



Annual Report

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About Us

VConnect Foundation is a not-for-profit parent support group for children with hearing loss, and caters to families from diverse backgrounds and income levels. It is a supportive network for families of children who use listening and spoken language to communicate.

VConnect was founded in 2007 by Vahishtai J Daboo and Fatema Jagmaag, both of whom are parents and leading professionals in the field of hearing health. Vahishtai is a Listening and Spoken Language Specialist, Certified Auditory Verbal Therapist (LSLS Cert. AVT) and Trained in Narrative Practice. She has been practising in the field for over 20 years.

Fatema Jagmaag is a Senior Audiologist and Speech/Language Pathologist. She has been practising in the field for over 36 years and is associated with premium hospitals and institutions.

VConnect's purpose is to support, educate, empower, provide hope and guidance to parents in their journey to mainstream their children as successful contributing members of society. The purpose is achieved by creating platforms and networks for the holistic development of children.

Strength of VConnect Foundation

VConnect has over 1500 parents spread across various circles located across India and internationally. Our team comprises of a committed team of parent volunteers most of whom work in an honorary capacity and volunteer their time to the organisation..

VConnect has its presence in 10 tier 1 and tier 2 cities of India.

Mission, Vision and Focus Areas

Our vision and mission is to mainstream children with hearing loss by:

- providing hope and empowerment to their parents and primary caregivers
- co-creating an ecosystem that fosters a culture of inclusiveness

We have identified four key focus areas based on our mission and vision given below:

- 1) Education
- 2) Mental Health
- 3) Knowledge Hub
- 4) Advocacy

Based on these key focus areas several initiatives and programs are implemented and continue to be implemented by various VConnect teams as detailed in the activity report below. New programmes and initiatives were added as pilot programmes, based on the annual brainstorming activity, parent feedback and random survey done with parents across our circles.

Education

To integrate children into mainstream schools successfully.

Mainstream Guide

The VConnect mainstream guide was created with the purpose of mainstreaming children with hearing loss and is available for free download in four languages - English, Hindi, Gujarati and Marathi. It can be downloaded from the resource section of the VConnect website [Resources – VConnect Foundation](#)

Based on the needs from parents, selected videos of workshop were shared with families as follows:



18th July 2022, video by Fatema Jagmaag, Audiologist & Speech / Language Pathologist on Module 1 – **How We Hear** of our Mainstream Guide was shared with the families to enable them to learn from the webinar.

To know more and watch the webinar, click this link: https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXLAB-GH67violDn6b2tCTK_0KtJ1wLKP



27th July 2022, video by Vahishtai J Daboo, LSLS Cert. AVT, on Module 2 – **Preparing & Equipping for Mainstream** of our Mainstream Guide was shared with the families to enable them to learn from the webinar.

To know more and watch the webinar, click this link: <https://youtu.be/Ln120sFTHU>

Shiksha Series

The **Shiksha Series** is based on different aspects of **Academics & Education** and was conducted periodically by Dr. Mihir Parekh, Child Psychologist, Special Educator and an Author. The series covered the following topics:

1. Importance of Play
2. IQ & Memory Techniques
3. Thinking Skills



27 parents attended



32 parents attended



20 parents attended



Spoken English Classes for Children:

Based on the outcome of our year end brainstorming, there was a need by parents for support in Spoken English for their children. Ms. Mala Krishnan from Sujaya Foundation conducted an orientation session on 10th August 2022, where 32 parents attended the session. Regular sessions commenced from 21st November 2022 post the orientation, 6 days a week till 3rd February 2023.



AVT Home Programme:

Based on our annual brainstorming, parents expressed a need for AVT support. VConnect commenced a new programme, "AVT Home Programme", on June 21, 2022 to support the therapy needs of families to develop their child's listening and spoken language. The programme was conceptualised and conducted by Vahishtai J Daboo, LSLS Cert. AVT. Caregivers were divided into 3 age groups based on their child's age and stage, and sessions were then focussed based on their requirements. Caregivers reported that these sessions were of tremendous help to them to work with their children, especially for those families who do not have access to qualified Auditory Verbal Therapists.

Sessions Conducted:

1. Discussion of Children's Level based on videos sent by parents
2. Prerequisites of AVT Home Programme & Managing Expectations
3. Beginning Work at Home
4. Working with Your Child at Home
5. LMH Test - Importance & How its done
6. Developing Listening, Language & Cognition through Play
7. Importance of Play as an integral part of AVT
8. Importance of Books and Reading Aloud in AVT
9. Strategies & Techniques of AVT
10. Developing Theory of Mind

Orientation: 67 parents attended

Enrolled for the program: 28 parents

Feedback of AVT:

- 1) एवीटी सेशनसे काफी कुछ सखिने को मिला इससे हमे हमारे बच्चोको मेनस्ट्रीम में लाने के लिए मदद मिलेगी.

- Varsha Dongaonkar, parent of Shruti Dongaonkar, Marathwada Circle.

- 2) The way of elaborating the subject was excellent. Content was really good.

- John Topno, parent of Arnav Topno, Navi Mumbai.

- 3) The sessions were very good, the VConnect team as always did an amazing job from formulating the content to provide the context and then knowledge to parents. Throughout the sessions the empathy from the team was visible. The content and the topics were amazing.

- Kanti Fernandes, parent of Alrisha Jiya Fernandes

Mental Health

To nurture the mental health of caregivers and children.

The Mental Health team uses the Narrative Practice Approach to support and nurture the mental health of families through Parent Peer Support Sessions and Fun Club Sessions for parents and teenagers to bond and have fun through fun activities. Teenage Support Sessions were also conducted during the summer holidays for teenagers to enable them to bond and share with their peers in a safe space.

