



ANU AKKA'S TACKLE PROGRAM

AN INITIATIVE TO TRAIN LOCAL PLAY FACILITATORS



ANU THOMAS: VISIONARY, INSPIRATION AND CHILD AT HEART

Recently, we met a young man by the name of Jeevan. As a child, he used to attend our yearly Headstreams summer camps in Nellurupuram. Anu had got to know Jeevan really well and when he was 14 years old, she motivated Jeevan to become a play facilitator for the next batch of summer camps. As a play facilitator, he conducted action songs for the children, helped them with craft activities and gave them new hairstyles.

Now, Jeevan is pursuing his Master's in Social Work. When asked what motivated him to choose the path of social work, he said, "Anu Akka inspired me." Looking back at his time at the summer camps, Jeevan said, "Anu Akka was the heart of the summer camp. She cared about every single child. She would laugh with us, dance with us and play with us. She was always someone we could talk to. Her smile was contagious and made the summer camp a happy place."



Jeevan also shared a personal experience with us. He said, "My aunt wanted to get her child admitted in a specific school but there were no seats available. She reached out to Anu Akka for help. Anu Akka came in an auto, picked up my aunt and took her to the school. There she ensured that the child would get admission."



Anu Thomas first started with Headstreams as a student volunteer in early 2009. What was a one-off volunteering activity turned into a life-giving, fulfilling journey as she joined Headstreams full-time on March 8, 2011. She started working with women's self-help groups but later gravitated towards working with children.

To the children in the slums and villages we worked, Anu was Anuakka. The children would eagerly wait for Anu's red car to roll in with play resources. They were free to use any of the materials, and had a fun time playing together, learning and growing. In honour of Anu's life and the spirit of positivity, empathy and play she exuded, Headstreams has launched the Anu Akka's Tackle Program.

To watch a short video of the Journey of Anu Akka's Tackle Children's Kit, visit <https://bit.ly/anuakka4u>



IMPORTANCE OF PLAY

Play is essential in building life skills and is an element of all our programs at Headstreams. An activity is defined as play if there is:

- 1.Free Choice - We are able to choose an activity from many options and we have the freedom to quit when we want to.
- 2.Intrinsic Motivation - We don't do the activity for a reward or in fear of punishment.
- 3.Self Direction - We are able to create our own rules.
- 4.Imagination - It is a creative space where the real world ceases to exist for the duration of the activity.
- 5.Fun - It creates a relaxed and stress-free state of mind.

Through the program, we have witnessed the following benefits of play. Play helps in:

- Building relationships between the children and also between a child and their parents.
- Improving self-esteem.
- Problem Solving.
- Working together as a group.
- Taking risks and learning about boundaries.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Problem

Reports suggest that over 30% of poor children living across the world are found in India. Nearly ten crore children in India live in poverty-stricken conditions, where resources are a constraint. Studies show that positive childhood experiences and access to creative, fun avenues of non-directed play have an important role in shaping human development. Children living in under-resourced communities are deprived of these essential resources.

Solution

Anu Akka's Tackle Kit is a box of easy reading and fun learning materials, art supplies, craft materials, indoor games and outdoor sports equipment, and other materials designed to engage children in joyful, creative pursuits. The idea of the program is to create within communities an opportunity for children from under-resourced communities to experience, for a short while every week, a physically and emotionally safe space where they can access the materials, and where self-directed learning is supported. Young volunteers in the communities are trained as 'Open Learning Champions' (OLCs) to create and manage this play space.



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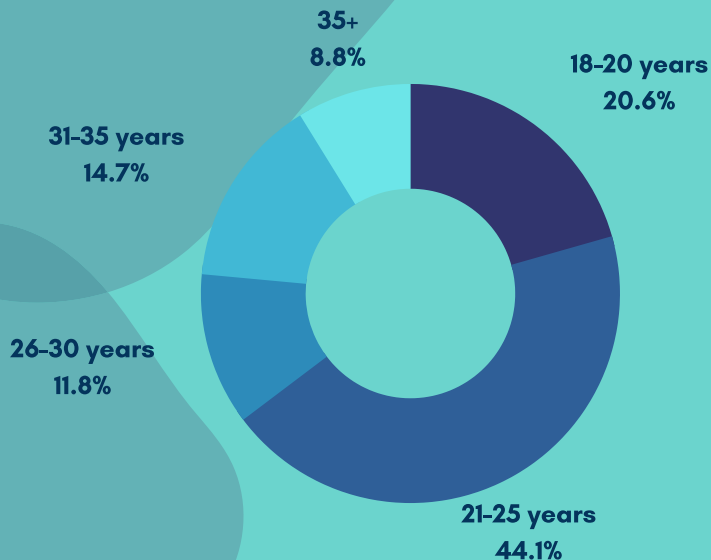




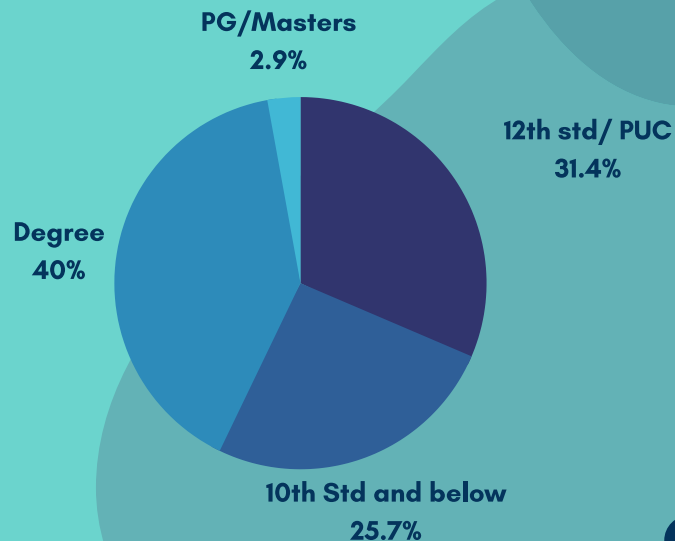
Meet Our Open Learning Champions

WHO ARE OUR OPEN LEARNING CHAMPIONS (OLCS)?

