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*Lots of good stuff is happening at OBAT and you are behind it!
Aspire is now being released monthly to keep you informed of the never-ending good news and the changes you are creating.*

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We are a Top-Rated nonprofit -- Once again!

GreatNonprofits.org, a review site for nonprofits, honors highly reviewed nonprofits every year with their Top-Rated Awards. We are grateful for receiving the 2016 badge (as shown on the right) and **certificate**



for the third year since 2014. This badge/seal is regarded as the second most trusted seal after Better Business Bureau and the reviews appear at other giving portals as well. If you have crossed paths with us, please share your thoughts at: <http://greatnonprofits.org/org/obat-helpers-inc.> Thanks for your incredible reviews!

Meet you at the OBAT booth!

Find us at the ISNA convention! Stop by the OBAT booth # 702 for a chat and share your ideas on how we can improve the services we are

offering to the camp residents. Here is when and where you can find us:

September 2-4, 2016
Donald E. Stephens Convention Center
5555 N. River Road
Rosemont, IL 60018

87 Chandpur residents receive the gift of sight

Cataract Surgeries were conducted by OBAT in early August at the Chandpur Refugee Colony with the partnership of BNSB Eye Hospital (Bangladesh National Society of Blind). The hospital screened 600 patients and supplied medicine as needed. A total of eight-seven people underwent vision restoring cataract surgeries. We are very thankful to Human Concern International for their support of this project.



Cataract surgeries being conducted in Chandpur

OBAT staff attend outsourcing seminar

A free two day seminar on outsourcing was held at Rangpur by Zella Parishod (the district's administration). Four of OBAT's staff members from Rangpur and three members from Syedpur attended the seminar. Two of them, who were from OBAT's computer training centers in Rangpur and Syedpur have been admitted to the one month training course in outsourcing. After the completion of this course, they will provide training to the students in the computer centers as this course will be added to the course offerings at the computer centers.



Seminar in progress

SB Nagar IT center admits 3rd batch of students

OBAT's IT Center in SB Nagar, Chittagong just received its third batch of students who began their classes from August 6th.

A total of fifteen students in this batch



The new batch of students

Dhaka teachers trained in supplemental teaching techniques

Ten teachers from OBAT's NLJ, Dhaka and BLS schools as well as Dhaka preschool participated in an arts and crafts training workshop. The workshop was held on the 20th of August at the OBAT BLS High School in Mirpur, Dhaka. Teachers were taught how to use visual and tactile aids to facilitate learning among students.



Mr. Mostak, OBAT's Chittagong office, Monitoring Officer, trains the teachers

Training to Improve BLS School's operations

On the 24th of August, a foundation training was organized for the teachers of OBAT BLS High School. Halima Sultana, Assistant Head Teacher of OBAT's Dhaka English School, facilitated the training. Intensive efforts are being placed into improving the quality of the BLS School which is the youngest of the eight schools of OBAT. In the two-tiered improvement plan, the 1st phase was used to develop the structure of operations. The 2nd phase is focusing on improving the quality. The project officers from Dhaka and Syedpur and Country Coordinator, Sohail Khan, attended the workshop as well.



The training in progress

First board retreat for OBAT!

The most important event in the month of September is OBAT's 12th birthday! We are bringing together our board and advisors from all over the U.S. to join us for a two day retreat on Sep 24th and 25th in Indianapolis. The retreat will include planning and strategizing sessions, a board meeting and some classic team building activities!



Some of OBAT's board at the 10th anniversary event

Want to travel with us?
Plan to join OBAT's President on
his Annual Trip to Bangladesh!

Mr. Anwar Khan, OBAT's founder and president visits the camps every year in December to tour, monitor and evaluate projects as well as to train the staff. Several supporters from the US join him for an inspiring and informative experience. This year, he will be in Bangladesh from **December 12th 2016** to **January 6th 2017**. If you would like to join him during this time, reach out to us at contact@obathelpers.org so we can start planning!



Mr. Khan with OBAT's school kids

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