



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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THE NEW NORMS !



The disruptive nature of COVID 19 has a varied impact on non-profits like us. Given typical source of funding flowing towards relief and healthcare, concern is towards sustainability of organization and programmes, which also resulted in loss of progress in on-going projects. For us to survive it's imperative to embrace the **new norm of Fundraising,**

Collaboration & Use of Technology. We shall make efforts and look forward to your support.

There is also some good news that emerged in this difficult times, it is the **Humanity, Care** individuals, institutes have shown towards others and organization like us. we could work with many of our women in need, kept momentum in our work & surviving too. In this issue we bring impact stories of few of those from COVID relief donation and support.

Vijaylakshmi Allawer

Single mother, married at a young age, she has 3 children studying at different grades in school. She learnt Tailoring and Professional Two-Wheeler training in RAPID and started two wheeler training for women & Girls. This stopped due to COVID. Now with lockdown easing out she is all set to start the training



RAPID is encouraging her to start her own institute and also has arranged a SCOOTY for her. She is been supported with **monthly livelihood funds for 10 months** to take care of her family needs & children education so as to focus on establishing her two-wheeler training institute. Happy to share in last 1-month she has trained 2 people and has few more registered in coming days.



Bhavana Deshpande

Past 10 years Bhavana makes condiments which are seasonal and sells for her family livelihood, husband is not having regular work, now his health also has been affected, she has two boys one is in college another one is in High school, she use to provide lunch boxes. Due to COVID it's almost stopped.

The **monthly livelihood fund for 6-months** will lift her moral, give her the investment to re-establish her condiments business and make her earn better. She is looking forward to coming Navaratri & Deepavali Festive to gain momentum for selling the home-made product's.



Vishalakshi Uppar

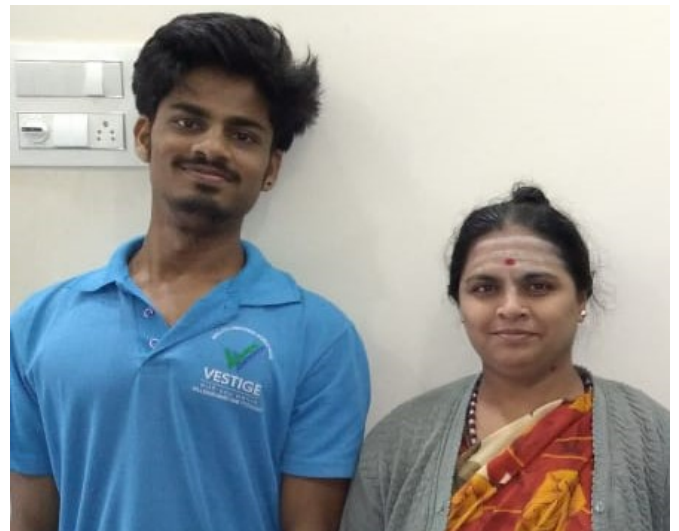
Vishalakshi is a student of our PAYANA project. She has 2 sister's and one brother, her mother Obulamma Uppar (42) lost her work during pandemic, which was the only livelihood option for the family. They moved from Andhra to Dharwad few years back to avoid family difficulties. Mother wants to give good education to all children.

A comprehensive support (**Monthly livelihood fund for 10 months + Educational Assistance Fund**) is assisting the family to lead normal life along with taking care of children current educational needs including fees. We are happy to share Vishalakshi is a good Bharatanatyam Dancer & the support will also take care of her expenses spent on her dance classes, which is her passion along with her interest in studies.

Neelamma Mallapur

Neelamma took training from RAPID on Home Nursing and was working as Home care taker. Lost her work during Covid. She has 3-children, her children were very scared to send her out because of fear of covid as she is the sole care taker of family. The family has been supported with **monthly livelihood funds for 6-months and educational assistance fund** which

took care of day-to-day requirements. With lockdown easing out she now started her work and hope to earn her lost livelihood. Both daughter's education is supported in our project PAYANA. Her elder daughter is waiting to complete her LLB final semester and take up job.





PAYANA - VIDYAPOSHAK SCHOLARSHIP TO 28 Girl's

Vidyaposhak, a Dharwad based NGO (www.vidyaposhak.org) working towards empowerment of student community collaborated with RAPID in supporting all 28-PAYANA girls with Scholarships amounting to more than 2.00 lakh Indian Rupees, optionally VP has also extended their Library and Mentoring support to these girls. We are grateful to Vidyaposhak for this timely help in difficult times. RAPID look forward to continue this collaboration till completion of these girls education cycle. Vidyaposhak also has **donated Computer's and Mobile for PAYANA Project.**

PAYANA, As the name suggests, we assist the journeys of girls to break the cycle of distress and foster a resilient and strong generation.