OLCs are our budding play facilitators who anchor the Anu Akka's Tackle Program. Here is the demographic break-up of our OLCs across 35 villages in Karnataka.



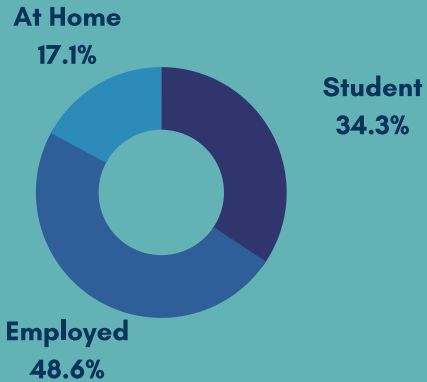
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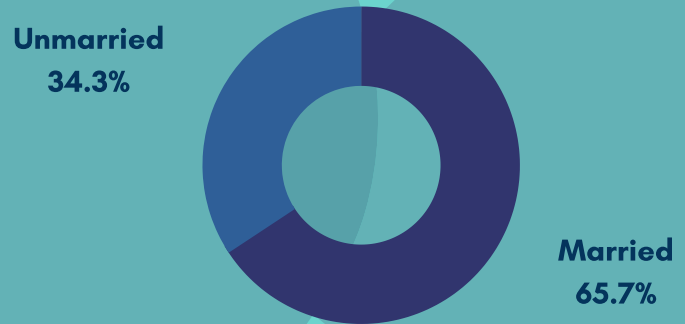
EDUCATION



CASTE



EMPLOYMENT STATUS



MARITAL STATUS

RAJESHWARI

LOCATION: K.G. HALLI



Rajeshwari (37 years) is a married woman from K.G. Halli who comes from a family of 11 people. She completed her Pre-University. Her ambitions for the future is to become a teacher and to continue helping women and children. She hosts play sessions on Sundays. However, she encourages children to come play on all days.

Rajeshwari was looking to help children in her community and was inspired to become an Open Learning Champion when she saw a field in front of her house and thought that it would be a good space for children to play.

Her favourite games growing up were lagori and tennikoit ring. She enjoys playing with the badminton and cricket equipment in the kit. Playing with the children makes her feel young again.

"Children now have access to play material that they did not have before."

- Rajeshwari



AFREEN SIDDIQA

LOCATION: ABBENAHALLY



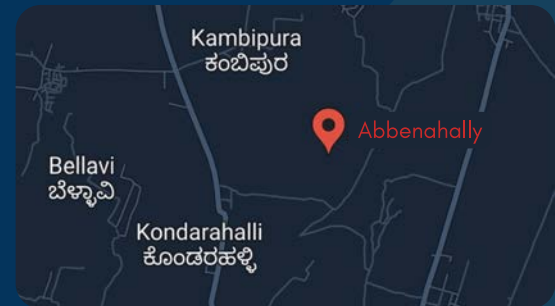
Afreen (22 years) is married and part of a family of 4 people. She dreams of becoming a teacher and owning her own school. She completed her Bachelor's in Education in Hindi and is currently a homemaker. She hosts play sessions for the children on Sundays.

Afreen liked the idea of children getting an opportunity to play with different play resources for free and agreed to join the program as an Open Learning Champion.

Her favourite game growing up was badminton. She enjoys playing with the badminton and throw ball equipment that is part of the kit. In her free time, she likes watching videos on her phone.

"The children are enjoying the kit as they have got materials for free."

- Afreen



ABHILASHA A.M.

LOCATION: ADHIKARATTI



Abhilasha (21 years) is part of a family of 4 people. Becoming an engineer had always been her dream and now, she is living the dream as she completed her Bachelor's in Engineering and works as an Engineer. She hosts play sessions for the children on Saturdays.

Abhilasha's love for sports and playing with children inspired her to become an Open Learning Champion.

Her favourite games growing up were kabbadi, throw ball and badminton. She enjoys playing all the group games that are part of the kit and believes that children have the most fun when everyone is included. She spends most of her spare time playing indoor games with her cousins.

"Playing with children reduces the stress I feel in my daily life."

- Abhilasha



AMBIKA K.R.

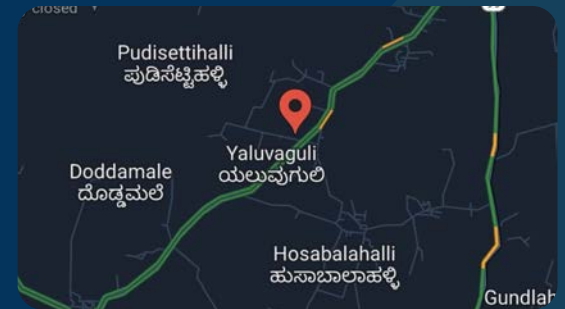
LOCATION: YELUVAGULI



Ambika (23 years) is married and part of a family of 2 people. Her dream job was to become a lawyer. She completed her Bachelor's Degree in Commerce and is currently working as a terracotta artisan. She hosts play sessions for the children on Sundays.

