



**Our Project:** Joybox  
**Aim:** Reducing Hunger  
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Current estimates manifest that nearly **690 million people, 8.9% of the world's population**, are suffering from hunger. Our project aims to support the goal of ZERO hunger by 2030 by endowing the underprivileged with a constant supply of nutritious food on a daily basis.



The meals we collect from our volunteers on a weekly basis are **nutrient-rich** and almost instantaneously supplied to the needy, allowing to alleviate potential health problems. Furthermore, we supplied Cancer patients, Blind people with ration, to promote a healthy lifestyle.

**Introduction:**  
A student-led effort towards building a better tomorrow, project 'Joybox', is an initiative that involves making quality food available to vulnerable populations, while simultaneously improving the strength of local production systems. Through this project, we truly hope to earn the smiles of hundreds of hungry families and contribute towards the UN's Sustainable development goal of 'Zero Hunger by 2030'.

**Fundraiser:**  
We organised a fun-filled Christmas-themed fundraiser, 'Xmas Xcitement' which promised a range of exciting activities for students from primary to secondary. The Winter Carnival was a huge success with an overwhelming response from the primary, secondary sections and the teaching faculty. We achieved our target successfully with over **15000 Rupees** raised by more than **180 attendees**.



**Meals:**  
We created a community of over **130 volunteers**, who helped us earn over **1450 smiles** over the span of **2 months!** We additionally supported families with other basic necessities such as, clothes, bread, fruits etc. After spending over **105 hours** working, we were able to lend a helping hand to people across Mumbai, in areas such as, **Wadala, Tardeo, Worli, Dadar, Chowpatty and Fort**. In addition to the same, we organized and conducted a **#FeedAFamily** drive which was an effort to provide nutritious meals to over **150 underprivileged families!**

**Our Learning:**  
This astounding opportunity gave us a plethora of experiences and new learnings. We empathized with those in need. We gathered volunteers to form an ever-lasting community of helpers. We learned the process of organising fundraisers. We acquired skill in logistics. We learned how to carry out tasks meticulously and manage our time efficiently. We became proficient in collaborating with others, of similar interests. We became competent in contacting organisations. This experience embarked an emotion of compassion in our hearts, that will last forever!



**"One-third** of all food produced ends up rotting in the bins of consumers and retailers, or spoiling due to poor transportation." We not only aim to distribute meals, but also spread awareness regarding the reckless food wastage in our society.



Joybox has collaborated with the well-reputed charitable organization, **Neshcare**, for the installation of a community fridge. With the assistance of **Khushiyan Seva Sanstha**, a non-profit organization, we were able to donate staple grains to cancer patients and visually impaired people.





### Ration:

We lent a helping hand to vulnerable groups with the help of **Khushiya Seva Sanstha**. We were pleased to support cancer patients, who had to come to Mumbai for treatment, from localities all across India. We also visited the **National Association for the Blind**, and their various branches, to satisfy their need for rations. We had a great time interacting with these wonderful people, and earning their smiles through the kindness of our volunteers!

**750 kgs** of staple grains(wheat, dal, rice) along with additional supplies such as oil, sugar, ghee and salt.

### Testimonial:

It's been truly uplifting to see such young children doing such a great job for our society! Joybox has contributed to such a noble cause of reducing hunger and their efforts have inspired me to continue with the same momentum in the future! May God bless and support them in all their endeavours! ~ Ms. Rukhsana Shaheen

### Community Fridge:

A bridge between the haves and have nots, the Community Fridge, is a sustainable medium towards reducing food wastage and increasing food security. A long lasting medium towards eliminating hunger, Joybox, believes, in the implementation of the same to ensure nobody ever sleeps hungry. To fructify this idea, we successfully crowdfunded over **Rs.35,000** through our large community of volunteers/supporters.



Location of our fridge: Kalachowki Vibhag Sarvajanic Utsav Mandal, Mumbai-400033.

### Statistics:

- ▶ 100 cancer patients
- ▶ 50 visually impaired
- ▶ ₹ 50,000 raised
- ▶ Targeted 8+ location
- ▶ 10 weeks of distribution
- ▶ Partnered with 2 organisations

The Meals on Wheels Challenge conducted by Joybox was a huge success! A movement designed to bring smiles to the poor across our city, this challenge involved equipping our vehicles with necessary food supplies to elevate hunger on the roads of Mumbai!

### Our Impact:

We conducted a survey of our volunteers to understand how much impact we have made on the community.

How often are you likely to continue donating meals in the future? (per month)

Are you likely to continue this initiative in the future?

