continuation of their children's education are going to be our priority as we move forward.

STORY OF TRIUMPH - YASMIN MANGALWADE



I learnt so many things from my journey. My life itself is a big lesson to me. I was born and rose in Dharwad. My father had two wives. My step mother has 6 children, 4 girls and 2 boys. My mother was a second wife. My mother name is Sakeena Hanchinal. My father is Maktum Hanchinal. We are two children to our mother. I have a younger brother. It was another level of poverty along with hatred.

In all that my brother and I started to go to school. I studied in Basel Mission Girls High School. I didn't pass 10 th grade. My father did not allow me to write re-examination. My family decided my marriage with a 23 year old person. I felt very insecure.

I had to marry. He was from Kolhapur, Maharashtra. His name is Nazir. I married at the age of 16. There was so much of struggle in my husband's house. They really did not like me. And my husband was a drunkard. I have 3 children, 2 girls Nazmin and Nazrein, and a boy, Wazir. It was very hard to manage the amount for household expenses and studies of children. I learnt basic and advanced tailoring in Kolhapur. That was great help for my children to afford school supplies. My husband never wanted to stop drinking. Along with that he started abusing my children and me. So that was the time I took a step to leave his house and return to my home in 2009, where I was allowed to breathe freely. It was the time to explain my situation to the maternal side and people in our community. Then I got the news of my husband's death in 2010. It was hard to bear the truth. My community started accusing me for his death. I had to continue my journey. I ignored everything and focused on my children's and their life. I believed that my hands had a command on the tailoring machine. So I decided to continue with that. I used to stitch cotton bags, dresses, frocks etc. I wanted to learn more about business and wanted some success.

My journey with RAPID :

I came to know about RAPID by a neighbor , and I visited them in 2012. They did my home visit. They advised me to take business class from EK Tailor, Dharwad. I started my business and I feel it was a great success. I always dreamt to have my team working for a defined goal. Vani madam was asking me about the progress of team building. She encouraged me for that. That was thing which triggered me to have team.

I always thought team management will be tough, but once you jump in sea, you will learn swimming. We (our team) were ready to accept the huge orders. First order was in 2019 August. RAPID had big order of making 110 lahenga blouse for children. We were given 15 days to complete the order, We were 6 members in our team. We completed that in 8 dedicated days. Vani madam was very happy. Seeing her we felt very encouraged. It was for the orphanage in Hubli. And the best thing we delivered the order to those children and seeing them happy was a complete bliss. We are grateful to RAPID. Then we were ready for the next order. Then coordinated with RAPID in making laptop bags, luggage bags etc. Working with RAPID is an enthusiastic experience.

Our work not stopped in lockdown :

In Covid - 19 breakdown, the crucial situation was faced by daily wage people. In our community, work was needed by almost everybody. So our team decided to make masks. At the end of March we started making masks on a small scale. Praveen Nishanimath Sir of Deshpande foundation gave us an order of making 10000 cloth masks. Our team and some other women started working on it. We were restless but still happy. Till now we received so many orders and we sewed around 30,000 cloth masks. We also appeared in a news newspaper (Prajawani & Deccan Herald) for our work, it was a very beautiful feeling.

About Yasmin:

It was a very instant connection that happened with Yasmeen, she speaks very good Kannada, always smiles on her face with a lot of positivity. She is ready to take any responsibility assigned to her. She will surely become a great leader soon and make every woman proud. I wish her all the best.

We are very happy to share Yasmin's hard work and success published in Prajavani and Deccan Herald's Newspaper.



Trainings



Beauty Parlor Training:

The training was from 17/12/19 to 07/01/2020. It was the initial step to conduct the beauty parlor training in the RAPID office. We urged the interest of visitors to get started with it. We had 7 women and a dedicated trainee Savita Hangal, who made this a beautiful journey of training.



Basic tailoring training:

The training was from 22/11/2019 to 22/01/2020. It was a special training, since our young trainee Savita Patil (19) initiated the training for 18 women. Her courage was appreciable. She taught them around 12 patterns of Basic tailoring. Total 18 women and girls attended the training.



Bag and Gonde Trainings (Sirasgaon) :

Lalita Desai and Nazia Sheikh. Bag Training 20 women (5 patterns) and Gonde training 20 women. Lalita enjoyed teaching gonde to them. She used to teach them in Kannada, it was interesting to teach them in action. She taught them 10 patterns of tassles. She shared "Women were really dedicated to the work and were learning very quickly. I was inspired by them". Nazia enjoyed teaching Bags to them. She taught them 5 patterns of bags. She shared "women of shirasgaon were hardworking and dedicated. We really enjoyed teaching them. Their discipline was very appreciable.