Parent Peer Support Sessions

Parent Peer Support Sessions are conducted every third Saturday of the month. They are conducted under the guidance of our Mental Health Director, Ms. Anisa Lalani (MA, Clinical Psychology), along with the Mental Health Facilitators, Ms. Ayesha Khan, Ms. Pina Chowdhary, Ms. Mahek Balwani, Ms. Rashmi Chutke, Ms. Roshni Shah, Ms. Ankita Mishra and Ms. Manju Kadam. These sessions are conducted in English and in Hindi.



10 members attended



11 members attended



4 members attended



8 members attended



4 members attended



Fun Club

Fun Club workshops are a safe space where all the members of the family can attend the session. This gives them an opportunity to de-stress and unwind. These workshops are conducted on every first Saturday of the month.



11 members attended



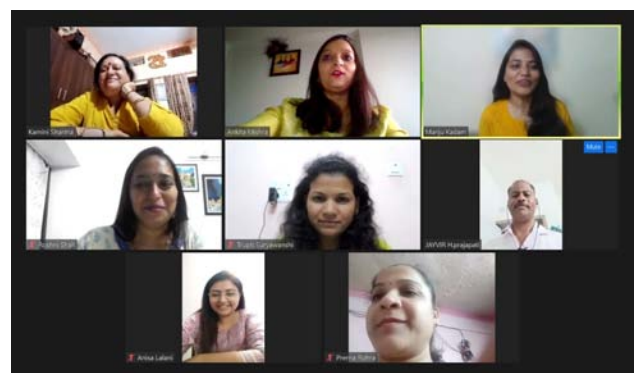
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18 members attended



8 members attended



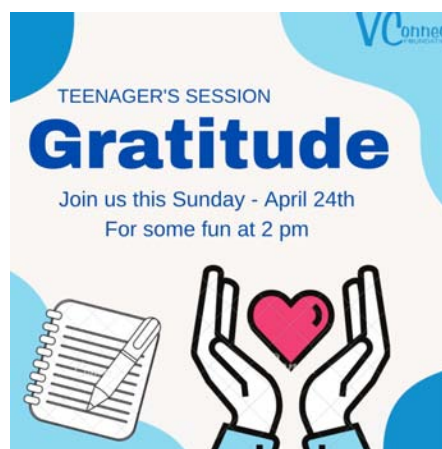
Teenager Support Sessions



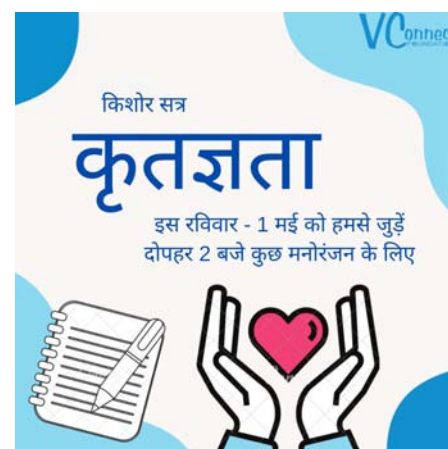
VConnect recognised the need to support the mental health of teenagers and started Teenager Peer Support Sessions from 11th April 2022. These sessions are conducted by Aashi Doshi, Nupur Chowdhary and Jehan VJ Daboo under the guidance and supervision of the Mental Health Team. The intention and focus is to enable the teenagers to be able to speak up for themselves, feel more confident about themselves and their abilities and to build up a better self concept for themselves. The idea stemmed from the fact that we know the pandemic has not been easy on teenagers with hearing loss as it's led to isolation and loss of confidence in themselves and their communication skills. The sessions had a lot of interaction, fun activities, sharing of thoughts, ideas and information. They were conducted during the summer holidays in 2 languages: English and Hindi.



3rd April 2022



24th April 2022



1st May 2022

These sessions were attended by **13 teenagers**.

Knowledge Hub

To disseminate knowledge to caregivers and professionals for the holistic development of the child.

Knowledge and information are provided on a vast array of subjects that are of importance to the caregiver and to professionals, helping them take necessary steps for the holistic development of their children. The Knowledge Hub consists of the following - Vidya Series, Educational Theme Based Activities and The Music Programme

Vidya Series

Sessions conducted by experts around the holistic development of children, focusing on different areas of the child's development have been conducted over the last two years. We have made these workshops accessible for all families and view them periodically based on their needs. These sessions have all been uploaded on YouTube for easy access for all. Please click on <https://www.youtube.com/vconnectfoundation> to view them.

Educational Theme Based Activities

Theme Based Activities which are creative, educational and fun for families are conducted regularly on all our whatsapp circles. These activities are related to festivals, special occasions and national holidays, and are posted on all our circles. This gives families an opportunity to provide new vocabulary and rich language to their children by exploring new innovative ideas with their children and creating something special with them. This is headed by Ms. Arpita Kanzarkar, a parent volunteer who has become an integral part of VConnect Foundation. This is overseen by our Programme Director, Ms. Behroze Billimoria. These activities were posted as follows:

- **On 2nd April 2022, Activity for Gudi Padwa:**

A new hope, a new beginning and a new dream is willing to unfold. Celebrate Gudi Padwa by making greeting cards and talking about the importance of this festival.

- **On 13th April 2022, Activity for Ambedkar Jayanti:**

Did you know "Waiting for a Visa" a 20-page autobiographical story was written by a great economist, educationist and the chief architect of the Indian Constitution, Dr B R Ambedkar and this book is used as a textbook in the Columbia University. 14 April is celebrated as Ambedkar Jayanti every year. Let's read some more facts about the Father of the Constitution of India.

- **On 15th April 2022, Activity for Easter:**

It's such a hopeful time of year, and we wish you a very Happy Easter.

This Easter bunny activity is a wonderful way to have your kids be involved in the process and enhance their motor skills as well as their imagination.

Make your hopping bunny and share your photos with us.

