



# Child & Family Welfare Foundation

A Project for the Disabled & Polio Affected

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Dear friends and associates,

With this brief update of the latest happenings of CFWF's activities we send warm greetings and hope you are keeping well at this time. Thank you very much for each contribution, kind deeds, favours and assistance we have received over the last months. It is a great encouragement to our team to keep up with the good efforts. May you receive blessings and much prosperity for helping our Charity project to be a success and to benefit the disabled children and young adults.

For more than three months Josef was abroad, helping his daughter Michelle to get set-up for her studies in her native Switzerland. This task got completed in time, thanks to the assistance of friends and relatives who will look after Michelle during her studies and professional training overseas. While CFWF's projects continued in Mumbai, Josef was collecting various needed articles and items, donated for CFWF's activities in India by companies and individuals overseas. We appreciate collaboration and participation in this way. All items could be very well utilised.

Slum-survey and fieldwork in Mumbai were carried out over the last months by Project coordinator Bandu and assistants. The care of patients requires a good amount of time and during the monsoon it is even more imperative to follow-up closely on patients, who are in the postoperative stage. Dr Desai has carried out a number of new medical checkups of patients. We are glad to be able to send patients to him at any time for examination and correctional surgery, and if necessary even for an extended stay at the hospital for out station patients.

One such patient, who we'd like to highlight today is 20-year-old Rafiq Ansari from Azamgarh District in Uttar Pradesh. Having come to Mumbai in search of a job, he was met in a factory where he was doing some assembly work. Rafiq, son of a poor farmer family in rural UP, is suffering from deformity due to Polio. His right leg was bent inward in a 90° angle, being 1½ inch shorter than his right leg. Rafiq walked with a limp and was in need of using crutches. After a medical examination he underwent major correctional surgery in two stages. After the 2nd stage surgery, Dr Desai of Shraddha Clinic allowed him to remain at the hospital for more than one month, because there was no place for him to stay nearby or anywhere in Mumbai. In August his cast was removed and a medical checkup confirmed his excellent progress. The boy's previously severely bent right leg had become completely straight! In fact, the 2nd stage surgery with a traction procedure proved to be very successful and causing a remarkable progress.

Rafiq is very happy about it and quite enthusiastic about the future. After a series of Physiotherapy and exercises a caliper was made for him, with which he now happily makes his first walking exercises, all without the crutches! Depending on his further progress, Rafiq will be called in for another medical checkup in 4-6 months' time. The doctor will then decide if limb-lengthening procedure in order to eliminate the shortening will be necessary and beneficial for Rafiq.

As reported earlier, Child & Family Welfare Foundation is a registered Public Charitable Trust of Mumbai since October 2010. All legal formalities are completed and CFWF has just received certification of 80-G tax-exemption status. All donations are now tax deductible within India. For more information on how to get involved and our future prospects please visit our website: [www.cfwf.org](http://www.cfwf.org)

Thank you for taking part in our humanitarian project. We appreciate your kind support enabling us to carry on our services to the disabled and underprivileged children. Please continue assisting CFWF in its cause. We especially need financial help to cover expenses for correctional surgeries of disabled children/patients. By your donation you will be identifying yourself with a very needy cause.

«With every act of love you do today, you weave one more golden thread of the blanket that will warm you tomorrow»

With best wishes and warm regards,

**Child & Family Welfare Foundation, Josef S. Project-Manager**



1) Josef of CFWF packing & dispatching relief goods, collected for the project during a trip overseas. 2) Dr Desai examines a patient, who is waiting for free corr. surgery and treatment. 3) Condition of patient Rafiq before his 2-stage surgery. 4) CFWF volunteer Bandu with Rafiq after 2nd stage surgery at Shraddha Clinic. 5) 2011-10: Rafiq's 90° bent right leg is now completely straight. He walks without crutches, only with a caliper!

