



LEADING TO A

DEAFNESS-MUKT FUTURE

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TARA FOUNDATION

EMPOWERING THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED

Tara Foundation is registered under the Bombay Public Trust Act 1950:E/2365/Gandhinagar

ABOUT US

Tara Foundation is a charitable trust devoted to help children who are suffering with hearing disability whose parents cannot afford medical assistance. Our activities focus on identifying children with hearing disabilities, providing rehabilitation and helping them to integrate into normal world.

Since its inception in 2016, Tara Foundation has rehabilitated over 415 children moving at a quick pace towards a DEAFNESS-MUKT-SOCIETY.



WORDS OF OUR PATRON

In Gujrat, where every year 1000 children are born with hearing disabilities, Tara Foundation is doing a commendable job addressing an issue that went unnoticed in the society until now. Children across Gujarati do not receive medical treatment on time due to lack of awareness, hence their future is put at stake. Tara Foundation is growing at a quick pace. I am confident that in 8 Years down the line, we would have a deafness free Society in the state. They have the support from me and I wish them all the success in achieving their mission.



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OUR ROADMAP: FOR A DEAFNESS-MUKT GUJARAT

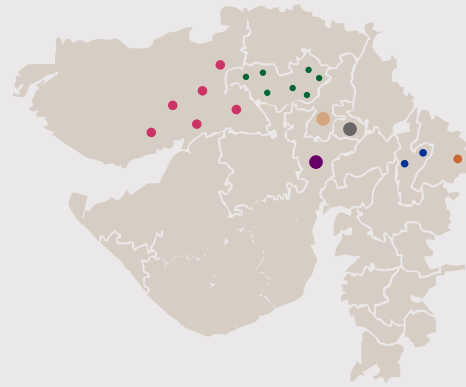
With the support of its team members and donors, Tara Foundation is constantly growing. In the coming years we aim for...

A School for the early intervention to mainstream hearing impaired kids (opening on 1st July 2018, ff-1, parth Indraprasth tower, Nr. alpha Mall, vastrapur)

Commence Dhwani on Wheels in five districts within



Tara Foundation marks its presence in government and private hospitals and ICUs in Patan, Kutch and in Godhra too as :-



● Ahmedabad

Apple Hospital
Apollo Hospital
Somya Hospital
Synergy Hospital
Babycare Hospital
MayFlower Hospital
Zeel Hospital
Om Hospital
Motherwood Hospital
Orange Hospital
Rajani Hospital
GCS Hospital

● In Kutch

Khilol Hospital ,Ghandhidham
Tanmay Hospital, Ghandhidham.
Bhuj Civil Hospital
Anjar Civil Hospital
Ghandhidham Civil Hospital
Mandvi Civil Hospital.

● In Patan

Santalpur Civil Hospital,
Thomda Civil Hospital
Varahi Civil Hospital.
Sankheshwar Civil Hospital.
Harji Civil Hospital.
Chanasma Civil Hospital.
Sami Civil Hospital.
Sidhpur Civil Hospital.

● Kalol

Civil Hospital

● Gandhinagar

Civil Hospital

● In Godhra

Ghanshyam Children Hospital
Godhra General Hospital

● Dahod

Civil Hospital

In the period of January to March 2018, 2341 children were screened at different above centers, out of there 52 found potentially deaf.

REINFORCEMENT FOR EARLY DIAGNOSIS

Most of the families percept their child a slow learner and kept waiting many years for his response. Tara Foundation aims to identify deafness inflicted children within 1 month of their birth. Reasons behind Early detection of hearing loss are :

- ✓ Baby starts learning from the 6th month of pregnancy.
- ✓ In first 3 years of lives, children learn ample of things in the most amazing way.
- ✓ After the age of 2 to 3 yrs. Children feel permanent irreversible and impairment in speech and language.

HEARING AID BANK

At Tara Foundation we work as a bridge from rich to middle class or poor families. Some of the hearing aids are very costly so not everyone can afford them. Tara Foundation maintains a bank to plaster gap of need and availability of Hearing Aids , we take used hearing Aids , repair them and provide to those who can not afford them. So far, we have given totally free of cost hearing aids to 251 children.