- **On 22nd April 2022, Activity for EARTH DAY:**

This activity is just a simple activity with paper and some colours but a lot to talk about. For younger kids it's a good craft to talk about colours, shapes and planet names. For older kids this activity is useful to talk more about the Solar System, planets and how we can contribute to save our Mother Earth. Discuss this topic and share your ideas along with craft with us.

- **On 5th May 2022, Summer Activity Hill Activity Set 1:**

Get ready for a whole summer packed with fun and excitement.

This month some fulfilled activities will be posted every week. Try out any 3 activities at home, post a photo of each and earn your child a certificate from Vconnect Foundation.

1. Spinning Paper Cup Toy: Cut a paper cup in a way to make it look like the Sun, colour it, insert a toothpick and enjoy spinning your Spinning Toy.

2. Tisco Tape Rainbow: Make a frame by using cardboard, stick Tisco Tape or any transparent plastic, draw a rainbow and enjoy the colourful shadow of it by using some light.

3. Popsicle Sticks Puzzle: Take a print or draw any picture of your choice, stick it on popsicle sticks by using Tisco Tape, cut it along the sides of the stick, and mix and solve the puzzle.

4. Sticky Frame: Stick some Tisco Tape on a frame made from cardboard, place leaves and flowers on the sticky side of it and have your own crafty frame.

- **On 13th May 2022, Summer Activity Hill Activity set 2:**

Tired of looking for new games to play with your kids??

Check this out.

Kids always love to play games that get them moving, whether it is hide and seek or freeze tag. So let's blend yoga and play together and make a fun game out of it.

Download these flash cards of yoga poses and try those with your kids.

- **On 21st May 2022, Summer Activity Hill Activity set 3:**

"Stop watching your phone now"

"No. Let me watch for some more time please"

Does this conversion happen at your place too???

Best thing we can give our kids is our time. Time spent together will build memories and will be remembered even when kids are grown up. Some fun activities shown here are performed by using simple things like paper cups, balls, bowls and papers.

Use these creative activities for the whole family to create a jar of fun things to do at home, then pull them out when boredom strikes.

- **On 27th May 2022. Summer Activity Hill:**



Activity for developing Language:

- Take a box and make two holes on it.
- Put any toy inside.
- Ask kid to put hands through holes, touch the toy and explain how it feels.

This activity gives many opportunities to expand your child's vocabulary and knowledge of concepts.

Eg: hard/soft, solid/liquid, big/small, shapes, animals and a lot more. Take photos of the process to describe what happens afterwards.

- **On 19th June 2022, Father's Day Activity**

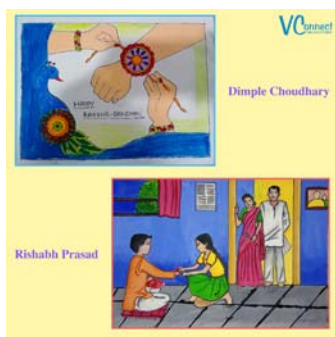


Celebrating Festivals through Fun Mela:



August was a month of many festivals. Children were encouraged to create different art and craft activities related to the festivals throughout the month and post their art on their respective VConnect circles.

- **Rakshabandhan Activities created by the children:**



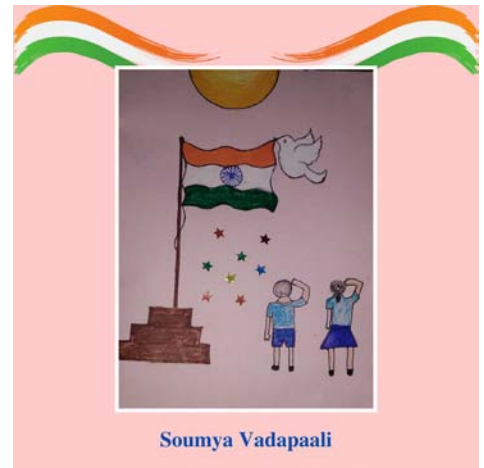
- **Independence Day Activity**, the following was posted:

Independence Day is just around the corner and this year we will be celebrating the 75th year of being independent. Let's celebrate this day with engaging and fun activities that can be done together as a family. Along with the one shown in above video try some of the following activities this Independence day:

1. Indian Tricolor Flag Badge Making
2. Independence Day PaperCraft
3. Independence Day Bookmarks Making
4. Indian Flag Craft
5. Tricolor Paper Wall Hanging
6. Tricolor Rangoli Decoration
7. Tricolor Dish Making
8. Tricolor Paper Kite Making

Do share photo of your activities with us
Let your spirits fly high with the Indian flag.

- Independence Day Activities created by the children:



- Christmas:



We posted some ideas for Christmas decoration.

Check out following links for more details.

- 1) <https://youtu.be/0HObRSIgKr4>
- 2) https://youtu.be/7_FXhgDD_3E
- 3) https://youtu.be/Wb9F_PGYWVY
- 4) <https://youtu.be/KJGGmHfCL50>
- 5) <https://youtu.be/TrMBc8Z3Ovk>
- 6) <https://youtu.be/RsgZ1mAlpVM>
- 7) <https://youtu.be/GlB3JtA4fdA>
- 8) <https://youtu.be/B2af9VkEwZw>
- 9) <https://youtu.be/P54oi2y00fo>

Children's Videos

Sharing of children's videos encourages them and other children to aspire and reach their levels of competence. In this endeavour we have shared some videos during the festive season.



A video was created by some of our children to wish everyone in the VConnect family a very Happy Diwali.



A video was created by some of our children to wish everyone in the VConnect family a Merry Christmas.

Republic Day Activity - 26th Jan 2023



Music Programme

Music enables children with hearing loss to enhance their listening skills. They learn to listen to the finer nuances of music, enabling better listening skills, which in turn enables the child to develop better speech and language. Together, these skills aid in better social emotional development, leading to better literacy and academic skills. Songs introduce and reinforce new vocabulary and syntax; they have a lot of repetition which is very essential for children with hearing loss to learn language. Music is a prevalent and engaging part of everyday life, it gives children pleasure and improves the quality of life of children.