Ambika noticed that the children in her village did not have enough opportunities for play. This inspired her to become an Open Learning Champion and encourage children to play.

Her favourite games growing up was hopscotch and running and catching. She loves teaching the children, in her community, games that she used to play when she was younger. Her favourite game in the kit is carrom.



"Being an Open Learning Champion helps me relive my childhood memories of playing with my friends."

- Ambika

ANITHA D.R.

LOCATION: DEVARAHALLI



Anitha (25 years) is married and part of a family of 4 people. She completed her Pre-University and is currently a homemaker. She dreams of becoming a teacher someday. She hosts play sessions for the children on Saturdays and Sundays.

Anitha noticed a lot of children in her community always in front of a screen, either watching TV or using their parents' phones all day, and realised that there was a real need for play in her community. This inspired her to become an Open Learning Champion.

Her favourite game growing up was kho-kho. Her favourite game in the kit is carrom.

"Before the program started, children would only watch TV all day. Now, they come to me everyday wanting to play."

– Anitha



DIVYA A.M.

LOCATION: ALAHALLI



Divya (20 years) is part of a family of 5 people. She completed her Bachelor's Degree in Commerce and is currently a student. She dreams of becoming a bank manager. She hosts play sessions for the children on Sundays.

Anitha wanted to help children and give them more opportunities to play and so she became an Open Learning Champion.

Growing up, she enjoyed reading books and playing jabari. Her favourite game in the kit is badminton.



"It's important to give children as many opportunities to play as we can."

- Divya



GAYATRI M.V. GIRISH

LOCATION: MITEGENAHALLI



Gayatri (21 years) is married and part of a family of 8 people. She completed her Bachelor's Degree in Arts and is currently a homemaker. She dreams of becoming a teacher someday. She hosts play sessions for the children on Sundays.

Gayatri was always fascinated with understanding the behaviours and attitudes of children. After becoming an Open Learning Champion, she found herself learning a lot from the children. One of her learnings was that everyone gets along with each other when it's time to play no matter the age difference.

Growing up, she enjoyed art work, listening to music and reading. Her favourite game in the kit is badminton because it reminds her of when she used to play in college.

"When I play with the children, I find myself learning and growing with them."

- Gayatri



HEMAVATI B.V.

LOCATION: SHAMALABANDE



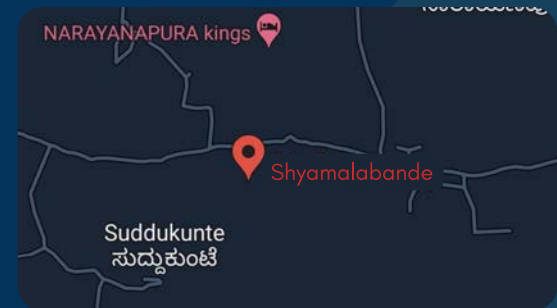
Hemavati (23 years) is part of a family of 7 people. She completed her Bachelor's Degree in Law and is currently practicing law. She dreams of becoming a judge someday. She hosts play sessions for the children on Saturdays and Sundays.

Hemavati is someone who has always taken pride in serving her community. She wanted to provide an opportunity to children in her community to learn through play. This is why she wanted to become an Open Learning Champion. Being an OLC, she feels a sense of responsibility as that of being a leader in her village.

Growing up, she enjoyed playing hide-and-seek and games on her mobile phone. In her spare time, she helps children in the village with their studies.

"I believe in learning through play."

- Hemavati



KAVITHA K.P.

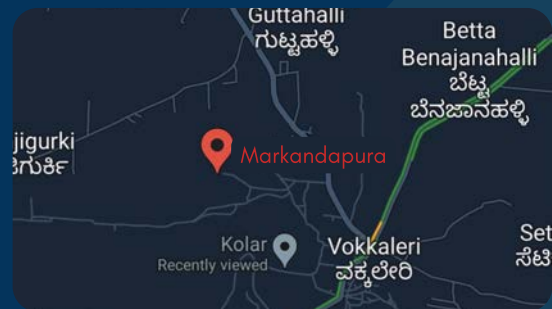
LOCATION: MARKANDAPURA



Kavitha (35 years) is married and part of a family of 3 people. She dreams of becoming a teacher someday. She completed her Bachelor's in Arts and is currently a homemaker. She hosts play sessions for the children on Sundays.

Kavitha became an Open Learning Champion as she believed that the program would be a good avenue for children to enjoy themselves and have fun after school.

Growing up, she liked reading books and playing kho-kho. She prefers activities in the kit that you can sit and play like carrom.



"Watching children being happy makes me happy."

– Kavitha

KUSUMA K.