EVENTS

Women's Health check up camp (Breast screening and cervical cancer screening)



It was one of the most effective camps in RAPID's Journey. As a woman there's always a threat for our physical health. Considering this, we collaborated with Rotary Health Club, for breast and cervical cancer screening for our team, old team members, and women of community and PAYANA girls 25/01/2020 and total 60 people attended it . This was for all age group women starting with 18 years. It was a great day for RAPID.

Sankranti Bazaar



Sankranti Bazaar was held on 13/01/2020 in Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara School, Vidyagiri Dharwad. In the cold weather of January, the Sankranti Festival brought smiles on faces of our women. We had colorful stalls in ground of JSS CBSE School, Vidyagiri, Dharwad. Stalls of saree, condiments, Mehendi, local ornaments etc made the Bazaar interesting. Students, parents and teachers really enjoyed the Bazaar. The festive vibes were breezing in the place. Sankranti was filled with joys.

Shankar Hosagouadar



In January, we had a young intern, Shankar. Very enthusiastic person. He was here from 30th Jan to 20th Feb 2020. He was primarily engaged in identifying local employers for our SDM (Skill Development Module) trained women. He also took a couple of sessions for the SDM 4th batch on communication and typing skills.

He conducted the session for our Payana girls, about the topic “What if Indian education system provides education for children's interests? Advantages and Disadvantages. Along with this, he inquired about each girl's educational challenges, queries and shared the information about higher studies. More than his words, his journey was very inspiring for us. It was an elated period.



Shankar also ran a campaign for fundraising for RAPID on the Letzchange-Giveindia portal. Along with other RAPID team they were able to reach to more donors through this campaign.

Shankar is currently pursuing his Masters in Business Administrations in Finance and Managements from Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS), Navi Mumbai. Before joining for his masters he has served with TCS as Sr. Software Engineer.

Presentation made by Shankar.

He was born and raised in Dharwad, did his schooling in Basel Mission School, and pursued Bachelor's of Engineering in Computer Science from Shri Siddhaganga Institute of Technology, Tumkur.



Our students as interns in TFI-Vidyaposhak

Haripriya Kulkarni, is a student from RAPID's PAYANA program from past 4 years. She is studying final year BCA in JSS College, Dharwad. She has been selected as the intern for TFI-Vidya Poshak and will be involved in making teaching & Learning tools for the 1st PUC Statistics subject.

Namrata Katti, a student of Dikku Project is now supported under our education project PAYANA from this year. She is studying B.Com final year in Government college of Dharwad. She has been selected as the intern for TFI-Vidya Poshak and will be involved in making teaching & Learning tools for the 6th standard Social Science Subject.

We wish both all the best in there assignment.

WHAT'S NEW ?

Project Samman



Project Samman is initiated by RAPID to provide work to single mothers. It aims to instill self-respect and pride in them to support themselves in the current crisis. You can help by choosing to buy the products made by them. You can call or email us to order the products of your choice.

Cultivating New Norms at RAPID Office Thermal Scanning , Sanitization & Social distancing



KNOW OUR TEAM MEMBER - VIJAY KULKARNI

Founder Member & Chairman, RAPID

How did your Journey begin with RAPID?

Tragedies occur all around us. Today, we are in the midst of a tragedy, which the human race had not witnessed for over a century. When tragedies strike families, it sinks all members, sometimes to the extent that they cannot recover. The idea of RAPID came after seeing so many such events. How can an external agency help families to cope with something that has suddenly happened.

Here we are looking at the woman in the family who loses bread earner. How to resurrect her and many times her children's life when the Man in the family suddenly disappears. This thought is the beginning of a RAPID story.

Who inspires you and why?

I am inspired by ordinary men and women - Maid servant, auto driver, cab driver, school teacher. I listen to them intensely. How do they build (sometimes rebuild) life brick by brick? How do they have big dreams for their family? It is always fascinating to listen to their story.

What are your future goals?

Currently none!

What deeds or works gives you peace of mind?

Music that uplifts the mood and Books that make you look inwards.



RAPID FIRE

- 1) Your favorite food? Daal, Roti.
- 2) Favorite sport? Cricket
- 3) Any nick name? Kitti/Kittu
- 4) Favorite Pastime? Watching "Shark Tank" on Netflix
- 5) What makes you happy? Peace all around.
- 6) What makes you special? Wit and Wisdom.

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SUPPORT THE CAUSE

Thank you very much for patiently reading RAPID's June 2020 Newsletter! Please send us your feedback at info@rapidind.org and do come see us in Malmaddi, Dharwad. As a grassroots non-profit organization, we constantly strive to offer our best to our Members and your support is welcome.

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