- VConnect Foundation in collaboration with **Sound Space** conducts weekly music sessions for children up to 12 years. Sessions are conducted once a week in two groups, Hindi and English.



9 children are regularly attending music sessions.

- On 13th June, 2022, Ayaan Ali, 6 years old, singing an audio note was posted on all our whatsapp circles:- Ek Mota haathi...jhum ke chala. This audio was appreciated by our children and parents.

Music Session Feedback

My daughter, Ayushi, attends the music sessions very happily. She gets to learn many new words and her vocabulary has improved. This is really very good for the children. I thank VConnect Foundation.

- Rajani Nagotra, parent of Ayushi Nagotra, 9 years, Pune Circle

My son's cochlear implant was one in 2019. After a few days of therapy due to COVID 19, his therapy stopped. We participated in the music sessions organised by VConnect Foundation. The music sessions are very good and I have seen improvement in my child. Children get to learn new words, new songs which help in developing clarity of speech. It is very necessary for our children to attend music classes. I thank the VConnect team and Kamakshi for conducting these sessions.

- Amruta Chincholkar, parent of Arnav Chincholkar, 4 years, Vidarbha Circle

Hamare Adhikar / Our Rights

Hamare Adhikar/Our Rights series led by Ms. Jigna Sanchania. She and her team had researched and put together a series of topics ranging from rights, benefits, concessions that families can avail in Education, Income Tax and the different Travel Concessions, Right to Education, how to make the UDID Card, where can one go and how can one avail of these services, this is all shared with the families in the different workshops conducted. There are different Statewise concessions and benefits, rules and regulations, all of this is well documented and shared to make the process of availing these benefits smoother and easier for the families. All the resource material is created in four languages - Hindi, Gujarati, Marathi and English and is available in the resource section of the VConnect website Resources – VConnect Foundation

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VConnect

For Parents & Caregivers of Children with Hearing Loss

TAX BENEFIT & TRAVEL CONCESSION

WHEN	SPEAKER	KEY TAKEAWAY
Saturday, 27th August 2022 4:00 to 5:00 PM	Jigna Sanchania VConnect Facilitator (Rights, Concessions and Benefits)	General Tax Benefit Travel Concession - Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan.

Registration Compulsory

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On 27th August 2022, a webinar was conducted by Ms. Jigna Sanchania on **Tax Benefits** provided to parents of children with disability and **Travel Benefits** provided by the government in the States of Maharashtra, Gujarat and Rajasthan.

This session was attended by **28** parents.

Voices of VConnect

Aashi Doshi, our 17 year old student volunteer who has been interning with us for over 2 years, has started a new project called Voices of VConnect. These are short stories of children, teenagers and young adults with hearing loss and their families who are part of the VConnect Foundation family. This new initiative was taken by Aashi with the intention to empower children, parents and caregivers, and to bring out their experiences and success stories to the world giving hope and encouragement to other parents and children.

Stories featured are as follows:



- 13th August 2022, is the story of our VConnect Co-Founder & Managing Trustee, Vahishtai J Daboo, LSLS Cert. AVT.

- 11th September 2022, is the story of our Co-Founder and Trustee, Fatema Jagmaag, Audiologist & Speech/Language Pathologist.
- 15th October 2022, is the story of our Trustee, Purvee Parekh, Philanthropist.
- 2nd December 2022, is the story of Aashi Doshi, student volunteer with VConnect Foundation.
- 28th December 2022, is the story of Bhagyashree Mohan, a member of the VConnect Community.

The link to view the stories: <https://vconnectfoundation.org/voices-of-vconnect/>

New Initiatives:

- 1) **Accessibility of VConnect Services:** We are working on a project along with a volunteer from TATA ProEngage, to make our work more accessible to the end users who are the caregivers, teenagers, young adults and professionals.
- 2) **Directory of Services** - A directory of services is being created by the VConnect team. The google form to collect information needed has been created and circulated amongst the professional stakeholders and the data has already started coming in.
- 3) **Database of Charitable Organisations** - A part of the advocacy pillar, Ramu Vadapalli under the guidance of Fatema Jagmaag, is working on creating and validating the database of charitable organisations who support families of children with hearing loss.
- 4) **Report Writing & Newsletter Creation** - Meeting on 6th Aug 2022, to understand how to better our skills at report writing and create newsletters. We had successfully sent out our first newsletter on 31st January 2023.
- 5) **Self Advocacy Videos** - A team is working on creating videos that will help our children advocate for themselves.
- 6) **Step By Step Guide** - This is the brainchild of Jigna Sanchania and her team, and the same is being set up under the guidance of Fatema Jagmaag.

- 7) **Career Guidance & Job Opportunities** - We have collaborated with Atypical Advantage which is India's largest inclusive platform that provides job opportunities for people with Disabilities. VConnect Foundation is closely working with them to help provide job opportunities to children with hearing loss. They have shared their job requirements with VConnect Foundation. Those who wish to avail this opportunity can look at the details and apply. This initiative is headed by Mr. Jamshed K Daboo. He has researched, sourced and collaborated with Atypical Advantage that will be able to help our young adults secure white collar jobs.
- 8) **Teenage Support Sessions to Build Confidence** - This initiative was spearheaded by Nupur Chowdhary, Bapsy Patel and the Mental Health Team. The conceptualisation of the programme has been done and the implementation will start soon, post an orientation with teenagers and their families.

Events Conducted:

Childrens Day Celebration, 13th November 2022



XYZ Foundation collaborated with VConnect Foundation to celebrate Children's Day on 13th November. The XYZ children wanted to interact with children from VConnect, and this was done by playing traditional Indian Games. The session was for children of both NGOs aged 5 to 15 years. The session was conducted by older children along with volunteers, where traditional Indian Games were played for the VConnect children. Their volunteers facilitated a session between their children and ours. Together, the 5 to 15 year olds played Indian games during the session to mark Children's Day.

