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From the Chairman's Desk.....



It has been an astounding journey of United Way Baroda in these 30 years of its establishment. We have made considerable progress towards impacting the lives of the economically poor and vulnerable people of our city and state. Our projects and programs are designed in such a way that they ensure a sustainable upliftment economically as well as socially of the less privileged communities.

United Fusion Study Foundation Project supporting the economically poor brilliant generation next for their graduation has brought about a drastic change in their lives. I feel like a proud parent sharing the success of these bright students. Over 100 students have completed their education and are deputed in renowned Corporate. INR 40 million has been disbursed for supporting the dreams of these bright students of Vadodara and Gujarat.

The landscape of Indian philanthropy sector is changing over the years and has created a greater degree of empathy and sensitivity for the needy and marginalized sections of the society. The corporate are choosing to pave the way for a socially responsible nation by contributing funds and efforts towards these communities. We were happy to be an implementing partner in this cause along with a renowned multinational as a part of their Corporate Social Responsibility initiative.

We raise funds each year with the most anticipated event globally – United Way Baroda - Garba Mahotsav. The event is an initiative to engage individuals in making a contribution for the local neglected communities. The funds generated from our Annual Fund Raising Event each year are apportioned to the affiliated local non-governmental organizations according to their requirements to ensure - Medical Relief, Education and Empowerment of Economically Poor and Differently Aabled. INR 17 million were allocated for this worthy cause.

We at United Way Baroda are proud of being the first United Way in India. Living by the motto “LIVE UNITED” of United Way Worldwide we together with our Board members, Advisory committee members, Non-governmental organizations, Governmental agencies and Volunteers lead the organization towards the common good by creating opportunities for all. The support of our donors over the years has been exceptional and we expect the same co-operation in the coming years to create a lasting change in the lives of our less privileged brethren.

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Shivinder Singh Chawla
Chairman

From The Deputy Director's Desk.....



It has been an indelible year being part of the United Way Baroda family. It gives me immense pleasure to share the activities undertaken by our organization in the year 2014-15. We strive to bring about impactful change in the health, educational status and livelihood generation capacities of the less privileged sections of our communities.

Successful implementation of the United Fusion Study Foundation Project over the last 10 years has ensured that more than 300 students undertake graduation in Engineering, Medicine, Accountancy and other such professional streams. More than 600 vulnerable children of our city received educational and overall developmental support through Vishnubhai Amin Orphan and Destitute Project. We were privileged in providing health care and household related services to more than 650 elderly of Vadodara.

This year, we were fortunate to obtain CSR funds from a multi-national through which we were able to provide safe and cool drinking water to more than 15,000 children of local municipal schools and support knee-hip replacement surgeries for the needy elderly of our city.

The vibrant events organized by United Way Baroda reached their pinnacle this year. Kshitij, a celebration of Youth Day and Uttarayan, brought about a participation of about 500 differently abled children and youth. Kala Junction, an Inter-school essay writing and talent contest, witnessed participation of 800 children representing 107 schools. About 100 special children and youth showcased their talent in our event – Rangmanch.

The Annual Fund Raiser-Garba Mahotsav, our signature event, was a huge success. The funds raised by this event were channelized through more than 20 projects of local affiliated NGOs for the betterment of the economically poor and vulnerable communities. INR 164 Lacs was spent for Medical Relief, Education and Empowerment of the less privileged sections of our society impacting the lives of more than 10,000 beneficiaries.

I take this opportunity to thank our Donors, Sponsors, Board members, Advisory committee members and Volunteers for supporting us in our endeavor to bring about sustainable change in the vulnerable communities. The assistance from local governmental and non-governmental organizations has also proved to be helpful in bringing about this remarkable change. We appeal for your support in the coming years for creating a better life for all.

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Smita Maniar
Deputy Director

About United Way Baroda

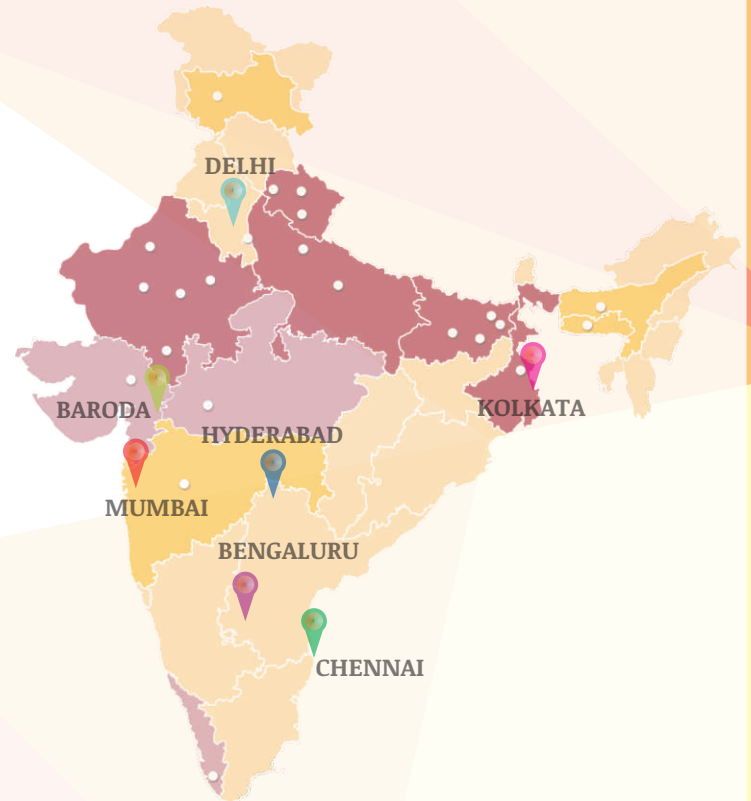
A lady in Denver in 1887 with a priest, two ministers and a teacher got together and created an organization to collect funds for local charities. That year, \$21,700 were raised and a movement was created that went on to become the first United Campaign. Over 127 years United Way has evolved based on the needs of the community. Today United Way is functional in nearly 1800 communities across 40 countries and territories. The United Way movement mobilizes millions – to GIVE, VOLUNTEER and ADVOCATE – to improve and change the communities.

United Way India

United Way Baroda initiated this movement 30 years back in India. Now the movement is active in India with operations in six other cities- *Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Mumbai*. United Way India network is an independent entity working on socially relevant spheres of impact, while catalyzing and evangelizing the philosophy of giving across the nation.

United Way Baroda

United Way Baroda is the first local chapter in India. It was founded by Baroda Citizens Council with support from United Way International & UNICEF. We mobilize resources through individual and corporate engagement to support local communities and community based organizations in Vadodara city and Gujarat for advancing the common good.



VISION

United Way Baroda envisions creating an enabling and sustainable environment for improved quality of life of less privileged people.

