

Vision

- To ensure that every childhood cancer survivor finds his/ her way to celebrate life after winning their battle with cancer.
- To facilitate their life's journey on the correct path & in the right direction.

Mission

- Empowerment of young survivors
- Helping children with cancer undergoing treatment
- Social awareness and re-bonding with society

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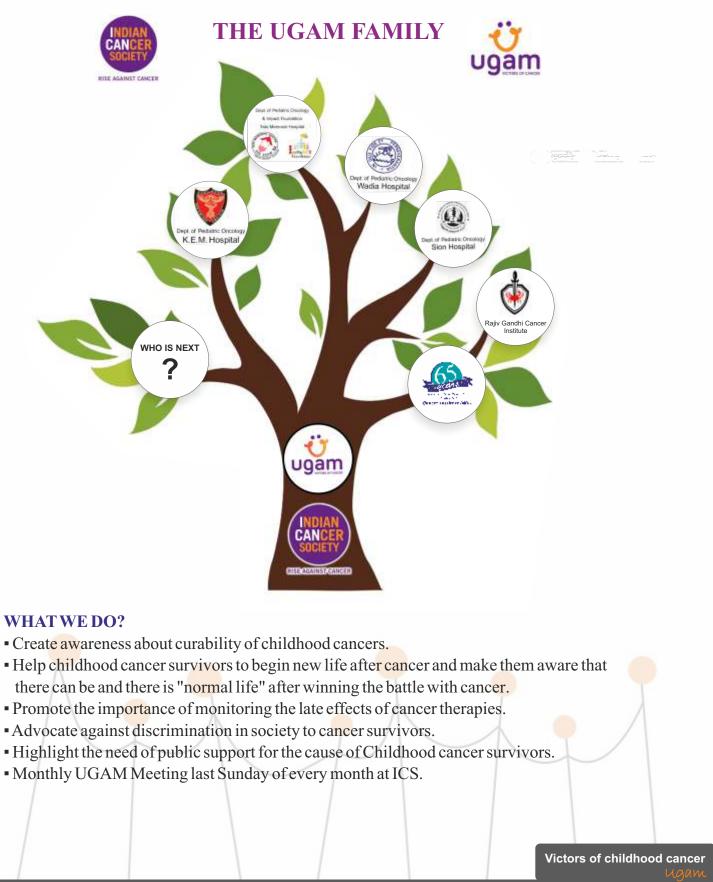
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Indian Cancer Society (ICS) was established in 1951 by Dr. D. J. Jussawalla and Mr. Naval Tata as India's first voluntary, non-profit, National Organization for Awareness, Detection, Cure and Survivorship of those affected with this disease. UGAM, Emotional support group of childhood cancer survivors, is the youngest unit of ICS under its survivorship program. UGAM means "To Rise", underscoring the determination of childhood cancer survivors, to rise above all obstacles in life & be VICTORS. UGAM was launched in 2009 on the first Sunday of June celebrated as Cancer Survivors Day across the world as a mark of celebration of life.



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Dr. Purna Kurkure Convener, Ugam Trustee In charge, Cancer Survivorship & **Rehabilitation Vertical** Indian Cancer Society. Chairman, Clinical Collegium Oncology Services Narayana Health Group

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Welcome again to Grand venue, The Royal Opera House, courtesy, The Royal Family of Gondal & Management, for celebration of 10th Anniversary of Ugam!

I congratulate Ugam on completing 10 years of a successful & productive existence!

