

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

# Harmony House: A home for underprivileged children

HARMONY HOUSE IS THE DREAM HOME OF COUPLE LUCY BRUCE AND GAURAV SINHA FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN. BRITISH NATIONAL LUCY AND INDIAN NATIONAL GAURAV NOW LIVE IN DUBAI BUT FREQUENTLY VISIT DELHI.



Year 2009. Lucy used to support a lot of NGOs earlier and finally she decided to open up her own NGO. Now, she at least knows how and where the money is being spent.

As a registered NGO, the Harmony House serves as a community centre for both women and children provid-

ing them with a stimulating and nurturing environment. Children of the slum areas of Gurgaon are lucky to find a place like Harmony House in their areas. "It is humbling and heart-warming to know that so many people care about the lives of strangers, who are in desperate need of help. Our prayers and

thanks are for you," says Lucy Bruce.

Harmony House is now growing from strength to strength and providing help to children in need with great deal of facilities and care that all the children deserve. The key objective is to provide safe, fun, educational and a loving environment for the chil-

dren living in the nearby slums. "Harmony House allows the children to break away from the harsh climate of their usual surroundings and spend their time in enjoyable, stimulating and nurturing surroundings. We also provide breakfast, lunch and evening snacks to all, hygiene facilities, medication and social services," says Meghna Eidnani, manager of Harmony House.

Located near Sector 17, the

centre started off with a handful of children. The number is growing day by day and today the strength is 170 children. The villa turned shelter has five classroom, activity room, community kitchen and dining area.

"At Harmony House, we strive to provide benefits and create alliances with the entire surrounding community. Where possible our essential purchases, whether it be vegetables, stationary or toiletries, should be supplied by a local vendor thus making all donations advantageous not just for Harmony House but for the whole area. We also encourage the mothers of our children to come and participate in the daily events at Harmony House," says Lucy Bruce.

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