

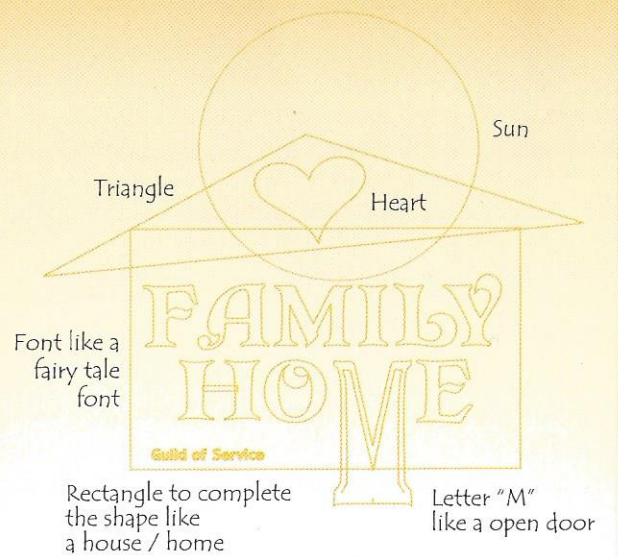
“Our Mission is to bring hope, creativity and positive approach to the lives of destitute young boys by providing them family environment, emotional support, education and values to take the challenges of the future.”



Boys of “The Family Home” proudly presenting their projects

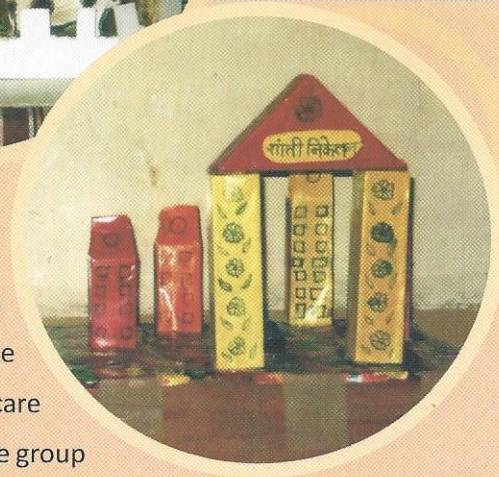
The “Family Home” logo is a symbolic representation of the Home’s mission. The 3 basic colours- Red, Blue & Yellow; with the 3 basic shapes- Square, Circle & Triangle, form the first steps to learning and education for children. These are juxtaposed together to create a “Home” where a “Family” lives together. The sun shining behind symbolises a warm atmosphere and a bright future. To bind this all is the heart in the roof denoting the love and emotional support in this home. The font-type used for “Family Home” is a fable font used mostly in fairy-tale storybooks. The “M” has been stretched to create the image of the door denoting open-ness and welcome. All this together complete the logo of “Family Home- Guild of Service”

The Family Home Logo



FAMILY HOME

Guild of Service



Family Home - Guild of Service is a 38 year old organization formed to look after destitute boys. Today, we take care of 20 destitute boys of the age group 4 to 12 years, who are court committed by the Juvenile Welfare Board of the Maharashtra Government.

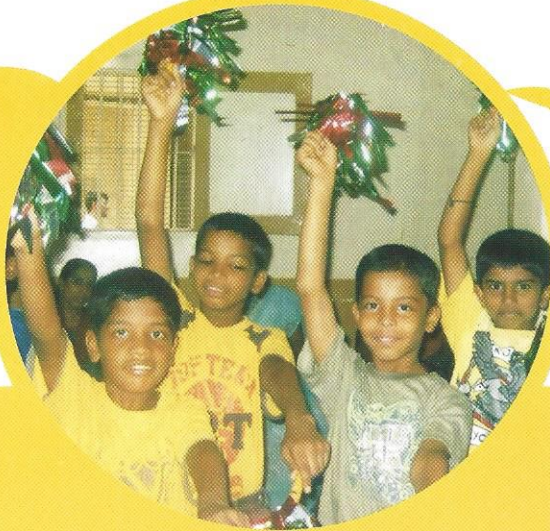
These unfortunate boys are either abandoned by their parents or have no one to look after them. Our experience shows that these boys have deep psychological scars. We look after these boys, cater to their psychological needs, deal with their traumas and provide them with basic foundation of education and values and train them in skills such as music, drawing and handicrafts and inculcate in them a sense of responsibility and virtue of hard work.