MISSION

To serve as a catalyst by providing opportunity for optimal health, education and livelihood generation especially for the vulnerable and less privileged community in the city of Vadodara and Gujarat.

Three Bold Goals – Advancing the Common Good



Health



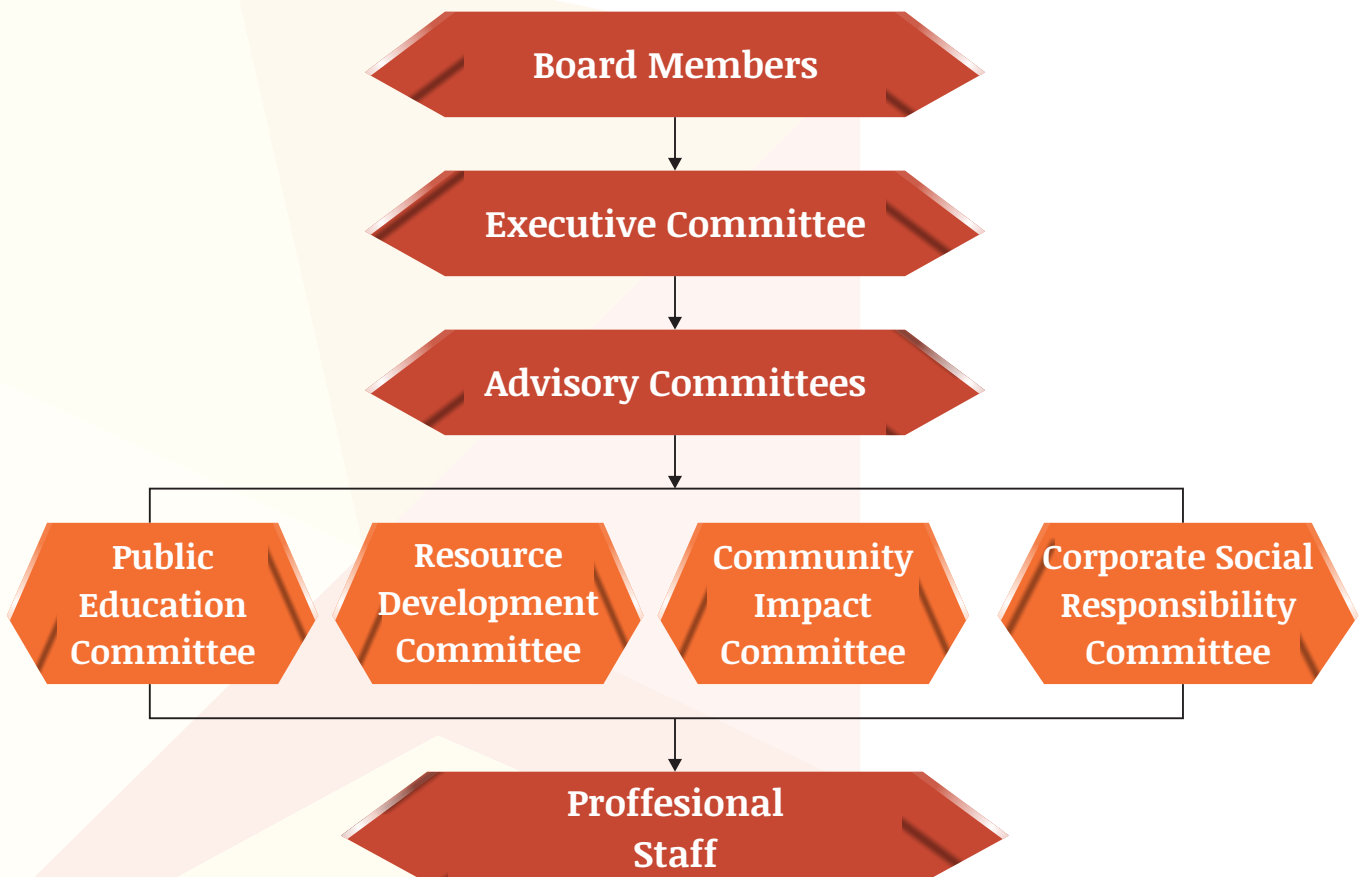
Education



Livelihood Generation

Organizational Structure

United Way Baroda's approach is distinct from traditional non-profit organizations. It is premised on a highly structured model known as collective impact model. We are structured to function by bringing together donors, corporate, government entities and individuals to pursue a common mission of solving the local community based issues. Tapping the potential of socially responsible business leaders, we mobilize resources in a credible and efficient manner to bring about impactful change in the community. The expertise of these leaders are collectively channelized to bring about a desired change among the communities.

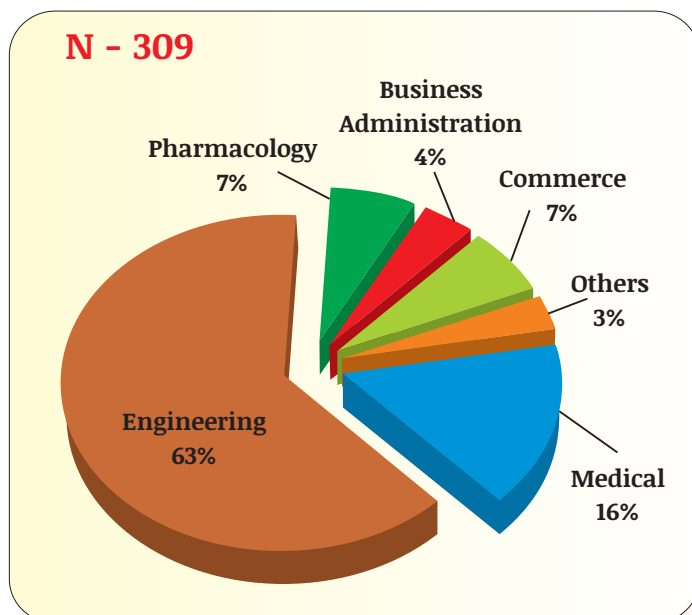


United Fusion Study Foundation Project

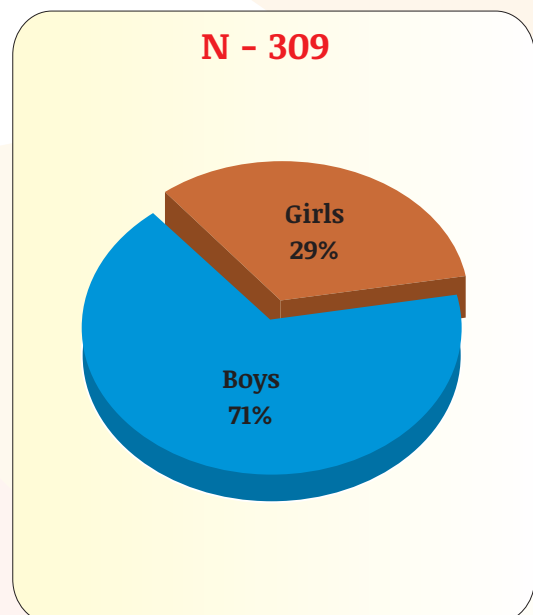
Higher education is a must in this era where a good standard of living is the ultimate desire of every individual. Higher education is directly linked with better employment opportunities. With the emerging globalization, multi-national companies are in dire need of talented professionals. The dreams of many bright deserving students are shattered due to their financial condition as quality education is a costly affair these days.

