



Hand In Hand USA

One drop can make a difference

A non-profit 501(c)(3) organization for humanitarian aid

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NEWSLETTER

“If being kind to plants helps them grow, imagine what *being kind* to humans can do.”

Warm greetings!

We hope your summer has been relaxing and fun. We send our best wishes to you, your family and friends! Hand In Hand USA (“HIH USA”) thanks you for your continued support.

Your generosity makes it possible to continue our humanitarian projects in India and around the world.

In this newsletter you will find the updates. Thank you!

hand in hand USA team

Hariharananda Balashram

Hariharananda Balashram (“Balashram”) is a charitable, residential school helping to fight child hunger, homelessness and illiteracy in the remote villages of Odisha, India. It is a nurturing home providing healthy food, quality medical care and outstanding education, with the hopes of ensuring viable futures for its children. Balashram is 100% free and with nearly 500 students, there is always the need for your generous support.

World Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 2019 at Balashram. The importance of celebrating and protecting our Earth was discussed. The students participated in plantation programs around the campus. Approximately 200 trees were planted over a period of two months. Students learned how to care for plants and learned the how they can be a part of keeping the campus green and reducing waste and use of plastics.



Students learn about environmental stewardship

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” - Winston Churchill

Student Profile

Prasanta Sahoo, a student from the first class of Balashram, decided that after 10th grade he was not interested in pursuing any further education. He moved on from Balashram to work as an assistant truck driver. After living that life, he realized the hardships he would face without further education and returned to Balashram seeking guidance and support. With the help of the staff, Prasanta was placed in a Nettur Technical Training Foundation (NTTF) center, a renowned institute in India, where he excelled. He successfully completed his industrial training course and was recruited on campus by VIVO MOBILE INDIA where he now works as an engineer. As an expression of gratitude, he donated a portion of his first paycheck back to Balashram.



Balashram student Prasanta Sahoo begins his career

International Yoga Day was organized in the school on June 21, 2019. Yoga is one of the greatest contributions from India to the entire world. The government of India has helped to make International Yoga Day a worldwide celebration of Indian spiritual culture. At Balashram, the practice of yoga is an integral part of the students’ daily routine.



Yoga is an integral part of the daily routine for all students of the Balashram

Disaster Relief

Catastrophic events are occurring all over our globe. Hand In Hand USA partners with local relief agencies and non-profit organizations to help by providing funds so those on the ground can respond efficiently and effectively.

Disaster Relief

Cyclone Fani, an extremely severe tropical storm, devastated the entire district of Puri from late April to early May. With wind speeds above 150 MPH, it took the lives of dozens of people, destroyed homes and buildings and left over \$2B in damages to the state of Odisha. This was the most destructive storm in the region since the 1999 super cyclone.

HIH USA donations were used for relief and restoration work that has been ongoing during the peak of summer while temperatures were soaring. Local organizations helped provided food and daily supplies to the affected villages. The exceptional commitment and courage of the volunteers to work in this climate and trying circumstances was outstanding.



Village destroyed by Cyclone Fani

Healthcare

Millions of people in India do not have access to any medical care and where available, cannot afford it. The medical centers and mobile units we sponsor are able to treat over 100,000 patients every year.

Charitable Health Centers

Hariharananda Charitable Health Centres (“HCHC”) which started providing medical care in 2002, continue to provide medical services to the poor and needy. In 2018, over 120,000 patients were seen within the various health centers and through the mobile clinics. As part of the medical relief activity after Cyclone Fani, a team of doctors was organized to provide care in the different villages of Puri.

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“Giving is just not about making a donation, it’s about making a difference.” - Cathy Kalvin



Medical care after Cyclone Fani

Fundraising Events

Volunteers all over the United States host events to support Hand In Hand USA. Sports competitions, dinners and walk a thons are some of the ways our supporters have engaged with their communities to raise funds and awareness.

Chicago Fundraising Dinner

Our 17th Annual Fundraiser was held on April 13, 2019, at Waterford Banquet Hall in Elmhurst, Illinois. We had over 200 attendees and thanks to the generous donations of those who attended as well as those who were unable to attend, we were able to raise over \$70,000.



Dallas Fundraiser

On April 27, 2019 the Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter organized a volleyball tournament at the Power Volley Ball Club in Allen, TX. It was a new kind of event and over 100 people participated to raise over \$1200 and also create awareness of HIH USA.





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Gift Matching Program

We take this opportunity to remind all our patrons that Motorola Inc., General Electric, Bank of America, AMD Foundation, JP Morgan Chase, Microsoft, Yahoo, VMWare, Wells Fargo and Verizon are matching dollar-to-dollar donations made to our organization. We encourage all our patrons to check with their respective employers/organizations and let us know what, if any, paperwork is required to add Hand In Hand USA to gift matching programs.

Help Your Skin Help A Cause

Hales Cosmeceuticals beauty products are used by many well-known dermatologists, plastic surgeons, salons and spas. Each product is backed by over 20 years of experience and is free of animal derivatives. The products are comparable to any well-known brands in terms of effectiveness and results and can be purchased at a truly low price with all proceeds benefitting HIH USA.

For product inquiries and purchase please email hihcosmetics@gmail.com or call 630-882-0247. Cosmetics can also be purchased at products.handinhandusa.org.

Getting Involved

Hand In Hand USA requests and encourages its patrons to organize fundraising events such as dinners/walk-a-thons.

Goodsearch.com

Hand In Hand USA has registered with Goodsearch.com so that every time you perform a web search using their search engine HIH will receive a penny. Go to goodsearch.com and select Hand In Hand USA as your cause. Bookmark goodsearch.com and start using it for all your web searches.

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