It all started on 7th June 2009, first Sunday of June celebrated as Cancer Survivors Day across the world, when a small group of committed childhood cancer survivors came together with a focused vision of self-empowerment. Ugam was then born & formally launched under the survivorship banner of Indian Cancer Society (ICS). Coming together was just a beginning .However, staying & working together over a decade has led to many achievements such as participation in International Relay For Life, a franchised cancer awareness event of American Cancer Society, Mumbai Marathon, Awareness activities, sharing stories and giving hope to the children with cancer who are undergoing treatment. Ugam is getting opportunity to get engaged & work from a wider platform of Childhood Cancer International (CCI) as active member of the Asian network of survivors. Ugam members have been regularly awarded fellowships since 2013 to participate in Annual conference of CCI alongside the Annual conference of International Society of Pediatric Oncology (SIOP)

A decade has passed, & this is an opportune time to learn from yesterday, work for today & hope for tomorrow. Ugam needs to do introspection and scale up its activities in a more organized manner which will touch many more lives & improve the quality of life of survivors. A Childhood Cancer survivor is considered to be potentially cured 5 years from diagnosis. However ,there is no one

better than you-the survivors to realize that follow up does not & should not end at 5yrs but continued for life long as per the medical requirement in ACT clinic for surveillance of late effects. The childhood cancer survivor can be considered as ideal candidate for availing health coverage which is currently denied by many insurance companies for the false fear of higher risk involved considering the past history of cancer. Survivors have their whole life ahead of them in which they may face non cancer related issues (eg. Malaria, Dengue, Accidental injuries) like any individual in society for which they should get coverage to live a fearless & productive life .Advocacy by Ugam members & awareness about this issue will help survivors to get the insurance cover rightfully! Another area of concern is matrimonial prospects for survivors who are now adults & willing to settle down in family life but face societal resistance. Ugam has to be torch bearer & advocate for these burning issues at societal, nongovernmental & governmental level.

Theme for this year's anniversary celebration is partnership. ICS has partnered with pediatric cancer units of hospitals in Mumbai, Delhi & Chennai to get organized towards a goal of standardizing survivorship care. We have realized that alone we can do so little but together we can go far & do so much more. It will take us time to bring likeminded people together but we are confident & determined to take this movement forward to include many more partners at pan India level.

On this day, thousands gather across the globe to honor cancer survivors and show the world that life after a cancer diagnosis can be fruitful, rewarding, and even inspiring. CELEBRATION for those who have survived, an INSPIRATION for those recently diagnosed, a gathering of SUPPORT for families, and an OUTREACH to the community.

I want to wish each and every member of Ugam the very best in life and may success always be with them. Celebrate what you have accomplished, but raise the bar a little higher each time you succeed.

Perfection may not be attainable but if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence!

Vince Lombardi.

Surviving Childhood Cancer: What Next?

Advances in the treatment of childhood cancers have dramatically increased survival rates .But the treatments that help these children survive their cancer can also cause health problems later on.

It is often difficult for the cancer patients and his/ her family to make the transition from active patient to survivorship. The fear of relapse being always intense despite counseling. It is safe to say that most childhood cancer survivors can be considered potentially cured 5 years from the diagnosis.

Most treatment related side effects appear during or just after treatment and subside soon. But some problems may not go away or may show up months or years after treatment. These problems are called late effects. Because more children with cancer now survive into adulthood, their long-term health and these late effects have become a focus of care and research.

Every child who is treated for cancer does not develop late effects - the risk depends on the type of cancer the child had, the treatments used and other factors such as age, intensity of chemotherapy radiation given, and time since treatment was completed.

The problems seen in the survivors fall into two broad categories: medical and psychosocial. Medical Late effects can involve more than one part of the body (or more than one organ system) and can range from mild to severe. Effects on brain (Learning/cognitive issues), eyes/ears, Hormonal problems, Growth & sexual development, fertility, Issues with heart, second cancers are some of the possible medical late effects of cancer. Continued surveillance of childhood cancer survivors is a good medicine. The frequency of follow up is individualized according to problems anticipated by doctor based on treatment and disease history. Early diagnosis of late effect can lead to effective treatment. Hence it is very important to follow up after completion of treatment. Psychosocial problems are more diverse and include issues of school performance, vocational training, employment opportunities, marriage, reproduction and intra-family interaction.