Walkathon for creating Awareness about New Born Hearing Screening



On 3rd December, 2022, International Day of Persons with Disability, Aaroh organised a walkathon in collaboration with VConnect Foundation, Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC) and Everest Cycling Culture (ECC) to advocate Universal Newborn Hearing Screening.

VCONNECT 16th ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

VConnect Annual Day - Sports Day Mumbai Circle

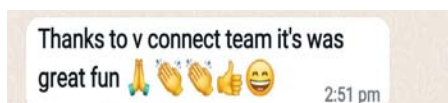
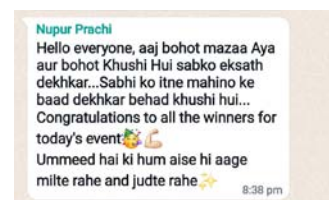
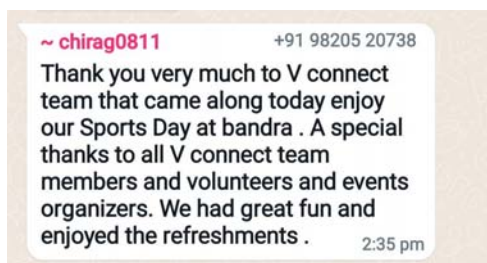
The VConnect Foundation's 16th Annual Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm on the 22nd January, 2023, in Mumbai. It was celebrated by conducting a Sports Day at the Bai Avabai Petit School Sports Ground. This event included different events for all age groups of children, parents and volunteers. The winners were given medals and certificates. Every child who participated received a certificate of participation. Gifts were donated by Ms. Purvee Parekh. This event was a huge success!

The VConnect committee members who were part of this event were Vahishtai J Daboo, Fatema Jagmaag, Bapsy Patel, Jamshed K Daboo and Behroze Billimoria. Our volunteers from the VConnect Team were Ramu Vadapallai, Pina Chowdhary, Anushka Kapadia, Jyoti Chudasama, Almas Khan, Nupur Chowdhary and Visha Vishwanathan who helped with the sports day. Mr. Suresh Yadav, a sports teacher and parent along with the Boot Camp by the Bay team - Rustom Warden, Vidhi Chainani, Ryna Contractor and Jehan Daboo conducted the event. Drivit Samani, Aashil Umralla, Bharat Chimnani and Vidya Tajani, who are our older children helped the team.



Attended by 41 families - total 121 parents and children

Feedback by Parents -



Feedback Mumbai Sports Day

This event was fantastic because many parents met each other and shared their problems and they gave solutions. Require offline sessions about our children's improvement like they are normal but still they are facing a lot of challenges while talking to others due to lack of confidence.

- Chirag Shah, parent of Prajna Shah, 9 years, Bandra to Dahisar Circle

Very good efforts put up by the VConnect Foundation. Keep motivating and continue such events in future for more bonding with each other.

- *Manisha Jain, parent of Dhvaj Jain, 11 years, South Mumbai Circle*

नमस्ते मेरा वैशाली सावंत है। मेरे बेटे का नाम वघ्नेश सावंत वह 13 साल का है 7वीं कक्षा में पढ़ता है। हम मुंबई में रहते हैं। वघ्नेश जब 2 साल का था 2011 में उसका काक्लियर ईमप्लान्ट हुआ था। हम वीकनेक्ट फाउंडेशन से 2016 में जुड़े थे, लगभग 8 साल हो गए हमने ज्वाइन किया। वीकनेक्ट फाउंडेशन में वह शिताई मेडम और फातेमा जगमग मेडम हम सबके लिए सपोर्ट सिस्टम है। हम पेरेंट्स के लिए नई सकारात्मक ऊर्जा है। वीकनेक्ट फाउंडेशन के बारे में कहने के लिए बहुत कुछ है। वीकनेक्ट टीम हमारे लिए बहुत कुछ एक्टिविटी आयोजित करते हैं जैसे की मेंटल हेल्थ वर्कशॉप, इयरिंग ड्राइव पर वर्कशॉप, काक्लियर ड्राइव की जानकारी के बारे में वर्कशॉप, स्पोर्ट यद और भी एक्टिविटी में ज्वाइन करना चाहिए। हमारे फायदे के लिए और भी कुछ सखिने मिलती है। ज्वाइन करना जरूरी है। हमारी भागती दौड़ती जदिगी में चार्ज होना बहुत जरूरी है और हमें वीकनेक्ट फाउंडेशन इस सब चीजों में चार्ज करते हैं। वीकनेक्ट टीम हमें बहुत सपोर्ट करती है। मेरे से यही नविदन है कि जो कोई नए पेरेंट्स है वे वीकनेक्ट फाउंडेशन को ज्वाइन करें, हमें हमेशा सपोर्ट करते रहेंगे और हम भी करेंगे। धन्यवाद।

- *Vaishali Sawant, parent of Vighanesh Sawant, 13 years, Central Circle*

VConnect Annual Day - Vidarbha Talent Show

The VConnect Vidarbha Circle celebrated the Annual Day with a Talent Show which was a unique platform where each and every child could showcase their skills and express themselves. There was singing, poetry recitation, dance performances and display of children's artwork. The Guest of Honour was Ms. Neelu Somani. The show was organised by Anisa Lalani, Ayesha Khan, Mahek Balwani and Rashmi Chutke.



