



POLIO CHILD RELIEF

MUMBAI

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POLIO CHILD RELIEF-Mumbai is a united effort of charity-minded individuals, who have devoted themselves to provide free aid to Polio-affected children and others who suffer from disability due to various causes. Our volunteers survey the slum areas, register disabled, needy children and coordinate 'Free Correctional Treatment' at Dr. Desai's Shraddha Hospital in Malad, Mumbai. Once these poor, disabled children have been examined and diagnosed, they are admitted for surgery. They receive free-of-cost operations, as well as follow up treatment and care, including the giving of calipers and crutches if required.

We request help with sponsorship for the child /children listed below. A list of more patients waiting for treatment as well as medical reports, research studies and progress updates of patients who have completed treatment are available upon request. With your kind contribution you'll be able to make a life changing investment in these children's future. We thank you for taking part in our project and wish you all the best.

PCR-Mumbai, Josef S. & team



Name: Shaikh, Marzini (13yrs) Aurangabad, Maharashtra

Family Background: Marzini is the only child of a poor farmer in the rural area of Aurangabad town in Maharashtra.

Medical Condition: She suffers from severe disability due to Cerebral Palsy. Marzini is not able to stand on her own or walk. She is confined to crawling. No treatment has been given to her before. Mentally she is alert and able to converse to some degree.

Diagnosis & Treatment suggested: Dr. Desai examined her and suggested for 1st stage; correctional surgery in left and right knee, simultaneously a release operation and muscle transplant in both knees. She will receive a cast on both legs for 1½ month.

After that, Marzini will receive a checkup, at which point her case will be reevaluated, according to the results of the 1 stage operations and how well she is responding to the treatment. If it goes well, Marzini will receive for 2nd stage, corr. surgery in her hips and ankles/feet, followed up by therapy. Depending on the progress it will be seen if a caliper with crutches could help her in gaining the desired mobility.

Time required: Approximately 1-1½ years.

Estimated Costs: For 1st Stage Rs 27,500.- / 2nd Stage Rs 22,500.-

Other Information: *Expectations and results of correctional surgeries for patients suffering from Cerebral Palsy cannot be well predicted in advance. However, it is the hope and aim of everyone, that Marzini will respond well to this treatment and for the first time in her life gain some degree of mobility. PCR-Mumbai considers Marzini worthy to receive all the help she can get. Her family is appreciative.*



Name: Niles A. Pavankar (23yrs) Thane, Maharashtra

Family Background: Niles lives with his parents and his younger brothers in the town of Thane outside Mumbai. He is one of the breadwinners of this poor family.

Medical Condition: Niles suffers from Polio, with a typical deformity in his right, upper and lower leg. He is able to walk and move around, but only by supporting his leg with his hand with every step he takes. This is tiresome for him. Niles has a job as an errand boy, going all over Mumbai delivering documents. He is able to do his work, but with difficulty and risks of injuries during rush hours.

Diagnosis & Treatment suggested: Niles needs a set of correctional surgeries in his right leg, including in his right hip. By additional muscle transplant, Dr. Desai hopes that Niles will get the desired stability in his right leg. Possibly a small supporting walking aid may be beneficial to him later. This will be decided after the surgeries.

Time required: Approximately 8-10 months.

Estimated Costs: A total of Rs 35,400.- for operations and treatment. Cost for a caliper, if needed, will be known later.

Other Information: According to the medical examination, if Niles's condition is left unattended, he will in his later life face more discomfort and hardship, especially problems in his back too.



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