

Kolkata

Centre of HOPE



Mission

Our mission, as a compassionate but non-sectarian international charity is to change lives by harnessing the compassion and commitment of dedicated staff and volunteers to deliver sustainable, high-impact, community-based services to the poor and needy.



Escaping exploitation

One can see children in tattered clothes begging on the streets of Kolkata hoping that someone would be kind enough to give them something to eat. Few months back Sharmila and Bijoli were living this life. Their father had murdered their mother and abandoned them on the streets. Luckily for them, they were picked up by their grandmother before any street thug would lay hands on them. But at their granny's place all was not well. Their aunt would make these young girls do all the household chores. The grandmother opposed such treatment but she was not in a position to provide in anyway for the kids. Then she came to know about our HOPE worldwide school and enrolled the children here.



Though it started as a way to escape the clutches of their aunt for few hours, it has now turned out to be a fun place for them to play with their friends and to learn new things everyday from their teachers.

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A Father's dream

Hirak Mondal's father earns his livelihood by selling knick-knacks in local commuter trains. Jostling with daily commuters, he makes a meager INR 40-50 (USD 1) a day. That is not even enough to buy vegetables for their dinner. Hirak has come to terms with this life, and does not throw a tantrum when his request for an ice-candy is not met. His father does not want his children to end up like him but does not have enough money to put them in a school. When he came to know about the HOPE *worldwide* school, he immediately enrolled his children. Hirak comes with his elder sister to the school everyday and has started to dream. He wants to be a Pilot.



ACHIEVEMENTS



Rajni Das has been one of the most dedicated student from the Computer Training Centre. Coming from a lower middle class family she along with her brother came to learn computers from our institute.

In the recently conducted examination she scored the highest marks and received an A grade for her performance. We thank our donors for there support and help.

SPOKEN ENGLISH CLASSES

We started Spoken English classes in the month of March 2009. Many students had failed in various job interviews because they could not express themselves in English. No sooner did we start the spoken English class, the students started flocking in. We started with one batch but within a couple of months we had to start another batch.



STATISTICS

MONTH	KCOH School					CTC					SPOKEN ENGLISH					
	Boys	Girls	NA	Drop Out	Total	Boys	Girls	NA	DO	Total	Boys	Girls	NA	DO	PO	Total
JUL	65	36	0	1	100	55	37	05	12	85	12	10	0	3	0	19
AUG	64	36	0	0	100	50	35	06	11	80	10	9	0	9	3	7
SEP	64	36	0	4	96	45	35	06	11	72	5	2	8	2	0	13

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Independence Day Celebrations



Children singing National Anthem



Dance performance by school kids

Teachers' Day Celebration



The Kolkata Centre of HOPE's first Teacher's Day was celebrated on 5th September. The children did a fantastic job in organizing it. With lot of guidance they hosted the program well. They organized a small skit for the teachers, put up a dance performance and even contributed INR 5 each from their side and got gifts as a token of gratitude for their teachers. The day was enjoyed by all.

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