Cancer survivors will be increasing in number as the time passes. In spite of their overall wellness, they are at risk of complications and need a close supervision. It is the responsibility of survivors to come for regular follow up, of health professionals to be vigilant & care for these long term issues and of members of civil society to aid these survivors in realizing their optimum potential.

Volunteer- Help in capacity building. Help find jobs for cancer survivors

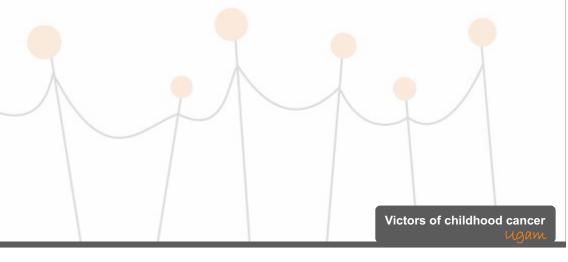
Advocacy- help in promoting the issues faced like denial of Insurance, refusal of jobs

Financial assistance for educational program for survivors

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HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE

Financial assistance for the late effects of treatment





Events organized by UGAM UGAM's 9th Anniversary Celebrations





UGAM celebrated its 9th Anniversary on 3rd June 2018 at Royal Opera House. The theme was culture of north eastern India. It was a grand celebration on the achievements and growth of Ugam.

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month



September being the Childhood cancer awareness month, drawing competition was organized for the children at ICS. Childhood cancer survivors along with UGAM members illustrated their thoughts through painting.

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International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD)

One Year Completion of ACT Clinic at SION Hospital, Mumbai



ICS through Project PICASSO (partnership in survivorship optimization) is partnering with various hospitals to facilitate ACT clinics for organizing survivorship care. One year celebration of ACT clinic & ICCD took place on 15th February 2019 at SION hospital.

Celebration of ICCD at SRCC Children's Hospital, Mumbai:



ICCD was celebrated at SRCC children's hospital, managed by Narayana Health on 16th February 2019 with the childhood cancer survivors and their caregivers. The objective was to rejoice with them and celebrate their courage and determination.

Friendly cricket match



ICS / UGAM participated in a friendly T20 cricket match with employees of Tata Trusts at Shivaji Park, Mumbai, on 23rd February 2019.

Participation at ICS events

Relay For Life



CANCER DOESN'T SLEEP. SO FOR ONE **NIGHT NEITHER WILL WE'** Indian Cancer Society has been licensed as nodal agency for RFL in India from 2014. This year Dhirubhai Ambani International School & RBK international school had organised RFL on 19th Jan & 8th February, 2019. UGAM members won the cricket match against the In house students of RBK international school.

Tata Mumbai Marathon, 2019



UGAM took part in the Mumbai Marathon organized by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), on 21st January, 2019, for enhancing awareness and for raising fund for cancer treatment

ZEE TV, Sa Re Ga Ma Pa L'il Champs



caregivers along with ICS support team got an opportunity to participate in Zee TV programme Sa re ga ma pa, Little Champ which had a million views

On 21st April, 2019, childhood cancer survivors,

Participation in Conferences by UGAM members

SIOP/CCI Japan



Aisharya Nikale represented UGAM at SIOP international conference at Japan on 15th November. She presented a paper at CCI conference on "Personality development through cultural activities of Ugam- a childhood cancer survivor group".

TYACON 2018



UGAM members participated in Teenage and Young Adult Cancer Conference (TYACON) held at Cancer Institute, Adyar from August 31st to September 2^{nd,}2018

CCI ASIA 2019



Dr. Vandana & Narendra Shetty represented UGAM at CCI ASIA conference at Abu Dhabi on 5th April, 2019. They presented scientific papers which were well received. Ugam will be part of local organising committee for CCI Asia meeting at SIOPAsia 2020 in Mumbai.