LOCATION: JANGANAHALLI



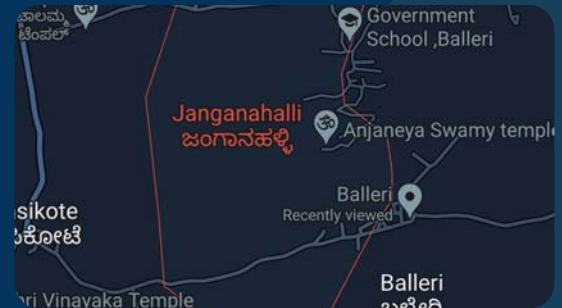
Kusuma (19 years) is part of a family of 4 people. She completed a course in Industrial Training Institute and is currently at home. Her dream is to get a government job in BHEL. She hosts play sessions for the children on Sundays.

Growing up, she enjoyed playing kho-kho and taking part in running races. Her favourite resource in the kit is the badminton equipment.

Kavitha believes that the program will be the first stepping stone to creating a better future for herself and others. Through the program, she feels inspired and has the confidence to take on anything on her own.

"Playing has helped the children become more curious about learning new things and has helped improve their overall focus."

– Kusuma



LAKSHMI DEVI

LOCATION: KARANGUTTE



Lakshmi Devi (28 years) is part of a family of 5 people. She completed her Bachelor's in Arts and is currently a Sangha President. Her dream is to work in a hospital someday. She hosts play sessions for the children on Saturdays and Sundays but she encourages children to play with the materials everyday.

After becoming an Open Learning Champion, she feels like the children are undergoing personal development.

Growing up, she enjoyed playing volleyball and kho-kho. Her favourite game in the kit is carrom.

"The kit has something for everyone so there is no need for the children to look elsewhere to have a good time."

- Lakshmi Devi



MUNIRATNAMMA

LOCATION: HULIGUTTE



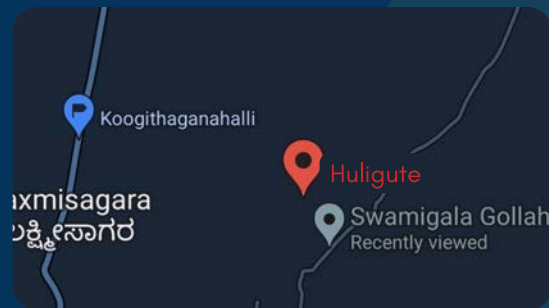
Muniratnamma (34 years) is married and part of a family of 5 people. She completed her Pre-University and is currently working as a librarian in the K.G. Halli Grama Panchayath. Her dream was to become a teacher. However, she wasn't able to, due to financial constraints. She hosts play sessions for the children on Sundays.

Muniratnamma felt like children in her community did not have access to and could not afford play materials. She became an Open Learning Champion to help these children gain access to these play resources.

Her favourite games growing up were skipping and lagori. She enjoys playing with the carrom board and badminton equipment in the kit, because she can also join in the fun.

"Being an Open Learning Champion has been a great way to release stress and spend time with my friends."

- Muniratnamma



PALLAVI

LOCATION: NIDARAMANGALA



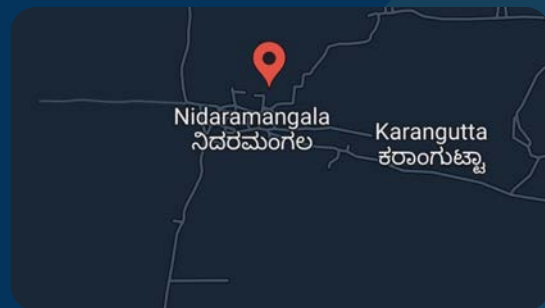
Pallavi (22 years) is married and part of a family of 4 people. She completed her Pre-University and is currently working as a field officer. She dreams of becoming a teacher someday. She hosts play sessions for the children on Saturdays and Sundays.

For recreational purposes, children in Nidaramangala used to walk very far away to swim in lakes and wells. Pallavi felt that this was very risky and dangerous for children. She decided to become an Open Learning Champion to give children a safer alternative to playing and having fun. The children now prefer to join Pallavi's play sessions instead of going far away.

Growing up she liked playing *mara kothi*. Her favourite game in the kit is snakes and ladders. In her free time, she teaches dance to children in a school nearby

"Children now have an opportunity to explore their talent and discover themselves."

– Pallavi



PRAMILLA

LOCATION: KATERI



Pramilla (24 years) is married and part of a family of 6 people. She completed her Pre-University and is currently a homemaker. She dreams of becoming a teacher who can play and learn along with her children. She hosts play sessions for the children on Saturdays.

Pramilla's love for children motivated her to become an Open Learning Champion. She enjoys playing with the children. She feels that the children have never played the way they do now. They have access to things like crayons which they never had before.

Growing up she liked playing Kabbadi and kho-kho. Her favourite game in the kit is carrom because it helps improve one's aim and helps children set goals to better themselves.

"I like hanging out with the children and just having a fun time."

- Pramilla



RENUKA CHALLAPATI

LOCATION: BANAHALLI



Renuka (28 years) is married and part of a family of 5 people. She has always enjoyed tailoring and dreamt of becoming a full-time tailor. She completed her Pre-University and has now achieved her dreams by becoming a tailor. She hosts play sessions for the children on Sundays.

Renuka became an Open Learning Champion to enable children to develop their interests. In her experience, she has found that a play space is a great way for children to release their energy and learn new skills.

Her most favourite game growing up was badminton. She is happy that she can continue playing badminton even now. In her free time, she gives free tailoring classes.

"I feel refreshed when I spend my time with the kids."
– Renuka



ROJA R.N.

