Mission & Vision

Apne Aap Women's Collective's (AAWC) aims to provide a support network which helps the women, girls, and children in the Red Light district of Mumbai, India.

The root issue that this organization aims to resolve is intergenerational prostitution. AAWC seeks to achieve this through promoting academic success, professional success, and societal reintegration. For the women in this community, AAWC helps deconstruct the effects of intergenerational prostitution through financial security, physical and emotional healing, along with societal reintegration.

Our Accomplishments

In our first semester we created educational modules to help the beneficiaries of Apne Aap with skills such as communication, self-confidence, interpersonal relationships, conflict management, etc. For the second semester our group developed a short film depicting positive conflict resolution in a situation the beneficiaries of Apne Aap are likely to encounter in their daily lives.

Collaborative Group 4
"Ann Arbor 49ers"

Dana Bisher, Susan Cheng, Lucy Clarke, Aisling Comerford, Maleny Crespo, Drue Daley, Hugo He, Yi Liu, Sarah Oguntomilade, Dhroov Patel

Background

AAWC was founded in 1998, and they have served more than 2,800 women and children with their programs. They help women who have been trafficked in Kamathipura (the red light district of Mumbai) and their children by empowering them and breaking the intergenerational cycle.

Reflection

Adjusting our perspectives and increasing our technical skills helped us serve the beneficiaries at AAWC in working with conflict management, developing self-confidence, and communication. Working with young members impacted by trafficking in the Red Light District in Mumbai increased our awareness of the different needs in our world.

Skills Gained

We learned professional communication across time zone and cultural boundaries, graphic design, to be adaptable, and conflict management. We gained skills in research, time management, responsiveness to constructive criticism, and interpersonal communication.

Meet the Team