25 families attended (80 people)

Feedback Vidarbha Talent Show

बहुत बढ़िया आयोजन था जिसमें अनुभवी मातापिता द्वारा बहुत ही उपयोगी जानकारी मिली VConnect टीम द्वारा आयोजित कार्यक्रम में विभिन्न विषयों पर चर्चा हुई बच्चों द्वारा एक से बढ़कर एक प्रस्तुतियां दी गई सभी ने अपने अपने अनुभव बाटे भविष्य में शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में होने वाले कुछ प्रश्नों को ध्यान देने के लिए VConnect टीम के लिए सुझाव भी दिए टीम के मुख्य मार्गदर्शक अनंशा जी आयेशा जी महकजी रश्मिजी सभी ने आयोजन की बहुत अच्छी व्यवस्था की और अंत में बहुत स्वादपिठ भोजन की व्यवस्था थी.... आप सभी का बहुत बहुत धन्यवाद.

ऐसे आयोजन होते रहे और भविष्य में हमारे मुख्य ट्रस्टी दाबूजी और फातेमा जगमग जी से नविदन करूँगी कि आपसे मिलने का मौका मिले आपका मार्गदर्शन हो और ऐसे आयोजन होते रहे.

- *Ajay, parent of Arnav, 5 years, Vidarbha Circle*

Extraordinary Motivation to parenthood and Social motivation to children.

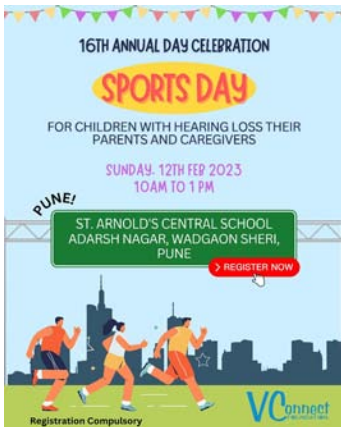
- *Kishor Ghode, parent of Kaivalya Ghode, 7 years, Vidarbha Circle*

VConnect Annual Day - Sports Day Pune Circle

On 12th February 2023, VConnect celebrated Sports Day for Pune Circle families. It was a morning full of fun and games where the children and parents participated. They had some obstacle races for the children and many activities like Hurdle Race, Musical Chairs for kids and parents. The grand finale, Zumba session was thoroughly enjoyed by all dancing to the music. It was a day filled with enthusiasm and memories to cherish.

The Guests of Honour were Dr. Neelam Vaid, eminent ENT Surgeon; KEM Hospital Pune and Smt. Pratima Ghadge, wife of DCP Shri Srinivas Ghadge, Pune.

The event was organised at St. Arnold's Central School. The Pune team ambassadors, Manju Kadam and Ankita Mishra organised the entire event and Vahishtai J Daboo attended this event in Pune.



13 Families attended (36 people)

Feedback Pune Sports Day

It was very good and we thank you to Vconnect and Team for taking this effort. It was a helpful function to our children. Pl make it more as our children need it more.

- *Ravi Kumar Baranwal, parent of Shivesh Baranwal, 11 years, Pune Circle*

It was an amazing event, the VConnect team was really helpful, and I felt really well meeting all other parents and kids. The VConnect team is amazing and I can't even think of any improvements.

- *Juned Memon, parent of Jishan Memon, 12 years, Pune Circle*

Job Placement:

We are happy to share that we were able to help Ms. Shraddha Vasa, secure a job as a Data Scientist at 'Lightning Logistics' and joined the organisation on 6th July, 2022. She went through the entire process of being called for an on-site interview to Bangalore, followed by 2 rounds of project submissions and an online interview. We are delighted at her success and wish Shraddha great success in her work. Please join us in congratulating Ms. Shraddha Vasa and her proud parents!

Support and Donations:

VConnect Foundation Audiology Clinic, Supported by Areez Khambatta Benevolent Trust:

VConnect Foundation is delighted to announce the opening of the VConnect Foundation Audiology Clinic, supported by the Areez Khambatta Benevolent Trust. The clinic has the entire test battery of the latest state of the art equipment for testing hearing loss from Newborn babies to Senior Citizens. It is situated in the premises of Shankh Cochlear Implant Clinic at Sion, Mumbai and provide the following services:



- Audiometry
- Impedance Audiometry
- Oto Acoustic Emission (OAE)
- BERA
- VRA
- Speech Audiometry
- Cochlear Implant Switch On & Mapping
- BAHA counselling and Fitting
- Hearing Aid Fitting & Programming

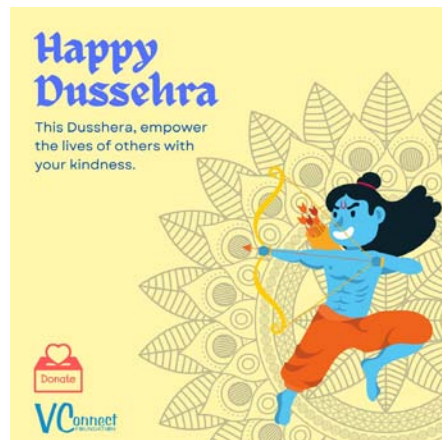
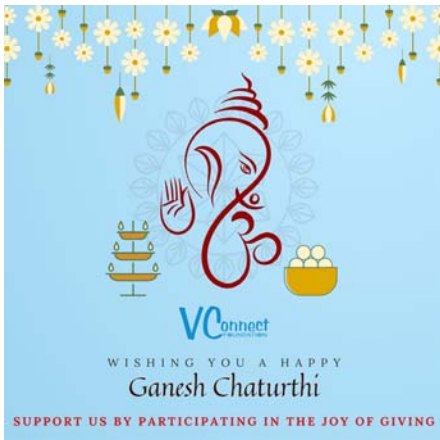
Donation towards Hearing Devices

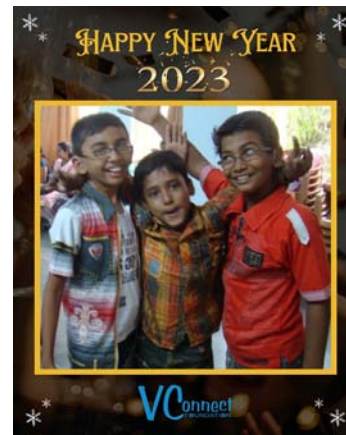
We were able to support 10 children towards repair of cochlear implant processors, cochlear implant accessories and hearing aid.