LOCATION: RAMANATHAPURA



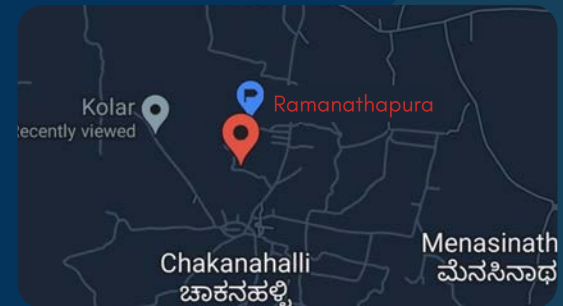
Roja (22 years) is part of a family of 6 members. She completed her Bachelor's in Commerce and is currently looking for a job. She dreams of becoming a bank manager someday. She hosts play sessions for the children on Sundays.

Roja wanted to help children who are addicted to their mobile phones and televisions. She wanted the children to come out and play. Becoming an Open Learning Champion helps her achieve this goal in the village.

She used to love playing kabaddi during her childhood days and now she enjoys playing badminton with the kids. She engages herself in drawing during her free time.

"The play space is a great place for children to make new friends and to have fun with their old ones."

– Roja



ASHWINI

LOCATION: CHAKARSANAHALLI



Ashwini (21 years) is one of 6 members in her family and is married. She has completed her Bachelor's degree in Commerce and is currently a homemaker.

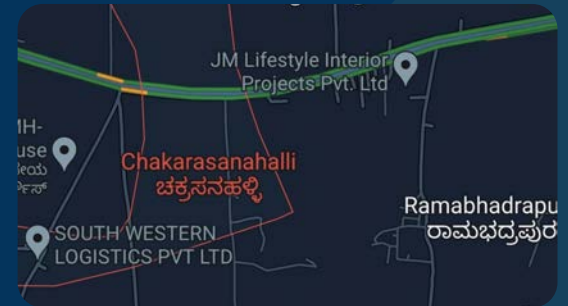
She dreams of becoming a teacher someday. She hosts play sessions for the children on Sundays.

Ashwini's house is usually filled with kids from her neighbourhood just hanging out. This kit helps the kids to develop extra curricular activities.

She liked playing hopscotch while growing up. Her favorite game from the kit is badminton.

"Playing games helps me stay relaxed."

– Ashwini



CHANDRAKALA

LOCATION: GURUVALAGOLLAHALLI



Chandrakala (22 years) is married and part of a family of 4 people. When she was younger, she dreamt of becoming a teacher. She completed the 10th standard and is currently working as a daily wage labourer. She hosts play sessions for the children on Saturdays and Sundays.

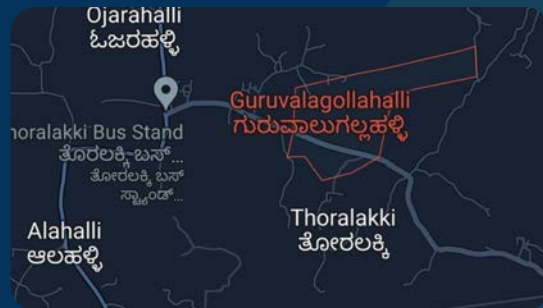
She became an Open Learning Champion to help the children around her community.

Her favourite game growing up was skipping. Her favourite game in the kit is carrom.



"I can see a visible improvement in their drawing skills."

- Chandrakala



SHIVARANJINI

LOCATION: DODDAMALE



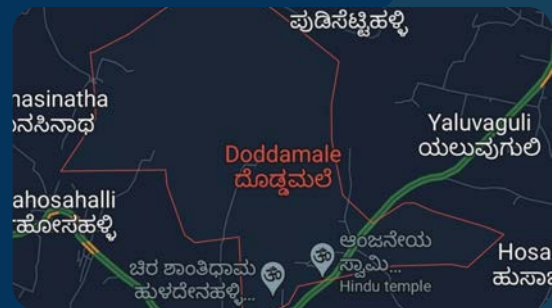
Shivaranjini (27 years) is married and lives with 7 other members of her family. She completed her Pre-University and currently works as a terracotta artisan. Her personal ambition is to learn computers and get a data entry job in an office. She hosts play sessions for the children on Sundays.

Before the program started, children who wanted to play cricket had to go to a nearby village and ask people for a bat as they didn't have one. Now, they are able to practice cricket and develop their skill in the game.

She loved playing police and robber, hopscotch and marbles while growing up. Her favourite game in the kit is badminton. She likes watching TV during her free time.

"The children's joy is my joy. I hope that children in my village get to develop their skills through play."

- Shivaranjini



SHOBHA

LOCATION: SONAPANNAHATTI



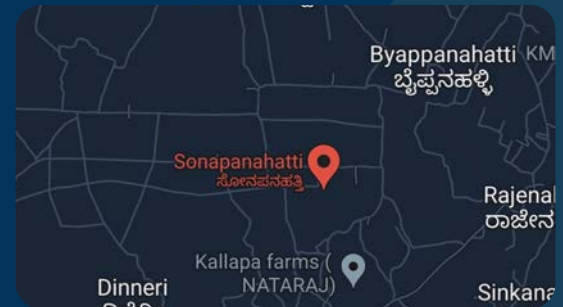
Shobha (35 years) is married and part of a family of 7 members. Her dream growing up was to become a nurse. She passed the 10th standard and currently works as a terracotta artisan. She hosts play sessions for the children on Saturdays and Sundays.