The United Fusion Study Foundation project supports such needy students for their higher education and personality grooming. It helps them to emerge as polished individuals ready to take up challenges of the world. The project came into light when Stichting Fusion Study Foundation of Netherlands joined hands with United Way Baroda. The students pursuing graduation and post-graduation in Engineering, Medical Science, Pure Science, Applied Science, Business Administration, Accountancy and various other streams of education are provided financial support and mentored till they complete their education. 309 students are supported since 2005.

Stream wise Students



Gender wise Students



105 students are now gainfully employed with renowned organizations

Students Get-Together

A get-together was organized on 18th January 2015 at Surya Palace hotel, Sayajigunj, Vadodara wherein 129 students from different cities of Gujarat participated. A session on personality development and communication was conducted by Mrs. Harleen Chawla, Resource Development Committee member, United Way Baroda. The students enjoyed the ice breaker facilitated by Ms. Linda, Director, Stitching Fusion Study Foundation, Netherlands. She took up the session on developing skills of written communication. All the students shared and discussed vivid ways of communication. Laptops were distributed to 31 students. Mr. Shivinder Singh Chawla, Chairman; Mrs. Pritty Patel, Chairperson, Community Impact Committee and Mr. Amit Goradia, Trustee of United Way Baroda were present to motivate the students.



The Power of Education ...

I am Nirav Bhatt from Rajkot. My father works in a newspaper agency. I am very passionate about studies and dreamt of becoming an engineer. I secured 90% in 10th Std. but still my dream was in danger. My father was the only person earning in the family and our financial condition was poor. My father's colleague once informed him about the United Fusion Study Foundation (UFSF) program. I applied and got selected for the interview. My family was very happy when I received the funds.

I completed my B.E in Electronics & Communication in May-2014 from B.H. Gardi College of Engineering and Technology, Rajkot. Through a campus drive at my college, I got employed as an Assistant Development Engineer in the Research and Development Department of A.B. Industries, Vadodara. The support from UFSF has helped me complete my studies, pursue my dream and getting a good job. The financial condition of my family has improved. I can now say "Acche din aa gaye" and it is just because of UFSF. Thank you so much.....UNITED WAY FSF FAMILY.....



United Fusion Study Foundation



Vishnubhai Amin Orphan And Destitute Project

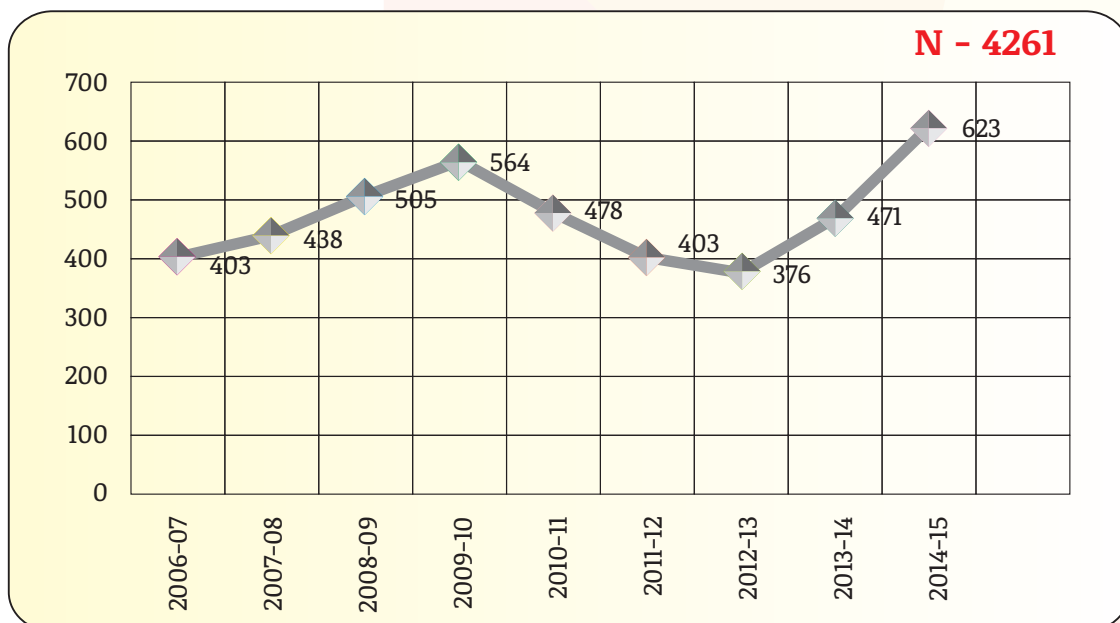
Earning a livelihood and taking care of the family becomes a priority and education takes a back seat for many less privileged children. Education is perceived as a high-priced luxury for the underprivileged people in India. Education is a basic human right of all children, as recognized Millennium Development Goal-2 of which India is a signatory. The Indian government lays emphasis on primary education and has also banned child labor.

Project Activities

United Way Baroda provides educational and overall developmental support to the orphans and destitute school children of Vadodara city every year through various activities. The project is funded by Late Shree Vishnubhai Amin, a philanthropist. Over 4000 children have been supported till date since 2006. The major activities under the project include educational kit distribution, festival celebration, recreational activities and educational tours. Health care and nutritional services are also provided as required by these children.



Number of Children Supported



Educational Kit Distribution Program

This year, the educational kit distribution program was organized at Lions Hall on 8th August 2014 wherein 407 children received educational kits. The program was graced by Shri Balkrishna Shukla, Ex-Member of Parliament; Shri Hitendra Patel, Chairman, Standing Committee, Vadodara Mahanagar Seva Sadan; Mr. Keyur Rokadia, Chairman, Nagar Prathamik Sikshan Samiti; Dr. Devesh Patel, Chief Medical Officer, Vadodara Mahanagar Seva Sadan.

During the summer vacations recreational and vocational classes were organized. Professionals were hired to impart training to these children and adolescents. Girls of State Home for Women were taught the art of applying mehendi. The mehendi classes helped them to learn a new skill which would help in their rehabilitation. Dance classes were held for boys residing at Don Bosco Snehalaya. After the training the boys performed at a local city based show – DANCE MAGMA 2014 at Gandhinagar Gruh, where they got recognition from the audience.

The children of deceased police personnel are also supported for education under the project. Every year around 30 children are identified and provided educational support.