We thank our donors for their continuous support and generous donations which enables us to support and empower our families through our various activities and initiatives.

Donation drive during the year:

All our activities run on the support and donation of family, friends, supporters, philanthropists and donors. Different social media campaigns are created regularly to raise awareness about our work and support towards the cost of hearing aids, cochlear implants, maintenance of cochlear implants, upgrades of cochlear implants and general support to run the organisation.





World Hearing Day 2023

Every year, on 3rd March 2023, a campaign is organised by WHO to raise awareness on how to prevent hearing loss and promote hearing care across the globe.



At VConnect we celebrated World Hearing Day, on 3rd March, 2023, and during the month. The World Hearing Day aims to raise awareness on how to prevent deafness and hearing loss and to promote ear and hearing care across the world.

VConnect celebrated it by conducting various activities like:

1. Sharing Do's & Don't of Ear & Hearing Care for All.
2. Activities were conducted where children got an opportunity to create something around the theme of Ear and Hearing Care.
3. Our VConnect Champions were Honoured for their achievements in various areas!

VConnect Foundation raised awareness this year by the following activities throughout the month:



Date: 5th March 2023

Taking care of your ears is crucial to avoid hearing problems!

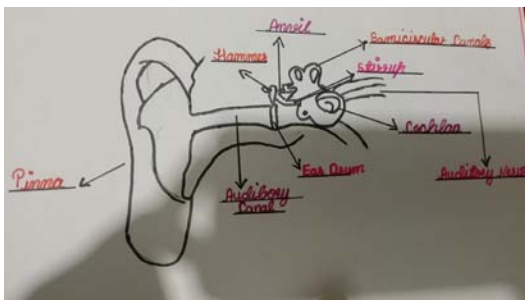
Follow some of these important Do's & Don'ts to maintain healthy hearing.



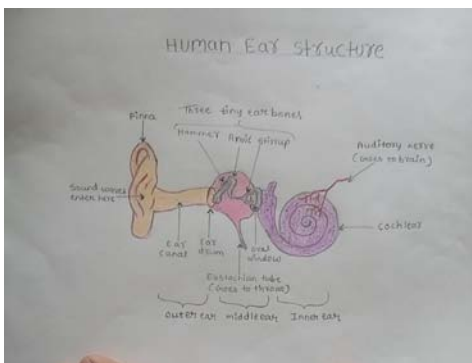
Children's Creative.

Topics for the same are:(for Reference)

1. Draw a picture of an ear and label the parts.
2. Write an essay about how you can take care of your ears and how children and adults can take care of their hearing.
3. Prepare a poster and explain the hearing system and/or how children and adults can take care of their hearing.



Ear & Hearing Care, Ayesha Pathan.



Preetiksha Chowdhary

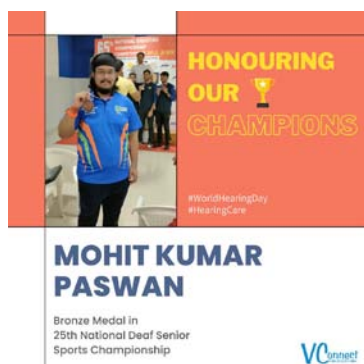


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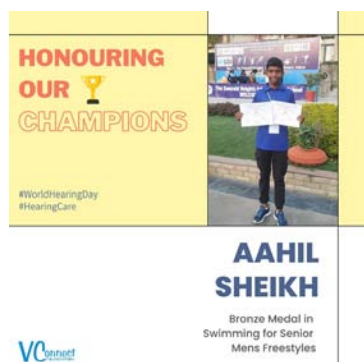


Poem by Rushna Kharti

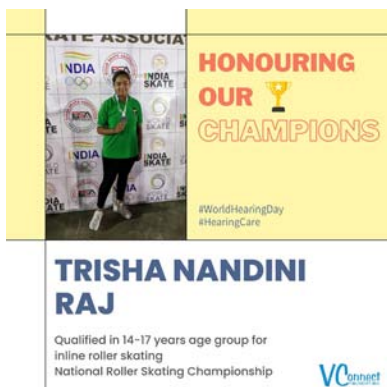
HONOURING OUR CHAMPIONS



Mohit is a 10m rifle shooter. Last year he won the bronze medal in the 65th National Shooting Championship in the Deaf Category which was held at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. He also secured the bronze medal in the 25th National Deaf Senior Sports Championship in Indore this year. Congratulations to Mohit, we're beyond happy to have you as a part of the VConnect Family.



A proud moment for Goans as 13 year old Aahil Sheikh from Bicholim wins 2 bronze medals in swimming for Senior Men's Freestyle, 400m & 200m.



After placing 2nd while representing Bihar, Trisha qualified to participate in the inline roller skating, 14-17 age group, in the National Roller Skating Championship late last year.



Our next champion swims like a fish! Late last year Ali Muhammad participated in district level inter-school swimming competition where he placed first in 200m & 50m freestyle, as well as in 400m medley.

He started this year on a high note by ranking 5th in Swimathon '23 in sea swimming, Porbandar, Gujarat. After participating in Krida Mahotsav Chandrapur, he secured a Gold in 100m butterfly & silver in 1,500m freestyle and 400m individual medley. He has also earned the Chandrapur Ratna Award for Sport Achievement.



Vibhu Tyagi had the opportunity to participate and play Golf in the 36th National Games held in Gujarat last year.

VConnect Foundation congratulates you and is so proud to showcase your achievement.



Abhi Chohan's hard work and determination helped him become a Chartered Accountant.



Kajal Sonwale has successfully graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce degree.