She became an Open Learning Champion because she was looking for an opportunity to help children in their studies. Through the program, she has seen small children learn to count numbers upto 100 while playing snakes and ladders.

Shoba likes to run and has participated in the running races growing up. She enjoys playing with the badminton equipment from the kit. She plays carrom and does rangoli during her free time.

"I can visibly see the children improving their knowledge and math skills through play."

– Shobha



SHIVARANJINI K

LOCATION: CHIKKAKADATHUR



Shivaranjini (21 years) is part of a family of 4 members. She is pursuing her final year degree in Bachelor of Arts. She dreams of one day becoming a lecturer. She hosts play sessions for the children on Sundays.

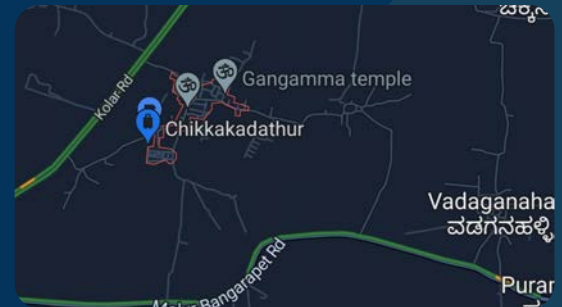
Shivaranjini used to observe that children had difficulty in doing school projects. She is able to help them through the materials from the kit like papers and colors that they didn't have before.

She used to play kabadi during her childhood days and now likes to play badminton. She watches videos on mobile or goes to her neighbour's house during her free time.



"Before the program, the children used to fight with each other but now they play together."

- Shivaranjini



SHRUTHI

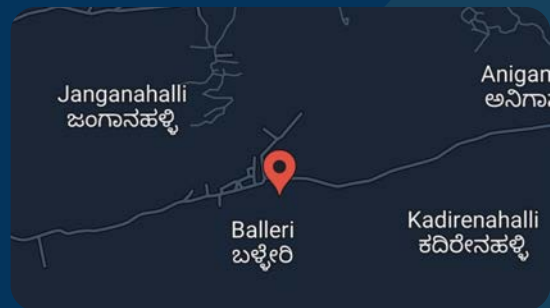
LOCATION: BALLERI



Shruthi (20 years) is married and part of a family of 3 members. Her dream growing up was to become a nurse. She completed her SSLC and is currently a homemaker. She hosts play sessions for the children on Sundays.

Shruthi noticed that there were a lot of small children in her community who would often get bored. She decided to become an Open Learning Champion to give these children an opportunity to play instead.

Growing up, she enjoyed playing kabbadi. Her favourite activity in the kit is throw ball because it is a group game and everyone can play together at the same time. In her spare time, she does a bit of tailoring as a hobby.



"Being an Open Learning Champion has brought me a lot of joy."

– Shruthi

SHUBASHREE

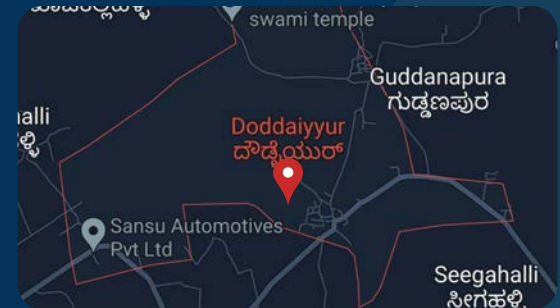
LOCATION: DODDAIYYUR



Shubashree (21 years) is part of a family of 6 members. She is a student and currently pursuing her Master's in Social Work. She dreams of one day running her own Non-Profit to help girls in self-defence. She hosts play sessions for the children on Saturdays.

Coming from a background in social work, she has always been inclined towards helping out in her community. Her goal is to work in a Non-Profit and she sees this opportunity of being an Open Learning Champion as a stepping stone to achieving that goal.

Growing up, she enjoyed playing ludo and strategy related board games. Her favourite games in the kit are badminton and carrom. In her spare time, she enjoys watching movies at home.



"Children are enthusiastic about playing with ALL the resources."

- Shubashree

SUJATHA R.

LOCATION: URUGURKI



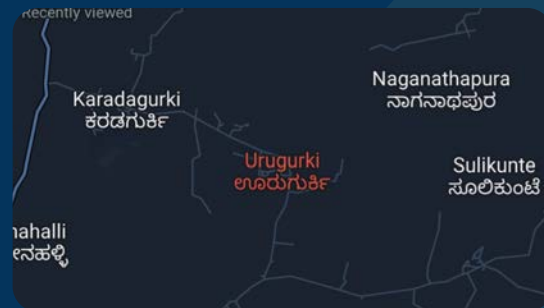
Sujatha (18 years) is part of a family of 6 members. She has passed the 10th grade. She dreams of becoming a teacher someday. She hosts play sessions for the children on Sundays.

Sujatha cares greatly for the children in her village. This inspired her to become an Open Learning Champion. She feels like all the children, who used to waste their time not doing much, now have something productive to do and learn from.

Her favorite game growing up was hopscotch. From the kit, she enjoys playing with the badminton equipment.

"I like to join the fun and play with my children."

- Sujatha



SWATI M.V.

LOCATION: MANJILI



Swathi (20 years) is part of a family of 14 members. She is a 1st year student pursuing a degree in commerce. She dreams of one day becoming a lecturer. She hosts play sessions for the children on Sundays.