Above all, we give them emotional support, which they were deprived of at a very young age. They also receive medical check ups on a regular basis

We ensure that the boys participate in various functions organized by social service institutions so that they get a better exposure to the world around them. They participate in drawing and singing competitions, are taken on educational visits to the zoo, museum and historic sites around the city of Mumbai in addition to fun outings to beaches and parks.

The boys are looked after by a matron who lives with them on the premises and looks after their needs. The boys are enrolled into a private school and have teachers coming over in the evenings to teach them English and subjects where we find them weak. We have a full fledged infrastructure inclusive of a kitchen, dining area, class rooms, reading room and have a television set for the entertainment of the boys. The activities of the Home are looked after by a Superintendent under the guidance of the Managing Committee.

We are happy to mention that our boys who were staying at the Home in the past and are now adults, come to the Home on the festival of Divali (a major Indian festival) with their families and spend the day with the boys. Some of them come to the Home on Sundays and spend time with the boys to advice and guide them. Some of the boys of the previous batches have been doing well in life and we ensure that these seniors are seen as role models by the boys who are currently with us.



IT'S ALL ABOUT AWARENESS FOR THIS GANESHA MANDAL

The Preamsagar Seva Mandal, Sion, has pioneered the way to social responsibility this Ganesh Utsav. Youngsters who run this eco-friendly *pandal* have brought in specially-abled kids from NGO Prerna, Borivali, to help decorate it. They also invited 20 court committed boys of the Family Home Guild of Service, Naigaon, to perform at the *pandal*. Bhavik Doshi of Preamsagar Seva Mandal says, "Last year we won the award for being the most eco-friendly



Children singing at the mandal

pandal. This year, being the 25th year, we wanted to do something special."

Asha Patel from Prerna says, "My specially-abled kids have made a 31-foot *toran*

which is put up at the entrance of the *mandal* and they also made the arches for Ganesha idol's throne and have also designed many wall pieces. We have received a

great response for the work we have done and that is very satisfactory."

Also Raju, a hearing impaired boy, will perform a magic show at the *mandal* and Alka Pujari of the Shradhannad Mahila will sing. Bhavik adds, "We thought why not make our *mandal* a platform through which we can spread awareness of those who need help. So we planned these special events."

Swati Sawlapurkar, superintendent of Family Home Guild of Service says, "Through the Preamsagar Seva Mandal, my boys will get a stage to showcase their talents and also have their share of fun."

—Riddhi Doshi

Once the boys reach the age of 12, we have to hand them over to the Juvenile Welfare Board, which passes them on to other institutions which look after older boys. Before the boys leave us, we get them medically tested as well as get them tested for aptitude and advise the Board about the direction of further training these boys should receive, so that their talents and interests are better utilized. The boys who leave us get family time to adjust to their new surrounding and hence we ensure that they come and visit the Home at least once in two months on a Sunday, have their meals with the present boys, play with them and relive their time with us.

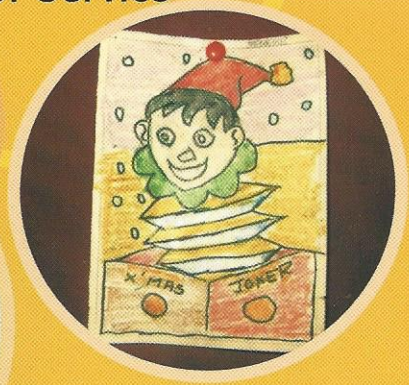


We are continuously looking for opportunities to improve our efforts to help the boys we look after. We have now engaged a professional to teach our boys how to speak in English. We have also engaged the services of a professional counselor to counsel & prepare the boys to meet the challenges of the future, when they leave our Home. To keep the boys physically fit, we have Yoga & Dance classes thrice a week.

Though we never publicize our activities, the word spreads around and we get lot of visitors, who offer toys, eatables and at times clothes to our boys. A near by bakery has been supplying bread to our Home free of charge everyday for the past 15 years. One of the biggest admirers of ours is, of course, Wereldkinderen of Netherlands. This August body has been funding us through grants for over the past 25 years, which has certainly been a great help and we hope it continues to support us in the cause we have devoted ourselves to.

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REGISTRATION UNDER

1. Bombay Public Trust Act
F-3878, Bombay; Dated 13-03-1976
2. Societies Registration Act
Bom. 19/78 G, B.B.S.D. Dated 14-02-1976
3. Family Home Registered Under Rule (3) (A) 1950
Under the Bombay Children Act, 1840
4. Income Tax Exemption Certificate No. 80G / 661
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All contributions to be made in the name of " Family Home Guild of Service "

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