FOUR DEPUTIES OF CHANGE – VIDYASHILP ACADEMY

This team worked with an orphanage called “Kritagyata Trust” in Bangalore. While conducting the community needs assessment, they identified three main problems: lack of bathrooms, prevalence of diseases borne by mosquitoes, and a lack of awareness of hygiene among the children. They raised funds and fixed these main issues by working with external contractors to make the infrastructural changes and by spending time with the children in the orphanage in order to initiate a positive behavioral change.

Project Objectives:

▪ Renovate the bathroom and ensure that it remains clean and redesign the rooms to give children more space
▪ Install mosquito nets for all the children’s beds
▪ Spread awareness among children on the need to live and maintain clean surroundings

Activities:

▪ Collected funds through bake sales, selling art and crafts etc.
▪ Partnered with a contractor to renovate the bathroom as well as install mosquito nets in all rooms
▪ Conducted training sessions with students in order to make them aware about health and hygiene

Results:

▪ Children at the orphanage have access to cleaner toilets
▪ Children are less likely to fall sick because of diseases borne by mosquitoes
▪ Children are more aware about their own personal health and hygiene

Next Steps: This group plans to continue to monitor their project by visiting the orphanage and check the sustainability of their project.