



Time gallops! Time races! Time flies! We have enjoyed the ride since BridgeAble's inception in early 2013.



Over these years, the 'bridges' we have helped build have strengthened and stretched. Existing socially useful projects and relationships have deepened and new ones have been formed. Our projects have grown to become more dynamic, wider and deeper in outreach and impact.

See the "Programs" section of our website (www.bridgeable.com.sg) for a summary of each project.

BridgeAble has brought more stakeholders whether as donors/volunteers/audience members of awareness events/partners ("stakeholders") into the giving fold. Equally, outreach and engagement with a wide spectrum of causes and organizations on- the- ground in India and Singapore, has increased.

BUCKLE UP FOR A FEW HIGHLIGHTS BELOW **Cause Agnostic**

We can proudly say that we have furthered our cause-agnostic mission and helped build bridges on topics ranging from wildlife conservation to eye-care for lower income families. BridgeAble firmly believes that each cause is worthy and lets stakeholders decide which ones they wish to pursue. Our duty is to bring the causes to the stakeholder base and allow them the freedom to plot their own giving chart.

Stakeholder Commitment

The commitment of our stakeholders never ceases to amaze us. You step up time and again often just off of a phone call from us regarding an urgent case requiring a grant. You chop and change holiday plans to visit nonprofit organizations on- the -ground and give your time as volunteers. You arrive in the middle of a thunderstorm on a weekend to listen and support foot soldiers representing diverse causes. You teach

us that commitment is long word but more importantly, a very deep one.

BridgeAble has been thrilled to work with repeat stakeholders (individuals and organizations) and several new ones across communities/backgrounds/age groups.

Grassroots Vibrancy

As our outreach grew, we found ourselves getting to know more credible non-profit/grassroots organizations and individuals that champion causes. From cancer care for underprivileged children to individual single mothers seeking a sewing machine to earn a livelihood, we wonder at your resilience. These are the stories of hope among despair, of rising to the challenge when it looks insurmountable. We saw how innovative these organizations are in terms of local, highly impactful solutions such as the manufacturing of sanitary napkins from recycled cloth. We witnessed the crafty use of technology for example, by using solely Facebook to garner a nameless, faceless movement of citizen-led urban sanitation.

Thought Leadership

BridgeAble launched its Bridge-Enablers Speakers Series of talks in 2015 with philanthropist Rohini Nilekani speaking on what philanthropy means in her tremendous experience. Several other thought leadership events were held including the mysterious appearance of a mask-covered member of the Ugly Indian movement who spoke on the citizen-led effort that is cleaning up India's urban dirt, quietly and anonymously.

Conclusion

We may not have the answers to the Why question. Why is their suffering? But we have the opportunity to reach out and grab the hands of those who are struggling to help steady them.

Let's keep our hands outstretched!



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