A Mother's Wish Come True...

Veenaben Rathwa resides in Gajra Wadi area of Vadodara with her three children – Sejal, Akshay and Vinay studying in 11th, 9th and 4th std. respectively. The three siblings study in the same school.

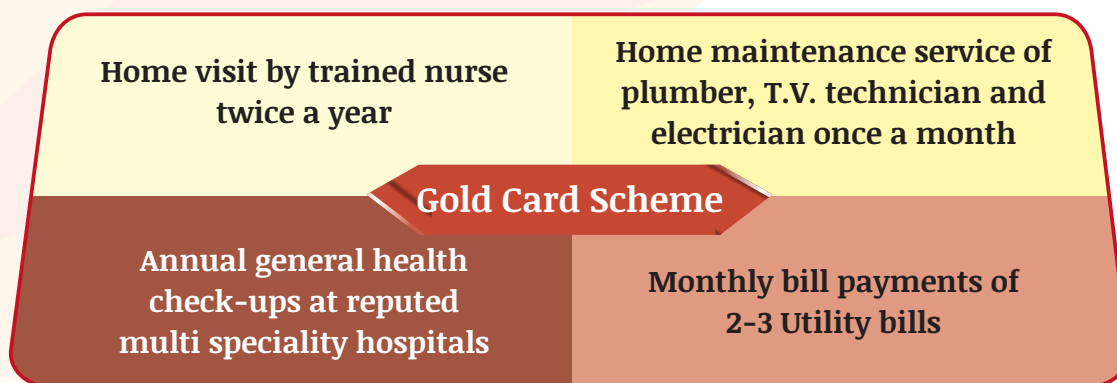
Their father Kisanbhai Rathwa was police personnel who passed away in 2009. Life became difficult for this family as he was the only earning member of the family. Veenaben was worried about managing the household expenses with the responsibility of three growing children. She is getting a pension of Rs.8,000 per month but that was not enough to support the education of three school going children. Veenaben is a strong willed woman and her dream is to educate all her children to live a dignified life. She came to know about the Project from her late husband's colleague. She approached the project team and shared her dilemma. The three children were enrolled for the educational support under the project after due verification of her financial conditions. The children are doing well in their studies and have their own dreams of becoming successful. Veenaben is relieved about the education of her children.



Gold Card Scheme

Elderly population is on the rise due to the increased life expectancy owing to the advanced medical facilities. The elderly face numerous physical, psychological and social challenges affecting their ability to lead a happy and fulfilling life. With advancing age and illnesses it becomes difficult for them to undertake routine activities. United Way Baroda provides several benefits to the Senior Citizens of Vadodara city through its Gold Card Scheme, initiated on “World Elderly Day” in 1997. Currently, there are about 700 elderly members who have registered with us to avail the services under the scheme.

Services provided under the Scheme:



The Gold Card Scheme ensures that the elderly receive all the basic services required by them at their doorstep and the benefits of periodic health-checkups through the scheme. The Gold Card Scheme gives a relief to the elderly from the routine hassles and helps them live a stress free life. In addition to the services, the senior citizens groups are also supported whenever required. Meetings, medical camps, awareness generation programs, recreational activities are supported for the elderly periodically.

A Relaxed Life after Retirement...

I, Mrs. Sushila R. Amin, am a resident of Vadodara city. My husband passed away few years back and my children stay abroad. I do not have any relative to take care of me. At 86 years with a deteriorating health, it is difficult for me to manage the day to day activities.

Through a relative who was already a gold card member, I found out about the scheme. He informed me about the various services that are provided and how the services are delivered on time. Looking at the goodwill of the organization and the feedback received from the gold card members, I registered for the scheme. Since then, I am not dependent on others to pay my bills or the electric and plumbing related repairing work. The service



personnel are just a phone call away. They are very empathetic towards my needs. I am fortunate enough to hold the gold card membership since last 8 years and I wish to avail the benefits till I am alive.

Vishnubhai Amin Orphan Destitute Project & Gold Card Scheme



Community Impact Projects for Economically Poor and Vulnerable

United Way Baroda together with the support from Barodians, Board members, Committee members and Volunteers raise funds each year since the past 27 years through our Annual Fund Raiser- Garba Mahotsav. The funds raised are disbursed for lending a helping hand for Medical Relief, Education and Empowerment of the Differently Abled and Vulnerable. The funds are disbursed to the local nongovernmental organization to undertake the relief work. The snippets of the larger picture of our community impact projects are portrayed in the ensuing section.

INR 164 Lacs Disbursed - 2014-15

Medical Relief



More than thousand children aged 3-6 years of Vadodara city from 20 Anganwadi centers of Vadodara city were provided milk four times a week, banana twice a week and multi-vitamins to improve their health and nutritional parameters.

960 haemodialysis sessions, 240 kits for dialysis and 240 Iron injections provided to chronic renal failure patients. These sessions helped the patients to survive.



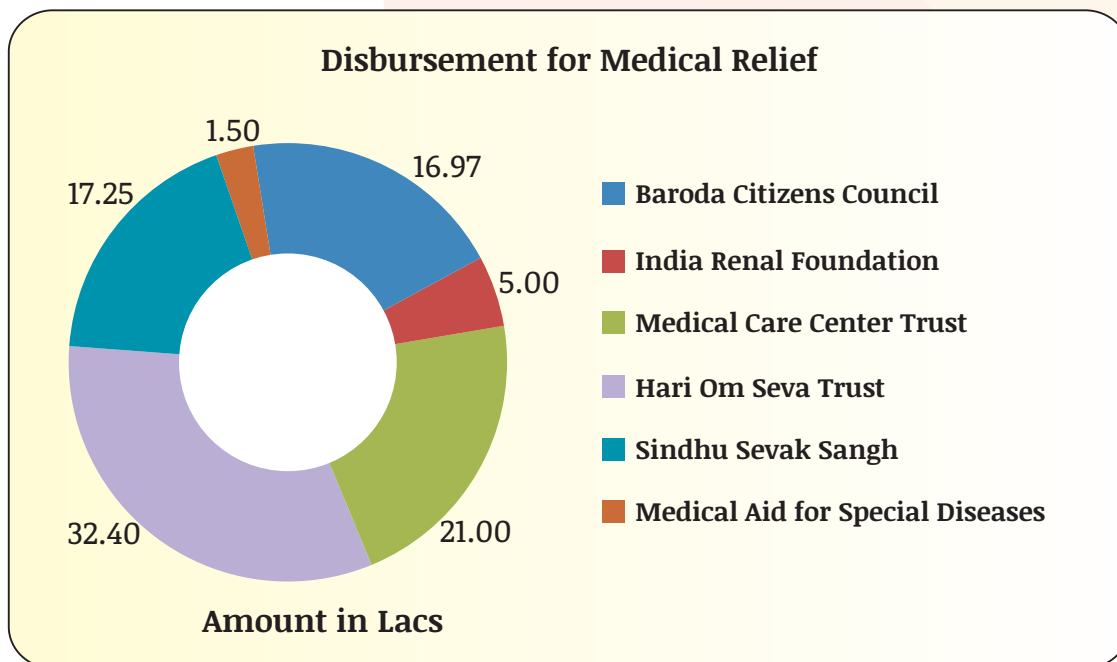
Critical Neonates saved through up-gradation of, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit by provision of two Continuous Positive Airway Pressure Machines and LED Phototherapy Units. Children suffering from Leukemia were also supported by providing total medical treatment including chemotherapy, radiation, antibiotics, blood products, and laboratory estimations.