Can Rehab, 2019



The childhood cancer survivors from D J Fund and a few participants from UGAM participated & presented the indigenous folk dance from the Indian state of Assam during CanRehab 2019 conference. The performance proved their emotional and cognitive maturation to the fullest extent

HOPE

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Ugam members participated in Hope which is an annual event organised by Pediatric oncology department of Tata Memorial Hospital on 23^{rd} December 2018.

Counselling sessions with parents:



UGAM members, regularly attend the parent support group meetings held at partner hospitals and also at St. Jude's India Childcare Center, for parents' counselling

Awareness activities and spreading hope about curability of childhood cancer

Gokulashtami / Dahi Handi Event



Ugam members celebrated Dahi Handi at Talav Pali Thane on 2nd September, 2018. The objective was to spread awareness about how smoking leads to cancer.



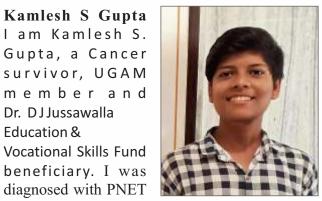
Victors' Stories

Ritesh Kumar

I was diagnosed with osteosarcoma of left tibia at 10 years of age. After 1 year of treatment at Tata Memorial Hospital I was fully cured. Although my cancer

treatment was very painful, I never lost my hope, because I knew I will definitely win over cancer, and hence I decided to become a doctor, so that I can serve other cancer patients. In 2015 I cleared the AIPMT exam and currently I am 21 years old and pursuing Final year MBBS at Seth GS Medical College, Mumbai. I am thankful to Indian Cancer Society (ICS), Mumbai for providing me holistic care which includes financial and emotional support in education and other aspects of life.

Kamlesh S Gupta I am Kamlesh S. Gupta, a Cancer survivor, UGAM member and Dr. DJJussawalla Education & Vocational Skills Fund beneficiary. I was



at 11 years of age and completed my treatment from Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai in 2012. Currently I am a BE student of Information Technology IInd year and I have a dream to be a Software Engineer. I am thankful to the Indian Cancer Society for helping me and other cancer survivors for their Financial and psychological

HARSH BAXI, "Enjoying a new Life"- a Cancer Survivor. Working with UGAM has been an amazing experience as every time I get to learn new things and explore various skills. Yes, I am more confident now.

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In October 2007, during my S.S.C. Prelim exams, I had a sudden pain in my backbone. This pain went on for a month and it just wouldn't stop. After having MRI & Biopsy done, it turned out that I had PNET dorsal spine. The only thing I knew about Cancer at that time was that, it kills. When I found out that I was diagnosed with Cancer, I was terrified. But my parents and doctors gave me the motivation to fight against Cancer. I endured 17 cycles of Chemotherapy and 31 sessions of Radiation. My treatment lasted for one year. I started studying once again after a year. I can proudly say that I passed my S.S.C. & H.S.C. exams with First Class. Thereafter, I took my admission in Engineering college. I got placed at Infosys and currently am working as Senior Systems Engineer at Infosys. I would like to thank the entire Ugam group who supported me and helped me gain a lot of experience and for encouraging and supporting me in every way. Once again, I extend my heartiest thanks and appreciation to Ugam family and doctors.'Be Brave and Never Give Up' as cancer is curable and there is Life beyond Cancer.

Mrs. Indumati Dineshkumar Yadav I was diagnosed with Wilms tumour at 5 years of age.I completed my MSc. chemistry in 2014. I got 21 months industrial experience (research and development) and one year teaching



experience as a chemistry lecturer. I got married on 4th Dec, 2017. I cleared ICT PET exam and Mumbai University PET exam in October 2017 and January 2019 respectively. Currently I am pursuing Ph.D. from Mumbai University. My dream is to become an R&D scientist officer. I am thankful to Indian Cancer Society, UGAM, friends and my family who supported, motivated to achieve my dreams.

