

Projects of the month:

Village of HOPE

One can hardly ignore the presence of leprosy patients in any city of India. In fact, we find them all around us: in the bus stop, on the signals, in front of religious places and so on. The “Village of HOPE” as the name indicates is truly the wellspring of hope for the countless leprosy patients our society ostracized due to the social stigma and fear attached to this dreaded disease.

Home to 4000 leprosy patients and their families, the Village of HOPE has seen an astounding transformation. Established in 1993, the initial years witnessed the residents heavily dependent on begging on the streets of Delhi as their chief source of income. However, over the years, close to 90% of the residents have abandoned begging and opted to work in different parts of the city. Lending a helping and supportive hand to the residents in this transformation are the valiant and dedicated Village of HOPE workers.

The Village of HOPE is situated on the outskirts of Delhi, within the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) leprosy complex, Tahirpur. It lies adjacent to the Leprosy Mission Hospital at Nandnagri. The complex has been home to 800 families who lived in mud huts, many of which were badly damaged during the monsoons. Their homes were surrounded by stagnating water and lacked basic facilities. Many earned a living through begging, and the stigma attached to the disease caused an ache in their hearts, even as several of their extremities lost almost all sensation. HOPE worldwide, through its Indian affiliate HOPE foundation, has helped rehabilitate more than 800 leprosy families by building homes, creating job opportunities and providing vocational training. The land for constructing the homes was made available by the Department of Social Welfare, Government of NCT-Delhi and various government departments have helped provide electricity, water, and sewage and proper roads.



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Donor Speaks:

Padma Venkatraman

I consider it an honour to be associated with HOPE *worldwide* from the time of its inception in India. My first encounter with them was a memorable incident. I saw some staff of HOPE *worldwide* attending on leprosy affected people in a colony in Delhi. Rather than handing out brochures, they were physically taking care of the ulcers of the patients. This was the proof of their commitment to this cause.

During this period I was involved with the socio-economic rehabilitation of leprosy affected people in the largest leprosy colony in the world at Sahadra, Delhi. HOPE *worldwide's* involvement in this programme resulted in the creation of "Village of HOPE". This has transformed the lives of people from despondence and degradation to dignity and self reliance.

The unique qualities of HOPE *worldwide* staff make it a pleasurable experience to partner with them in all their activities throughout India. The professional approach to the projects, commitment, and human touch are some of the qualities of HOPE *worldwide* to be emulated by everyone serving society. I wish HOPE *worldwide* continued success in their noble endeavour.



Padma Venkatraman
Social Activist and
daughter of ex-President of India,
Mr. R.Venkataraman

Projects of the month:

Centre of HOPE-Hyderabad

Towards fulfilling the aspirations of the city's deprived populace HOPE *foundation*, an Indian affiliate of HOPE *worldwide* established a nursery and primary school and a computer training centre.



Hyderabad has emerged as one of the fastest growing information technology hub in the country. A number of giant multi-national companies have set up base in the city. In spite of the rapid development in certain sectors and sections of Hyderabad, a majority of the city's population are still devoid of quality education. Towards fulfilling the aspirations of the city's deprived populace HOPE *foundation*, an Indian affiliate of HOPE *worldwide* established a nursery and primary school and a computer training centre.

Since 2004, CA Inc and HOPE *foundation* has been in a fruitful association in Hyderabad. This partnership led to the establishment of the CA Inc HOPE *foundation* school for under privileged children in the Kakateeya Nagar slum in Habsiguda in June 2004.

Earlier, a computer training centre was started in the year 1998 with 10 students in a batch at Secunderabad in a small house. Free computer education for the under privileged students were imparted. Students were added day by day to 4 batches with 40 students. After some time the Centre was moved to a new place at Hyderabad with spacious rooms in the year 2000 with 3 batches and 10 students in each batch

In June 2010, HOPE *foundation* and Soham for Kids partnered to open a school to provide exceptional quality of education to the deprived children of Mallapur.

Donor Speaks:

Flt Lt Bipin Pendyala

Working with HOPE *foundation* is a pleasant and fulfilling experience as the people involved are very passionate and focused in the cause and can relate to both the beneficiaries and benefactors. HOPE *foundation's* dedication is very infectious. As individuals and as an organisation (CA) we are very keen in enabling the under privileged, and education is the choice we have made as we believe that quality education can uplift the individual and his/her family in the long run to achieve better quality of life. It is amazing to see the constantly improving confidence level in the children at school which is far more important and significant than the improvement they exhibit in English language, mathematics and specific skills. Many of the volunteers at CA are very involved and spend time in CA HOPE *foundation* school activities and the Learning Centre activities. The joy and excitement of spending time and effort and to see the returns in the forms of students improving their skills and confidence to face the world is very fulfilling and motivating to keep going.



Flt Lt Bipin Pendyala
Vice President & Site Manager
CA

Help needed for Leh Disaster Victims

Many villages of Leh district have been devastated during the recent flash floods. Over 200 people have lost their lives, with more than 400 injured and 700 people missing. Their homes and sources of livelihoods have been washed away. HOPE worldwide and a team of caring individuals have started to work in the area to ease people's misery.

We are providing relief to some of the worst affected villages hit by the flood in Leh. These include Choglamsar, Saboo and Nimoo. **People are in need of urgent help before the winter sets in. Our goal is to give solar lamps to the affected families to ensure that they receive some comfort during the cold nights.** The first batch of 100 lights would soon be airlifted to the disaster site.

If you want to help, please visit us on

<http://www.hopeworldwide.org.in/news/2010/September/help-needed-for-Leh-disaster-victims.aspx>

US Congressman Brian Baird visits Sonia Vihar



US Congressman Brian Baird with the children

US Congressman Brian Baird recently visited Chotton Ki Asha (CKA), Maternal Health and Child Survival programme in Delhi. The sky was clear and the mood of the children was upbeat as they welcomed Congressman Baird. **His amiable nature endeared him to the children. Even language posed no barrier as he conversed with the students of the Vocational Training Centre.** Congressman Baird was also updated about the CKA child survival programme and he was impressed to know that the effort put in by the local community health workers achieved its goal of reducing infant mortality rate in their community. He was also delighted to hear the testimony of a micro-credit beneficiary of "100 seeds" programme who shared how a small loan helped him launch his business of selling vegetables. The CKA team and the community were very much encouraged to host Congressman Baird.

Run for HOPE worldwide to provide a home for orphans

HOPE worldwide's Asharan orphanage in New Delhi is a home for orphans where they receive abundant love and care. Asharan orphanage located in Multan Nagar is home to 25 children at any given time but has been a refuge for 383 children in the last 20 years. We seek your support to raise money to provide a dwelling place for such orphans. All you need to do is run in the Airtel Delhi Half Marathon- with your family, friends, neighbours or colleagues.

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Rs.1000/- a month
will provide 50 poor patients with medical treatment

Rs.2000/- a month
will provide vocational training to 20 women

Rs.5000/- a month
will provide a teacher in a school for under privileged children