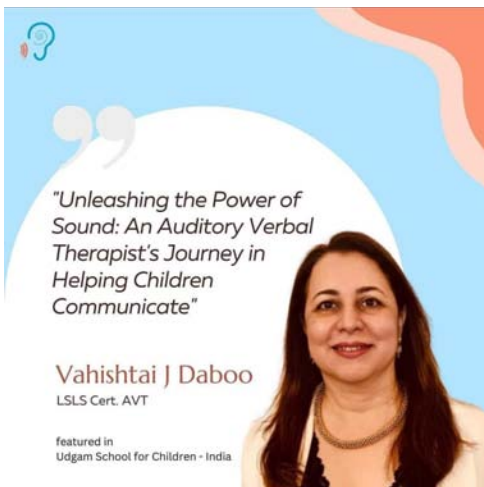
Malhar Deshpande is a music enthusiast. Hearing loss did not deter him from learning to play tabla.

Creating Awareness



Featured in Parsi Times - Community News Paper.

On the occasion of World Hearing Day, 3rd March, 2023, a Hearing Camp was conducted in Panvel, by Vahishtai J. Daboo & Fatema Jagmaag the Co-Founders of VConnect Foundation.



Our Co-Founder and Managing Trustee, Vahishtai J Daboo, was featured in Udgam School for Children - India!

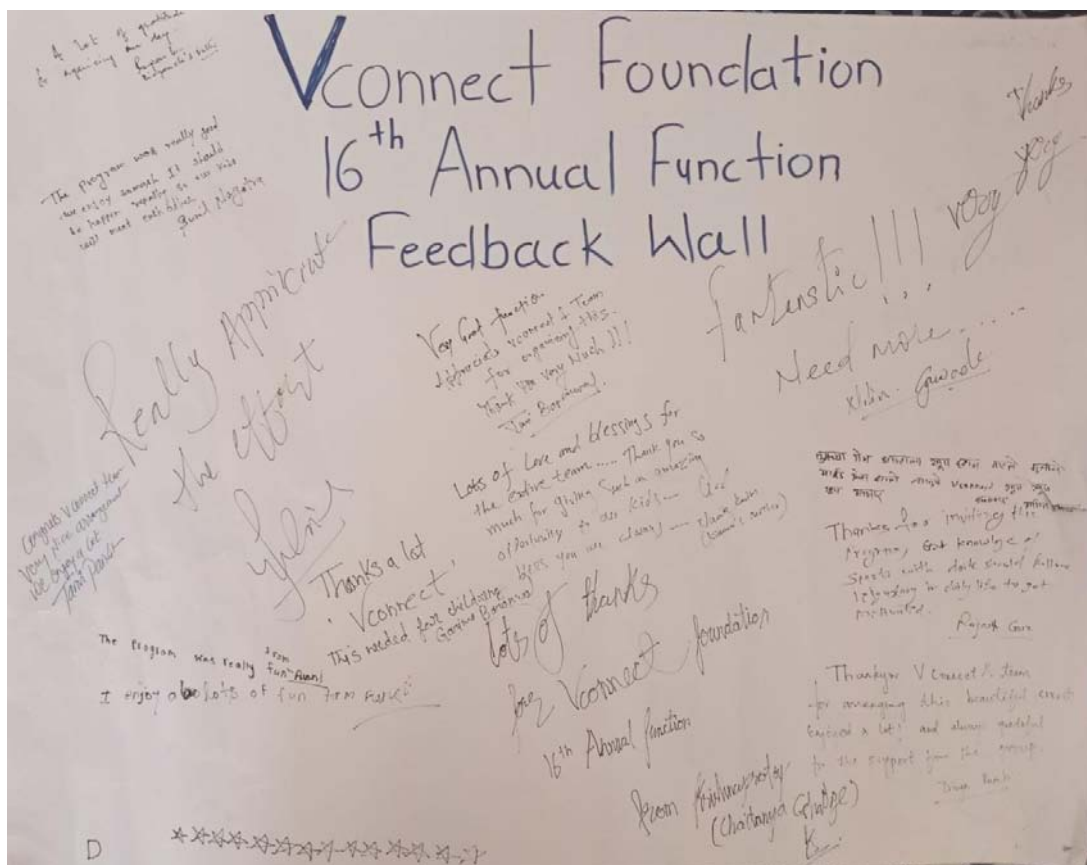
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The entire team at VConnect would like to extend their thanks to all the donors, supporters and CSR partners who have supported in big and small ways. Each of your support enables us to have a community at VConnect that is constantly getting strengthened through your support! Thank you!!!

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YOUR SUPPORT!

At VConnect we really want to make a difference to the lives of thousands of children with hearing impairment in and around India in our endeavour to successfully mainstream them at all levels.

All donations to VConnect Foundation are 50% exempt from tax under section 80G of the Income Tax Act.

Cheques & Demand Drafts to be made in the name of 'VConnect Foundation'

Direct online fund transfers details are as under:

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Savings Account

Account Number: 3014605126

Bank details: Central Bank of India, Colaba Causeway Branch, Mumbai

IFSC CODE: CBIN0281407

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A/c: VConnect Foundation

Savings Account

Account Number: 40274065525

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NCT of Delhi 110001

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The VConnect Organisation

VConnect is driven by a strong team of professionals, parents and volunteers whose commitment, expertise and dedication are the core reason for our success. They are:

Trustees

Vahishtai J Daboo – Co-Founder and Managing Trustee

Fatema Jagmaag – Co-Founder and Trustee

Purvee Parekh - Trustee

Principal Advisor

Jamshed K Daboo

Legal Advisor

Rhia Marshall

Executive Committee Members

Bapsy Patel

Mala Chadha

Programme Coordinator

Behroze Billimoria

Mental Health Director

Anisa Lalani

Mental Health Coordinator

Zoha Ali & Ayesha Khan

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Coordinator

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Legal Status: Charitable Trust

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