Ummull am proud to be one of the founder members of Ugam and blessed to be a part of it. At the tender age of six when I was at school. the bench hurt my left knee which gave rise to an unbearable knee pain along with an extreme fever. I was



examined at J. J Hospital and was advised to go to Tata Memorial Hospital. Here, the doctors informed that I am suffering from Cancer which was at the last stage. My parents were shattered and heartbroken, but they stood by me very bravely. They taught me to have faith and encouraged me to fight this battle and defeat cancer forever. In a year my journey with cancer ended successfully forever. Thereafter, I just followed my regular follow up with ACT clinic till date. Throughout this journey, I bonded well with all my family members, doctors, teachers, friends who always supported me and accepted me the way I am and I thank everyone for making me a successful, well settled human being. I own my business into the Events and Advertising agency named as "S Seven". I would love to add one phrase "my parents not only gave me birth but my mom & dad even gifted me a life with all the happiness.

Dhiren Kiri I was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma, stage III at 17 years of age, in the year 2008. I could never imagine that I will be starting my life again. I endured six cycles of chemotherapy and fourteen radiations.



During that difficult phase my parents lost many things which I can't even explain. Professionally now I'm a CrossFit level 1 trainer and working with CrossFit Shakti (Vashi). I am completely adhering to the medical and psycho-social follow up at both TMH and Indian Cancer Society (ICS). I would like to convey, "If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward." (Martin Luther King Jr).

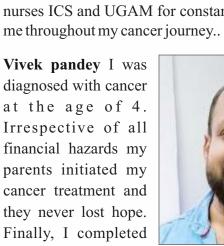
Vansh Gupta I was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma at the age of 6 in the year 2011. I finished my treatment in the month of December, 2011. Currently I am in 9th standard and 14 years old. I enjoy playing football and in 2017 I

was awarded for winning the football match. I received Spirit award by Make a wish Foundation for winning the dance competition in 2018. I was awarded by TMH for performing a dance during Hope, 2018.

Shahbaz. I am a childhood cancer survivor and Ugam member since 5 years. When I was in 10th Std when I was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (Type of blood cancer). It was very difficult for me







Priti Nag I was

diagnosed with Acute

Myeloid Leukaemia

(AML M2), in the year

2016. I am from

Kolkata, but during

my treatment I shifted

to Mumbai, Badlapur.

I am grateful to Indian

Cancer Society (ICS)

my treatment successfully from TMH in the year 2000. I never stopped my education during my treatment and currently I'm working as an UGAM officer at Indian Cancer Society. I would like to thank my mother for always being with me, from the initiation to completion of my treatment. Remember: If we have to defeat the enemy, named cancer, proper medication, treatment, regular medical and psycho social follow up and healthy lifestyle is necessary.

I am really happy to share my achievements with my UGAM Family and would like to Congratulate all of you for successfully completing 10 years and many many more such years. So lets come together and make it a Grand Celebration

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for helping me financially for my studies. Currently, I am studying in 9th standard and enjoying my life. I love swimming, painting. I secured 14th state rank in Indian talent G.K and also received an excellence award for the same. I really want to thank my parents, all my doctors, nurses ICS and UGAM for constantly supporting



संजीव कुमार मे संजीव कुमार, एक कंटेम्पररी आर्टिस्ट हूँ. तीन साल के उम्र में, मुझे कैंसर हआ था. उसी समय, मे चुपचाप बैठा रहता था और सिर्फ कार्टन का ड़ाइंग बनाता था. मैने अपनी प्रॉब्लम को अपनी



ताकत बनाया. भगवान, उगम, डॉक्टर, सोशल वर्कर और परिवार वालो के प्यार का ताकत के वजेसे २०१९ में नेशनल आर्ट गैलरी मेरा पेंटिंग चुना गया हैं. इससे मेरी मेहनत को एक नयी मौकाम मिला हैं. लाइफ में कोई भी प्रॉब्लम हो, अपने उद्देश्य को कमजोर मत होने दो, सफलता जरूर आएगा.