Needy Elderly patients suffering from knee or hip problems were supported by providing knee or hip implant surgeries. The surgeries helped these individuals to stand steady and lead a normal life. Economically poor patients visiting the government district hospital are supported for their treatment such as provision of medicines, injections, Ultrasound, X- Ray and other such procedures not available or non-functional at the hospital.



Three Haemodialysis Machines were provided for treating the patients suffering from Hepatitis B, C and HIV. About 30 patients receive the dialysis treatment every month.

Economically poor patients suffering from fatal diseases are supported for their treatment. An 11 year old boy was supported for his Bone Marrow transplant. An 8 year girl suffering from Gullian Barre Syndrome was provided Injections and medication.



The Journey Towards a Healthy Life

Luvkush is a shy boy residing in the slums of Shantinagar, Vadodara. His family has migrated from Uttar Pradesh and they now reside in Vadodara, since the past couple of years. His mother is not literate and father has studied till the 10th grade. His father is a worker in a fabrication factory. He regularly visits Anganwadi centre (AWC) with his friends and is currently in the Green zone (normal weight for height). Luvkush happily consumes the milk and bananas provided at the centre. According to his mother he used to recurrently fall ill and was fussy about the food. As a mother her main concern has always been his health and eating habits. Now, he is used to eating all kinds of food. She regularly attends the parent meetings being organized. She values the insight she gets to improve her child's health and development despite her illiteracy and language barrier. She is thankful to United Way Baroda and Baroda Citizens Council for taking care of her child's health.



Education for the Economically Poor



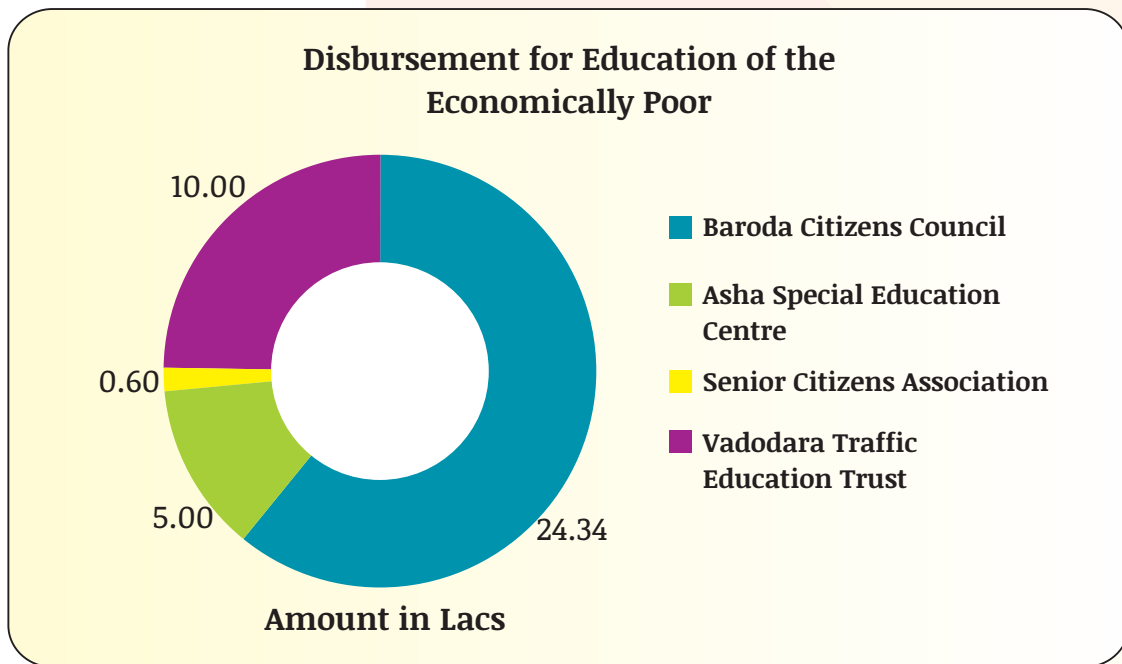
About 400 children were supported for quality school education. These bright children who were school dropouts were identified from rural and urban areas of Vadodara. These were usually single parent children. Their education in local schools was facilitated to ensure that they get quality education.

More than 50 mentally challenged children were supported for their comprehensive development by polishing their self help skills, social skills, motor skills, cognitive skills as well as language & communication skills. Their health was also improved through supplementary nutrition support and regular health check-ups.



Bright students from municipal corporation schools were motivated to read by providing rotating library services at the school. Educational tour and extra-curricular activities were undertaken for practical exposure on various subjects to facilitate quality education for the students at the municipal schools.

The traffic volunteers were educated about the traffic rules, safety and emerging traffic problems in Vadodara for smooth functioning of traffic and its control.



A Helping Hand for Special Children....

Ayush Kayastha a seven year old was born underweight. He was very weak so he was kept in Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. He suffered from jaundice and had seizures. His parents could not afford his treatment. They managed his treatment by borrowing money from friends and relatives. Ayush's growth was slow as compared to other children. He could not talk at the age of three and could not stand without support. That is when his parents realized that he is a special child.



Ayush was admitted to Asha Special Education Centre. Looking at his health and poor financial condition he was enrolled for comprehensive development under a project supported by United Way Baroda. Ayush receives physiotherapy treatment, speech therapy, occupational therapy and nutritious food supplements. Educational fundamentals are also taught especially mathematics, general knowledge and language skills. Ayush's rehabilitation is in process and now he can walk independently.

Empowerment of Differently Abled and Vulnerable



About 300 youth and street children were provided vocational training on various trades such as Spoken English, Client Management, Hospitality Management and Beauty Care to make them self-dependent. A number of youth on completion of their training are now gainfully employed at reputed places of the city like INOX, Hotel Gateway, Akota as Customer Care Executives.

150 physically challenged persons were supported for self-employment by providing closed hand carts, open hand carts, sewing machines and others tools and equipments for livelihood generation. They are earning their livelihoods and supporting their families.