Tara Foundation provides financial help for yearly maintenance of cochlear implant devices, referral and traveling expenses to needful families.



**DEAFNESS મુક્ત
ગુજરાત/ભારત**

HIRALAL'S TARA SCHOOL

A caring preschool environment for children with or without hearing loss available at vastrapur

HIRALAL'S TARA PRE-SCHOOL is opening in July- 2018, the aim of the school is to early intervene until the age of 6 yrs. to mainstream hearing impaired kids to normal school faster.



EDUCATING CHILDREN

Helping Children Learn To Speak

For children with or without hearing loss, school and Preschools can be noisy and thus difficult learning environments. The Tara Hearing Preschool aim to overcome these obstacles with small teacher-to-student staff ratios, and staff who are trained specifically in language stimulation and overall development in order to facilitate the transition to school. Our Preschool Program include socialization skills, language cognition, fine and gross motor skills, music and craft activities. All activities are based on The Early Year learning framework and have been designed to develop children's social, intellectual, emotional and physical skills in an enjoyable learning environment.



NEW BORN HEARING SCREENING

New Born screening programmes are designed to identify the hearing problem in newborn babies just after birth. Most of the hearing screening is done before discharge from the hospital or clinic. American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that hearing loss should be detected before the age of 6 months so that children could preserve their chance to develop speech and hearing skills. It is seen in many cases that children who were not diagnosed till the age of 2 or 3, they face irreversible damage in their verbal, non-verbal communication skills, increased behavioral problems and effects psychological condition as well.



DAHOD



KALOL



GANDHINAGAR



GODHRA



RANDHEJA



SIDHPUR



SAMI



PATAN



ADIPUR



BHUJ



ANJAR



HARIJ

DHWANI ON WHEELS (THE FIRST SOUND PROOF VAN OF GUJARAT)

It is normal that in first round, newborn hearing screening test fails, and parents are advised to visit again after 2-3 months, but hardly do they. In villages where facilities are not available for hearing testing, Dhwani on Wheels has proved a boon for them, it is fully equipped van, which goes to different talukas to perform hearing testing. Dhwani On Wheels as scheduled for Patan.



SCHEDULE OF DHWANI ON WHEELS

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
FIRST WEEK	SIDHPUR	GCS, OM & SYNERGY HOSPITAL	GANDHINAGAR CIVIL, SPARSH & MOTHERHOOD HOSPITAL	SAMI	RANDHEJA & APPLE (NARODA)	APPOLO (NARODA) SAUMYA (NEHRU NAGAR)
SECOND WEEK	CHANASMA	GCS, OM & SYNERGY HOSPITAL	GANDHINAGAR CIVIL, SPARSH & MOTHERHOOD HOSPITAL	SATALPUR	RANDHEJA & APPLE (NARODA)	APPOLO (NARODA) SAUMYA (NEHRU NAGAR)
THIRD WEEK	HARIJ	GCS, OM & SYNERGY HOSPITAL	GANDHINAGAR CIVIL, SPARSH & MOTHERHOOD HOSPITAL	ORANGE HOSPITAL	RANDHEJA & APPLE (NARODA)	APPOLO (NARODA) SAUMYA (NEHRU NAGAR)
FOURTH WEEK	SANKHESHWAR	GCS, OM & SYNERGY HOSPITAL	GANDHINAGAR CIVIL, SPARSH & MOTHERHOOD HOSPITAL	ORANGE HOSPITAL	RANDHEJA & APPLE (NARODA)	APPOLO (NARODA) SAUMYA (NEHRU NAGAR)

TRAINING SESSIONS AT TARA FOUNDATION

Practice makes a person perfect. We follow this mantra at Tara Foundation. We keep quarterly Training session for our speech therapists, so that they keep learning latest techniques and technologies. The training procedure includes one to one training with choice of one from three languages English, Hindi and Gujarati.