Parents Story

Vijay Joshi Father of Veedesh Joshi हमारा बेटा जब १३ साल का था तो उसे अचानक् बुख़ार आना शुरू हो गँया, दो महीने की कल अवधि उससे चार से पांच बार बुखार आया तो हमने उसे अस्पताल में एडमिट् करवाया. सीबीसी रिपोर्ट देखने के बाद डॉक्टर



बोले की अब बॉन मैरो करवायो. हमारे लिए सब नया था लेकिन बोन मेरो करवाने के लिए उन्होंने जिन अस्पतालों का नाम लिया उनका नाम सुनते ही हमारे पैरों की निचे की जमीन खीसक गई. उन जगायों की खर्चा उठाने में हम सक्षम नहीं थे, फिर भी हमने बिना समय वर्थ किये मुंबई जाने का फैसला किया. मुंबई हमारे लिए एकदम नॅयी जगह थी. वडिआ हॉस्पिटलॅं में हमारे बेटे की फिर से कुछ जाच करने के बाद उन्होंने एडमिट करवा लिया और हमें इलाच कैसे होगा, कितने दिन चलेगा, इसकी पूरी जानकारी दी. अब हम्रें पता चल चूका था की हमें अपने परिवार के साथ मुंबई शिफ्ट होना हैं. ये हमारे लिए बहुत बरी बात थी कियुकी कियुकी हमारे पास ऐसी कोई व्यवस्था नहीं थी. हमने जैसे तैसे महालक्क्मी मंदिर के पास रहने की व्यवस्था कर ली. बेटे का डूलाज पूरा होने के २ सोल बाद मै नागपर वापस आया. जिन को ये पता था की मै मेरे बेटे का इँलाज मुंबई में करवाया, यो लोग अगर किसीको कैंसर चिकित्सा करवाने के लिए जानकारी का जरुरत होता तो हमारे पास वेज देते. आवश्यक अनुसार हम उनको सब जानकारी देते और अस्पताल जाके मदद करते. जीन मरीजों का अस्पताल या उनके घर में उपचार सम्भब नहीं है उनके लिए कुछ करने का प्लान कर रहे है. इन सारे कामो में मेरे पत्नी का मुझे पूर्ण सहयोग हैं

→ We are proud of you it



Dr. Shripad Banavali Was awarded Lokmat Maharashtrian of the year-Medical field



Oindrila Banerjee Painting selected for Art exhibition at ICCR, Nandalal Bose Gallery.



Sanjeev Kumar His painting was selected at National All India Art Exhibition-2019



Shruti Nirmal Mhatre Best Student Nurse Award by Nurses Welfare Association, Nair Hospital.



Shalaka Mane Successfully completing 'KEVAT' Post Graduation Diploma



Sampada Sakre Awarded by western Railway for exceptional service-All India level.



Sachin Chandorkar His sculpture was selected at All India Art Competition and Exhibition 2019-2nd edition, by State Gallery of Arts, Hyderabad

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Ugam theme song... launched on 3rd June, 2012

चल दिए हम लेकर अपना कारवाँ लिखेंगे खुशियों से भरी एक दास्ताँ राहों के टेढ़े मेढ़े जो मोड़ हो टूटे ना इन हाथों के जो जोड़ हो जीवन की धुप में हम पले हैं काँटों के रास्तों पर चले हैं महकाए फूलों से ये चमन देखा जो दर्द को हम मिटा दें एक लौ से ये जहाँ जगमगा दें भरदे उमंगों से ये गगन हम हैं उगम हम उगम

> जीवन की आशा को प्यार की भाषा से अब तो महकाना है खुशियों को लाना है बढ़ते ही जाना है.... उगम बिखरे उन सपनो को फिरसे उठाना है बढ़ते ही जाना है.... उगम

चल दिए हम लेकर अपना कारवाँ ...

Song Written by: Shashank Johri & Composed by: Immanuel