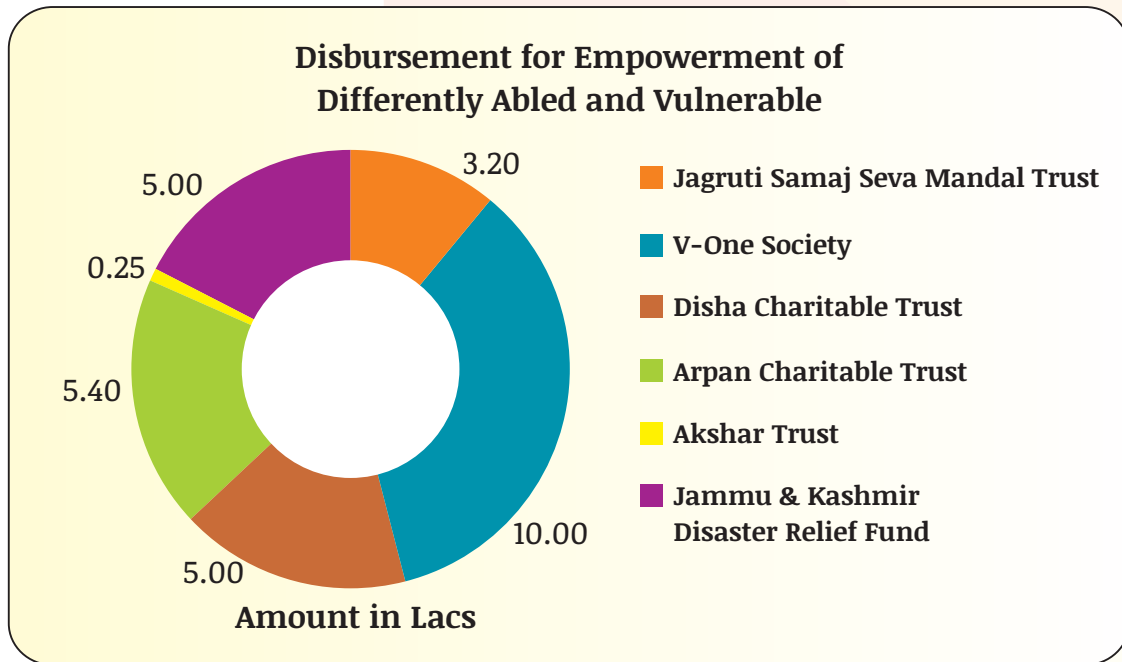
The mentally challenged children were provided comprehensive rehabilitation addressing areas of health, education, livelihood, social inclusion and empowerment. The therapeutic experts and skill trainers trained 100 children for becoming expressive and develop a sense of self worth. Art, craft, music, visual and digital art and dance were used to make the therapy more effective.

Children having intellectual disability were supported for vocational training and rehabilitation. Based on aptitude, 30 children were trained for Broom making, Incense stick making and Handicraft items. They were also trained in marketing and selling the item they made. The sale of these items was facilitated to ensure earning and helping them to become self-reliant.



Children with hearing impairment were supported through Early detection and Early Intervention program. They were trained at an early age so that they can undertake education in the main stream education system.

Flood relief operation and rehabilitation was undertaken for the disaster affected people in Jammu and Kashmir.



Towards Leading an Independent Life...

My name is Vinod Prajapati. I am 40 years old living with my parents and a brother. I never wanted my family to suffer because of my disability. I can not walk. I always wanted to support my family therefore it was important for me to earn a livelihood. I could not get a good job as I had to leave my studies due to financial constraints. Due to a personal interest in sewing I decided to take it up as a profession. I borrowed some money from a friend, joined a sewing course and got a second hand sewing machine for myself. The machine did not work properly which made it difficult for me to earn.



A new machine was a necessity but I could not afford it as I was already repaying the borrowed amount in installments to my friend. I approached V-one society and I was provided a new sewing machine with automatic motor. Now I earn 250 - 300 rupees daily and support my family. I heartily thank V-One society and United Way Baroda for the help.

Community Impact Projects



Corporate Social Responsibility Partnership Project

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is a commitment of the corporate towards the communities. Corporate Social Responsibility refers to operating a business in a manner that accounts for the social and environmental impact created by the business. Government has ensured that the responsibility is not overlooked by putting in place the Corporate Social Responsibility Policy.

KOCH-GLITSCH is a multi-national with a local branch at Savli district which partnered with United Way Baroda to undertake its Corporate Social Responsibility activities.

Reverse Osmosis System and Water Cooler Installation at Municipal Corporation Schools

The municipal school children are most vulnerable to water borne diseases as they do not have access to drinking water. The schools that were in dire need of safe drinking water were identified. The pre-installation work was undertaken and the capacity required for the Reverse Osmosis and Water Cooler was decided in consultation with the school principals depending on the school strength. Subsequently, the systems were installed. Awareness generation programs were conducted in all the schools to ensure that the systems are maintained properly and children do not waste water.



The Reverse Osmosis system and water coolers were installed in 16 schools. More than 15,000 school children and teachers now have access to safe and cool drinking water.

Knee-Hip Implant Surgeries for Needy Patients

Osteoarthritis has become a common problem these days wherein the people suffer from unbearable pain and are not able to perform the daily activity of living. The knee or hip replacement surgery is the only option which enables them to function normally.

Nine such patients visiting the district government hospital were supported through the Corporate Social Responsibility project. A vendor supplying quality knee and hip implants was identified. Successful surgeries were undertaken by the medical team. Two physiotherapy centers and local physiotherapists were identified near the residence of the patients to make it convenient for them to take the physiotherapy treatment. Conveyance was also paid to a few patients for travelling to the physiotherapy center.



The project supported these patients to live a normal life. The surgeries have restored the physical mobility of these patients and they have resumed their vocation.

Events

Kshitij

National Youth Day (Yuva Divas) is celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm in India every year on 12th January. It was first declared by the Government of India in the year 1984 to commemorate the birthday of Swami Vivekananda. National Youth Day aims to motivate the youth towards a better tomorrow. Uttrayan is a cultural festival loved by all young and old of Gujarat.

KSHITIJ, a combination of Youth Day and Uttrayan celebrations, was organized on 9th January 2014. About 400 children and youth participated in the celebration. We believe that the youth have the power to lead and nourish the culture of the country. Together with youth volunteers of Vadodara, the differently abled children enjoyed every bit of our traditional festival. Melodious music and traditional delicious food was arranged to make the event a memorable one.

Mr. Minesh Patel, Chair, Resource Development Committee; Mr. Pinakin Shah, Trustee and Mrs. Smita Maniar, Deputy Director of United Way Baroda were present to be a part of this unique celebration.



Rangmanch

The International Day of People with Disability has been promoted by the United Nations since 1992. It aims to encourage a better understanding of people affected by a disability as well as make people aware of the rights, dignity and welfare of the differently abled.