- ✓ On 3 & 4 Feb. a speech therapy event was organized In Adipur attend by speech therapists.
- ✓ On 4.Feb, a speech therapy event was organized in Godhara attend by speech therapists.
- ✓ On 10 Feb, A.V.T Training organized for speech therapy in Ahmedabad host by Jaspal Chaudhary - from Mumbai.



EVENTS

• ✓ 3 March, on **world hearing day** Holi celebration



• ✓ On 10 March, **Aawaz ki Parwaz** event organized by Tara



• ✓ **Dhwani on wheels** first sound proof van of Gujarat launched on 10th March



EVENTS

- On 19 March 2018 Patan new born Hearing Screening Center inaugurated.



- On 19 March 2018 Radhanpur Civil Newborn Hearing Screening centre inaugurated.



- Hearing Aid Bank



SUCCESS STORIES

Bhavy Jayeshbhai Patel (AHMEDABAD)

"Bhavy came in our life at 1 April 2016, after some months when all same age children started responding, Bhavy was not responding to the sounds. We all in the family thought that he is very young now, later he will. Some more months we spent in desperate waiting but Bhavy neither respond nor make any sound. All members of the family were worried for Bhavy. After a huge search, we found Tara Foundation. They helped Bhavy being operated. Bhavy took one month to overcome, after one month he started responding and trying speaking too. We are so happy to see his responses when we speak with him. When we call him by name, he comes to us. He gives replies or reactions to natural sounds too as aaaaaa... or isssss. We are most happy to see Bhavy's sounds and he will start speaking soon"



Prince Panchal (AHMEDABAD)

Prince was quite far away from any sound until the age of 3 years. It became depressive for the members of the family. They consulted an ENT Surgeon at Himmatnagar. Then they visited Tara Foundation. Prince was diagnosed and he was found completely deaf from both ears. Tara Foundation counseled us for an operation so that Prince could hear and speak as well. Worries for Prince were short lived; he was operated at 30.8.2017 at Gandhinagar, Now, Mummy and Papa look most happiest parents in the world when Prince speaks to them.



Rawal Ayushi (PATAN)

When we came to know that Ayushi could not hear, we rushed to an ENT specialist where she got medicines for 6 months after that doctor said to us to go to other Hospital. Again several tests took place and medication decided for 2 months but we could not see any relieve in Ayushi's speech problem. Time was running out, one day some doctors saw Ayushi and told us to visit Tara Foundation in Ahmedabad. When she was checked with machine there, doctors said that she could not hear from both ears, needed operation. She was operated, now she is taking speech therapy at Tara Foundation. Now, Ayushi is able to hear and speak like any other child". We are so thankful to Tara Foundation for voice of Ayushi.



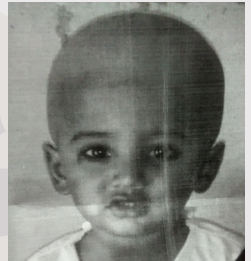
Chitranshi Dogra (AHMEDABAD)

Chitranshi was not responding to sounds if somebody was talking or shouting. Her parents noticed that even she was not caring about crackers on Diwali. Chitranshi was operated via Tara Foundation. After the operation, she took some time to adjust with the machine, and then she started responding and replying. Chitranshi's parents say it was too difficult before the operation to talk with Chitranshi, how should we call her? How we make her understand? After operation Parents say that she is capable to hear and speak normally like other kids; she would go to a good school and would not be dependent on others.



Harnish Deepakbhai Rawal (AHMEDABAD)

"Beside grandparents of Harnish, all are deaf and dumb in the family. Harnish has a brother and sister and they also cannot speak and hear. Harnish was diagnosed in school by some doctors and after that, he was operated. Tara foundation gives free speech therapy after Cochlear implant. Harnish is also taking speech therapy here from last 3 months. Now, Harnish can hear and understand our conversation. In starting we thought how will he speak, but Harnish goes to speech therapy and practices at home too, slowly it became easy. Now, Harnish hears, understands and started speaking Maa, Papa, Dada etc. We never thought before 7 months that Harnish will speak, but Tara Foundation did this miracle for us and brought 'vocabulary of nature' in Harnish's life, which we never expected for him.



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