Swati is one of our youngest Open Learning Champions. She decided to become one after realising that the children in her village did not give enough importance to play as they did in their studies.

Her favourite game growing up was badminton. She likes to play with the music instruments in the kit the most.

"Through this program, I hope that the children are able to learn new skills and develop into well-rounded human-beings."

- Swati



TRIVENI K.V.

LOCATION: KOOGITGHANAHALLI



Triveni (19 years) is part of a family of 7 members. She is a first year student and is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Commerce. She hosts play sessions for the children on Sundays.

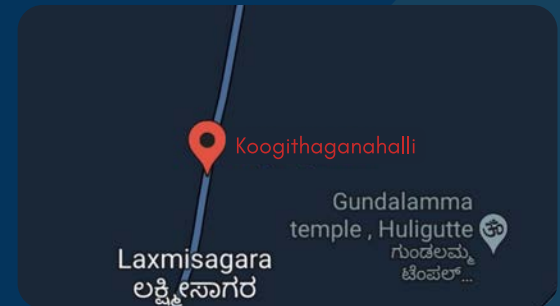
Triveni's dream growing up was to teach children. This inspired her to become an Open Learning Champion.

She used to play kabaddi growing up. Her favourite activity in the kit is badminton because it brings back old childhood memories of her playing with her friends.



"I am able to live out my dream of teaching children."

– Triveni



USHA RANI B.S.

LOCATION: BASAPURA



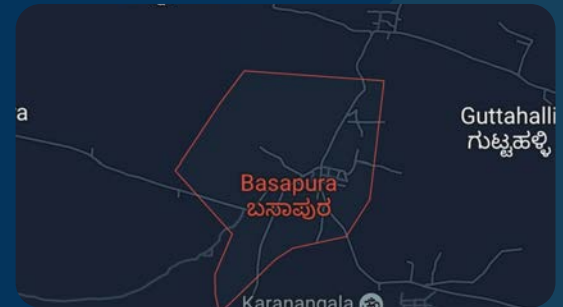
Usha Rani (18 years) is part of a family of 7 members. She is a first year student and is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Science. Her dream is to become a movie director. She hosts play sessions for the children on Sundays.

Since Usha Rani had always enjoyed being with children and teaching them, she decided to become an Open Learning Champion.

Growing up, her favourite games were chess and lagori. Her favourite activity in the kit is badminton. In her spare time, she writes poetry, plays games and watches funny videos online.

"The children used to hate Sundays. Now, they love them."

– Usha Rani



RAJITHA

LOCATION: A. UPARAHALLI



Rajitha (22 years) is married and part of a family of 10 members. She has completed her SSLC and is currently a homemaker. She hosts play sessions for the children on Sundays. Her dream is to live a long happy life with her family.

Rajitha agreed to become an Open Learning Champion after getting positive encouragement from her family to do so.

Growing up, her favourite game was kabadi, kho kho and volleyball. Her favourite activity in the kit is carrom. In her spare time, she likes socialising with her neighbours.

"The kids are so excited to play all the games."

- Rajitha



VARALAKSHMI

LOCATION: ANEPURA



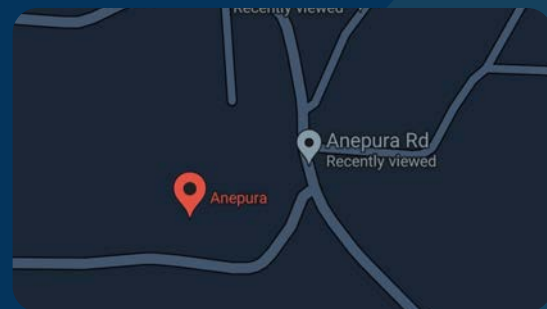
Varalakshmi (42 years) is married and part of a family of 4 members. She has completed her SSLC and is currently an Anganwadi helper. She hosts play sessions for the children on Sundays.

Varalakshmi had always wanted to buy play resources for the children in her community but was never able to due to her financial situation. Being given the opportunity to become an Open Learning Champion made her very happy as she was able to give these resources to her village children for free.

She used to play hide-and-seek growing up. Her favourite part of the kit is the cricket, badminton and music resources.

"It's nice to see even the parents coming to play with their children."

– Varalakshmi



VEENA M.

LOCATION: NAKKANAHALLI



Veena (26 years) is married and part of a family of 5 members. Her dream was to become a lecturer. She has completed her Bachelor's in Arts and currently works as a tailor. She hosts play sessions for the children on Sundays.

After becoming an Open Learning Champion, Veena was able to learn new games like carrom and throwball along with the children. She is happy to be an Open Learning Champion as she is able to provide an opportunity to play to children in her village.

Growing up, Veena loved to sing, dance and be part of a lot of skits. As part of being an Open Learning Champion, she helps the children discover their love for theatre. Her favourite part of the kit is the volleyball.



"I have an opportunity to help children develop their cognitive skills."

- Veena

VENKATA LAKSHMI H.M.

LOCATION: NALATHIMANAHALLI



Venkata Lakshmi (24 years) is married and part of a family of 6 members. She has completed her Pre-University and is currently a homemaker. Her dream job is to become a teacher. She hosts play sessions for the children on Saturdays and Sundays.

She became an Open Learning Champion to help out the village and provide a safe space for children to play.

Growing up, she enjoyed playing kabaddi. Her favourite part of the kit is the snakes and ladders game because she can sit and play. She likes drawing in her free time.