We celebrate the Day to advocate the rights of the differently abled. Rangmanch provides a platform to these persons where they can showcase their various talents of singing, dancing, musical instrument playing, poem reciting and so on. The event was celebrated on 5th December at Mahatma Gandhi Nagar Gruh wherein more than 80 differently abled persons participated.

Mr. Keyur Rokadia, Chairman of Nagar Prathmik Shikshan Samiti, was the chief guest for the event. Mr. Shivinder Singh Chawla, Chair; Mr. Yogendra Gangwal, Chair- Public Education Committee; Mr. Minesh Patel, Chair-Resource Development Committee; Mr. Amit Goradia, Trustee, of United Way Baroda were present to grace the event. More than 200 persons were present to cheer and motivate them. Certificate of appreciation was given to all the participants.



Kala Junction

Kala Junction is being organized since 14 years by United Way Baroda. The Inter-school Competition for the school children of Vadodara, aims at sensitizing the children towards the burning social issues and giving a platform to showcase their talents. A total of 800 children of 107 schools of Vadodara participated this year for competitions like essay writing, poster making and street play. The participants voiced strong messages that were beautifully penned in words, painted in vibrant colors and enacted via street plays. Professionals in their respective fields were invited to evaluate the performance of the school children in these various competitions.

The prize distribution ceremony was held on 5th February at Sir Sayajirao Nagar Gruh Akota. The children were felicitated for their achievement by the chief guest Smt. Ranjanben Bhatt, Member of Parliament. Mr. Shivinder Singh Chawla, Chair; Mr. Yogendra Gangwal, Chair – Public Education Committee; Mr Minesh Patel, Chair - Resource Development Committee; Mr. Pinakin Shah, Trustee and Mrs. Smita Maniar, Deputy Director of United Way Baroda also felicitated the winners.



Annual Fund Raising Event – Garba Mahotsav

The Annual Fund Raising Event of United Way Baroda – “Garba Mahotsav” has been a grand success since last 27 years. It has become the most famous and most awaited event not only in Gujarat but also across the globe. The nine days of fun and frolic attracts the people of all age groups. The funds generated were channelized for community impact projects for the benefit of economically poor and vulnerable women, children, differently abled and senior citizens.

Every year the event excels in terms of creativity and unique features are added to the event. The hordes of garba lovers and viewers enjoy the unique ambience of this event every year. Each year the benchmark is raised. We along with the efforts of Our Board Members, Committee Members and Volunteers work tirelessly for about 2-3 months for providing the best facility and security to our valued participants. It is an event that requires a lot of planning, hard work and timely execution.

Our Lead Singer, Shri Atulbhai Purohit and his troupe with their euphonious music makes the audience and players yearning for more. There are various unique features of the event to make it more entertaining and magnificent. This year the registrations were completely online having participation of 30,000 garba players. Courier services were initiated for the delivery of garba player passes for the convenience of our enthusiasts. The ground was adorned with colourful “parrot” that swayed along with the garba players and the melodious tunes. More than 60 multi-cuisine food stalls from renowned franchises and locally popular foods were arranged savoring everyone's taste buds. A stadium type and adequate sitting arrangements was made for more than 50,000 viewers of different age groups to facilitate a perfect view to all. The event was aired live on renowned local and national media channels.



**Celebrating the Joy of Giving
Thank You Donors for your Gift
for the Less Privileged**

Student Internships

United Way Baroda provides internship opportunities to college students of Engineering, Law, Commerce, Social Work, Management and many others. The students come from various renowned Colleges and Universities of India. A total of 23 students undertook internships this year.

Sr. No.	College/Institution	No. of Students
1	Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University, Gandhinagar	1
2	Symbiosis School of Economics, Pune	1
2	Faculty of Social Work, M.S. University Baroda	2
4	Gujarat National Law University, Ahmedabad	4
5	Institute of Language Studies and Applied Science, Anand	4
6	Sardar Patel University, Anand	7
2	Navrachna University, Vadodara	4

Engineering the Art of Societal Development....

My internship at United Way Baroda was one of the unique experiences of my life. I feel privileged for the fact that being an engineer with no background in the social sector, I got the opportunity to be associated with an internationally affiliated non-governmental organization that is active in all major sectors of societal development.

I got the opportunity to work with the people of all ages from children to elderly. I learnt a lot and was really



impressed by the empathy towards less privileged with which the organization work. The event KSHITIJ, gave me the opportunity to interact with special children. I was sensitized towards the needs and problems these children face on their daily life. Helping them fly kites was one of the cherished memories of my life. I also went to municipal schools where Reverse Osmosis and Water Coolers were provided by the organization. We conducted awareness generation camps where the children were sensitized about the importance of filtered water and maintaining hygiene. I consider myself fortunate to get the opportunity of serving needy people. I wish that United Way Baroda continues their good work and gives a great learning exposure to many other students like me.

Joy Rathod

MHRM, Faculty of Social Work, MSU

Volunteering

Volunteering is the culture of United Way Movement. The passion and hard work of our volunteers bring about improvement in the lives of the marginalized communities. Starting from our Board Members, Members of Committees and Youth Volunteers - everyone's contribution is important to enable to bring about impactful change in the community.

Volunteering is just one way that we can work together for the greater good. "LIVE UNITED" implies to work together collectively for the community. Volunteering opportunities with United Way Baroda are limitless. We welcome volunteers from all walks of life and age brackets who have empathy towards the less privileged communities and believe in our mission. We had more than 100 student volunteers coming and supporting our activities.

A Great Learning Experience....

I moved to India from Brazil with my husband due to his job transfer to Vadodara city. Moving to a new country and a new city made me a bit reluctant as we didn't know anyone. I knew that United Way is an international brand, browsing over the internet I came to know about the local chapter of United Way. I visited the United Way Baroda office seeking volunteering opportunities.

I met Ms. Smita Maniar, the Deputy Director of United Way Baroda. She was trying to understand my broken English. I knew that it would be difficult for me to work without the basic knowledge of English. However, she told me that the work will be assigned to me as per my capability. I was good at computers so she assigned me the task of data verification of girl garba players to assist the refund process. Everyone at the office was very supportive. Every day I got an opportunity to meet many new faces. I also celebrated my birthday with the team. The time that I spent there was not only memorable but also a good learning exposure for me.

