LIFE TRANSFORMED AFTER CARDIAC SURGERY THROUGH CARE AT BUDS MOBILE HEALTH VAN

FAIZAN

Faizan is 9 years old and his family has been living in a rented house in Sarai Kale Khan in a slum area of south Delhi since last 10 years. Sarai Kale Khan is a very congested area because it is covered by Nizamuddin Railway Station and Nagli Razapur. Most of the marginalized community live here who have come from Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

Apart from his parents, Faizan has 4 siblings in his family. Faizan is the youngest in the family. His father and elder brother, who is 22 years old are laborers in this area and earn Rs. 200-300 per day, their work is not permanent, sometimes they get work, sometimes they don't Sometimes the whole family does not even get enough food. Faizan came with his mother Hazra Begum to BUDS Mobile Health Van and was looking very ill. The BUDS counselor asked his mother how she came to know about BUDS Mobile Health Van? Mom stated that there is a PACE center near their house where girls study and their daughter also goes to study there; the PACE class teacher Anita informed them about the BUDS Mobile Health Van. During the counseling, Faizan's mother said that he has been very ill since childhood. They showed him to several local doctors in the village, but there was no relief. We could not see any good MBBS doctor due to poverty and helplessness. After coming to Delhi, Faizan's health started deteriorating a lot. She took someone's help and went to *AIIMS where they had a complete check-up and was told there is a hole in his heart (Ventricular Septal Defect). Cardiac Surgery will have to be done. They were told to arrange at least seventy thousand rupees. After hearing that, she started crying. They had not gone to AIIMS for a long time due to lack of money.*

Dr. Mukesh Kumar Kaushik, Pediatrician at BUDS MHV referred him to Dr. Rajeev Seth. BUDS Counselor took Faizan to his clinic. Dr. Rajeev Seth again thoroughly checked him and talked to the patient's mother and she said that I did not have enough money for his operation, so I could not do Faizan's heart operation. Dr. Rajeev Seth immediately spoke to Dr. Vikas Kohli ,pediatric cardiologist, The BUDS counselor took the patient to Dr. Kohli did a complete check-up of Faizan, and gave some medicine and asked to come next week. Through continuous follow up by a BUDS counselor, Faizan's heart surgery was successfully done at Apollo Hospital, New Delhi on January 16, 2023. Faizan stayed in the ICU for three days to wait till he recovered fully. Faizan was discharged from hospital and is fine now. BUDS provided monetary support for medicines and nutrition. He is eating and drinking properly and is feeling much better than before.