"The children get to know each other better and feel a sense of unity by playing together."

- Venkata Lakshmi



VENKATESH G.V.

LOCATION: GOLLALLI



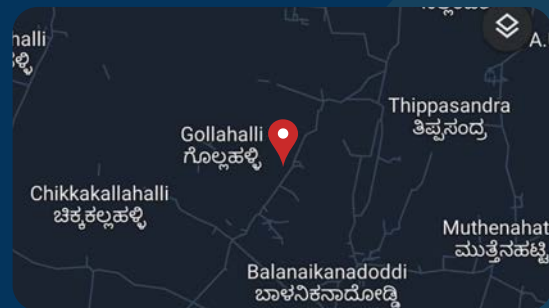
Venkatesh (25 years) is part of a family of 5 members. Venkatesh's dream growing up was to become a sportsman in either volleyball or cricket. He has completed his Bachelor's in Commerce and is currently looking for a job. He hosts play sessions for the children on Saturdays.

Venkatesh has gained a lot of respect from his community for his leadership abilities and achievements by overcoming the difficulties posed by his physical disability. He constantly strives to challenge himself and learn different games with the children.

Growing up, he liked playing kabaddi and cricket. However, he was barely ever picked on a team given his disability. Now, he gets to play every time with the children and loves the experience as much as they do.

"The program has given the children and me a new opportunity to do what we love."

- Venkatesh



VINEETHA K.

LOCATION: TEKAL



Vineetha (31 years) is married and part of a family of 7 members. She completed her Bachelor's in Science and is currently a terracotta artisan. She hosts play sessions for the children on Saturdays.

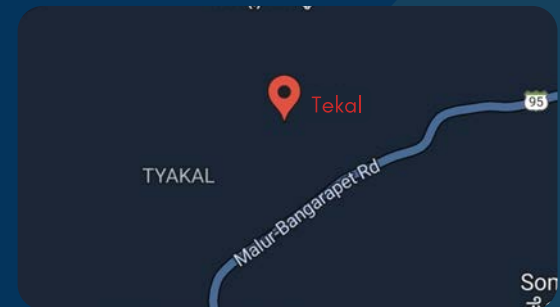
Vineetha joined as an Open Learning Champion to spend time and play with kids. She feels like this is a great platform for her to grow personally.

Growing up, she loved playing jenga and carrom. Her favourite activities as part of the kit are drawing, reading and badminton. She enjoys tailoring in her free time.



"The most interesting part of the kit is the story books. The children read the books on their own and then come tell me the stories."

- Vineetha



RATHNAMMA

LOCATION: HARALUR HSR



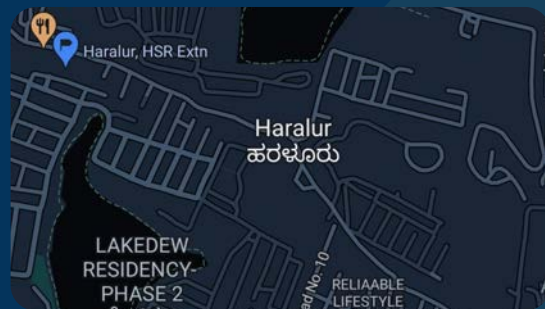
Rathnamma (30 years) is married and part of a family of 5 members. She has passed the 7th standard and is currently working as a maid. Her dream job growing up was to become an engineer and work at a government office. She hosts play sessions for the children on Sundays.

Rathanama was always passionate about helping children in her community. Due to financial constraints, she was not able to. Becoming an Open Learning Champion gave her the opportunity to make a difference to the lives of children in her community.

Growing up, she loved playing hopscotch and hide-and-seek. Her favourite activity in the kit is the tennikoit ring.

"Now the children can afford to play."

– Rathnama



NEELAVATHI

LOCATION: HARALUR HSR EXTN



Neelavathi (34 years) is married and part of a family of 4 members. She has no prior education and is currently a homemaker. She had always dreamed of becoming a doctor. She hosts play sessions for the children on Sundays.

Neelavathi felt a sense of responsibility towards the children in her area and became an Open Learning Champion in the hopes that the children are able to improve their knowledge and just have a good time.

She used to play hide-and-seek, hopscotch and kabadi growing up. Her favourite part of the kit is the badminton equipment because playing badminton reduces her level of stress.

"I hope that the children will learn a lot through the kit."
- Neelavathi



FEEDBACK FROM OUR CHILDREN



KAVYA
(Tekal)

"I come to play every week without fail."



CHARAN
(Yeluvaguli)

"I love playing badminton. I would not have got a chance to learn this game if not for Anu Akka's Tackle Kit."



CHETHANA AND NADITHA
(Kateri)

"We got to learn new games that we have never played before!"

FEEDBACK FROM OUR CHILDREN



NITHYASHREE

(Shyamalabande)

*"Thanks to all who
bring us toys.
WE ENJOY EVERYTHING!"*



ARCHANA

(Basapura)

*"My dream is to become a
badminton player. Now I am
able to practice. This will
help me achieve my dream."*



TEJAS

(Gollahalli)

*"We used to watch videos on
our mobile phone for fun. Now,
we enjoy ourselves playing with
all the materials in the kit."*

MEMORIES CAPTURED



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- Provide regular training and support systems for the Open Learning Champions hosting the Anu Akka's Tackle Kit.
- Expand the program to more geographic locations.

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