NETWORKING – PROJECT SAMMAN

We have made a study progress with Project Samman, few small orders executed and also have inventory of product's. With Navaratri & Deepavali around we hope to reach out to more individuals for selling/marketing Samman Products. As a part of this we met few prominent citizens in Hubli-Dharwad and shared them about the project. You can also help by choosing to buy the products.



TRAINING'S



Aari Workshop Cum Training :-

RAPID organized Aari work training for 8-women. This training was conducted by Ms. Ketaki Somanakoppa for a period of 1-month. Our trainees could start taking order for making design on blouses post the training. This training was sponsored by CED Cell of Canara Bank, Hubli.



GST Training :-

RAPID conduct GST training for 2 of our Tally trained girl's who are looking for better job opportunities. Mr. Pavan Naragund who is currently doing articleship gave a very good knowledge & concept to the trainee's.

PROJECT SAMMAN NEW PRODUCT'S



**VASUNDHARA N. DESHPANDE -
Volunteer Teacher PAYANA &
Paathshale**

Thank you for trying to teach Math, yes it is a tough subject and all of us we really hate. There are so many formulas, equations, numbers which never ends. There are so many ways to figure out the answer to problems. So,



teaching math not only interesting, you are also letting students to know there is more than one way to solve a problem at large in life. Vasundhara Akka, Madam teaches math to a group or a mix of students from our neighborhood community Gaudi-Galli where RAPID had a center and also to few Payana girls & Paathashale women. She has been an amazing teacher and loved by all her student's. We are hoping to get the Math Teacher on Digital platform to resume the classes in current situation.

Apart from teaching she enjoys watching Marathi Movies & Gardening during her free-time. She has been a great support to RAPID in all our Endeavour's and also represents RAPID as a Board Member. Deshpande's Govind Niwas has become home for RAPID & its activities for last 10 years.



HAPPY TEACHERS DAY VASUNDHARA MADAM



**Kudos to LAKSHMI -
Team RAPID**

LAKSHMI DOULEWALE part of 16 members joint family, married at the age of 16 and mother of 2 young children. We are extremely happy to share that she cleared her PUC II appearing externally at first attempt . She is part of our project Paathshale was taught and supported with fees, books. She resides in Gaudi-Galli & used to visit and study at RAPID office initially. Now she wish to learn computer skills in RAPID and take up regular job. Currently she works as maid servant. She fondly remembers all volunteer teachers who assisted & taught her in studies.

MALAVIKA KADAKOL

How did your Journey begin with RAPID? As I always wanted to visit RAPID office , I took the opportunity to visit it when I went over to deliver our organic farm vegetables to Vani. It was as if “the opportunity” I was waiting for all my life, when she asked me to join hands as a Volunteer. I started with helping as an Employment Consultant and I found myself getting involved more in many activities and programs RAPID was initiating. The kind of satisfaction it gives me is beyond compare.

Who inspires you and why? I am inspired by the convictions, principles a person has and the passion and zeal to stand by them despite all the challenges faced. I see many such personalities during my work, be it my team mates at RAPID or others , it is the strength of character that deeply inspires me to work harder for their welfare.



What are your future goals? I would like to continue working in this arena of empowering women and providing them with more opportunities for skill development and employment.

What deeds or works gives you peace of mind? It gives me immense satisfaction when a woman can lead a dignified and contented life with the effort put in by me.

RAPID FIRE

- 1) Your favorite food? Hot Rice & Dal
- 2) Favorite sport? Cricket
- 3) Any nick name? Malu
- 4) Favorite Pastime? Listening to Music
- 5) What makes you happy? Spending time with family
- 6) What makes you special? Passion for helping the needy, a deep sense of connection with the animals, nature

Recently Malavika was conferred "Shaker of The State Award" by DOI Foundation as a representative of Not-for-Profit for her contribution during Covid Relief Work. Team RAPID extends hearty Congratulations to Malavika.



ARTOONSINN -Where Writer's Reside

BIG THANK's for their choice of RAPID as an organization to receive their donation -a contribution made by **ArttrA-5 writers** instead of sharing gifts within their teams. A bunch of creative people endorsing us is truly motivating and our sincere appreciation goes to **SHANKAR HOSAGOUDAR** for making this happen.

We acknowledge support from **VENKY SIR, KARTIK, RATNA, ARATI & NAMITA** from Vidyaposhak in facilitating scholarship disbursement to PAYANA girls and donating computer's and Mobile to the project.

We acknowledge the effort's put-in by **HARIPRIYA KULKARNI**, the senior most payana girl as an intern for RAPID for last 2-years and responsible for making all the earlier beautiful NEWSLETTERS under the guidance of **AZF team ACHALIKA & DEV**. Currently she has taken break, as she is in the final year of graduation and wants to focus on her studies and career planning. We wish her all the best for her future endeavour's.

SUPPORT THE CAUSE

Thank you very much for patiently reading RAPID's September 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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