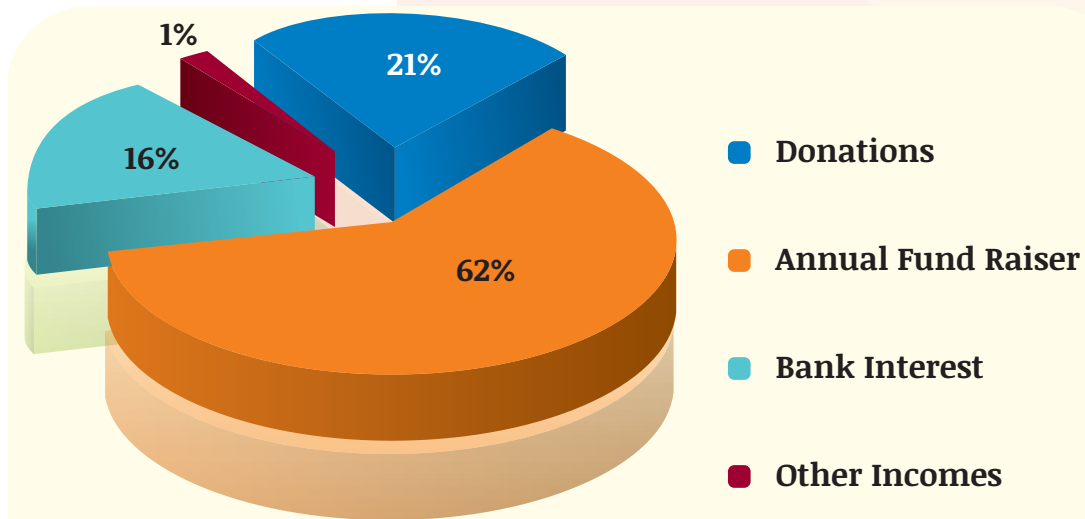


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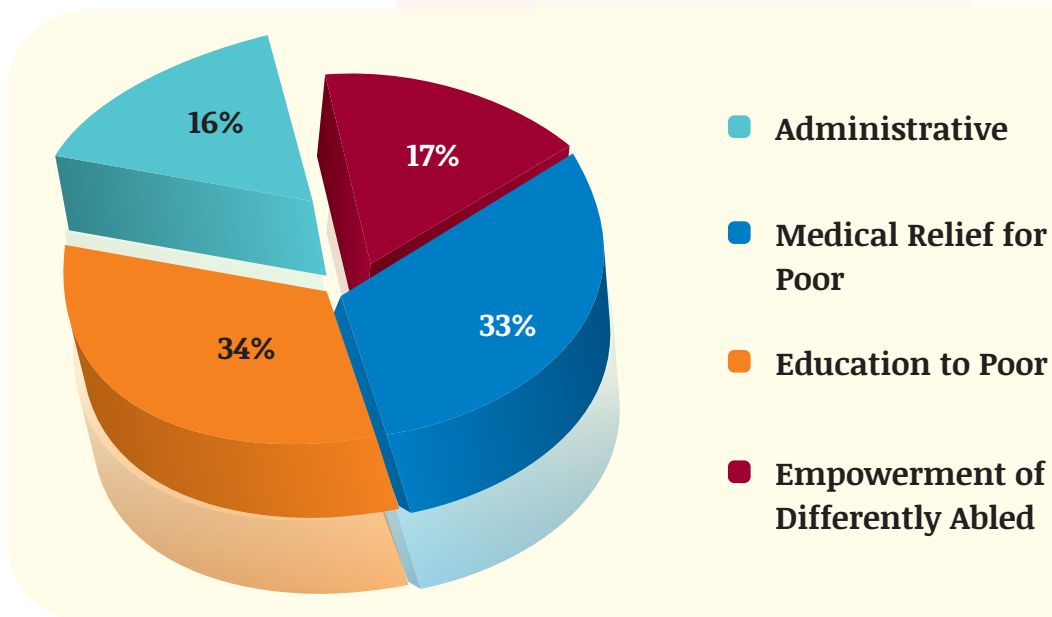


Financials

TOTAL INCOME 2014-15 : INR 327 Lacs



TOTAL EXPENSES 2014-15 : INR 288 Lacs



Board Members and Advisory Committees

Board Members

Mr. Shivinder Singh Chawla – Chair	Mr. Rakesh Agrawal – Vice-Chair
Mr. Paresh Saraiya – Treasurer	Mr. Yogendra Gangwal – Chair, Public Education Committee
Mr. Minesh Patel – Chair, Resource Development Committee	Mrs. Pritty Patel – Chair, Community Impact Committee
Mr. Kunjal Patel – Chair, Corporate Social Responsibility Committee	Mr. Mahendra Vyas – Trustee
Mr. Amit Goradia – Trustee	Mr. Bharat Patel – Trustee
Mr. Atul Patel – Trustee	Mr. Pinakin Shah – Trustee
Dr. Viren Patel – Permanent Invitee	Mr. Hemant Shah – Trustee
Mr. Jal Patel – Permanent Invitee	Mr. Samir Parikh – Trustee
Mrs. Smita Maniar – Deputy Director	

Executive Committee

Mr. Rakesh Agrawal – Chair	Mr. Shivinder Singh Chawla – Chair United Way Baroda
Mr. Paresh Saraiya – Treasurer	Mr. Minesh Patel – Chair, Resource Development Committee
Mrs. Pritty Patel – Chair, Community Impact Committee	Mr. Yogendra Gangwal – Chair, Public Education Committee
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Dr. Viren Patel – Permanent Invitee	Mrs. Smita Maniar – Deputy Director

Public Education Committee

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Corporate Social Responsibility Committee

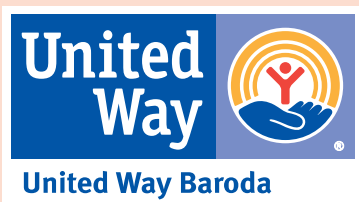
Mr. Kunjal Patel – Chair	M. Pinakin Shah
Mr. Hemant Shah	Mrs. Smita Maniar – Deputy Director
Special Invitees	
Mr. Shivinder Singh Chawla	Mr. Amit Goradia

Community Impact Committee

Mrs. Pritty Patel – <i>Chair</i>	Mr. Samir Parikh
Mr. Atul Patel	Dr. Shamita Amin
Dr. Mrugank Merchant	Mr. Amrat Panchal
Mr. Sameer Khera	Mrs. Smita Maniar – <i>Deputy Director</i>
Special Invitees	
Mr. Shivinder Singh Chawla	

Resource Development Committee

Mr. Minesh Patel – <i>Chair</i>	Mr. Hemant Shah – <i>Vice-Chair</i>
Mr. Pinakin Shah	Mrs. Geeta Goradia
Mrs. Neela Desai	Ms. Anuradha Gupta
Mr. Dhaval Patel	Mrs. Tinoo Chawla
Mr. Pankaj Choksi	Mr. Ashit Amin
Mr. Ravi Jain	Mr. Tarak Patel
Mr. Abhishek Gangwal	Mr. Amit Nagarsheth
Mr. Manoj Patel	Mr. Subir Goradia
Mr. Raghuvir Devidayal	Mr. Niral Patel
Dr. Darshan Banker	Mrs. Avni Patel
Mr. Mitul Patel	Mr. Kashyap Parikh
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