



Hand In Hand USA | Newsletter 2018

A non-profit organization for humanitarian aid

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"Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness."

-Seneca

Warm summer greetings! We send our best wishes to you, your family and friends! Thank you for your continued support as 2018 marches on. Your generosity makes it possible to continue the humanitarian projects in India and around the world.

We especially thank you for your continued support of the *Balashram*, our residential school for poor and orphaned children, providing loving service for more than a decade..

We would like to share the following updates with you...

Fundraising Dinner

Hand in Hand USA celebrated its 16th anniversary at the annual Fundraising Dinner of Chicago on Saturday evening, April 7, 2018 at Waterford Banquet Hall in Elmhurst, IL.



Guests at the annual Fundraising Dinner

Over 250 people enjoyed the event that included great inspiring speeches along with fun entertainment and delicious Indian cuisine.

Puneet Mansharamani, an ardent member of HIH USA highlighted the organization's objectives and the active projects. The highlight of the wonderful event was the stunning dance performances by Ameya Performing Arts.

Mr. Abhay Kukreja served as the Master of Ceremonies for this evening. The program started with Vaibhav Iyer, who mesmerized the guests with his Carnatic flute. Smt. Durga Chunduri, President of HIH USA gave a brief history of the organization and the current humanitarian projects in India. She reminded that each of us has the opportunity to be that one drop to bring the dream of 'no poverty and sorrow in the world' into realization.

A vote of thanks dropped the curtain on an evening of socializing, music and great food that had all come together for a great cause. Everyone was exceptionally generous and raised over \$ 50,000.

Charitable Healthcare

A new Mobile Medical and Dental Unit (MMDU) has been launched to carry out student health check-ups and dental camps at 364 schools of Pattamundai Block of Kendrapada district and Rural Dental Camps in Cuttack district of the state of Odisha in India.

The MMDU performs dental extractions, fillings and distributes oral medicines with all types of dental problems served. The team includes five doctors who work together and travel 250 – 300 km per day. Financial aid is much appreciated and needed to support the continued service of this medical and dental team.



New mobile medical and dental unit

More Healthcare News

In 2017, more than 100,000 poor patients received treatment at the various charitable clinics. This includes more than 15,000 at Ataghar, where the facility is little more than a cowshed. Hundreds of rural villagers receive medication from this humble site each month. So, it has been proposed to construct a simple building with two consult rooms, a pharmacy and restroom to safely meet the needs of the sick and disadvantaged in this region with dignity.

Donations are much needed to begin construction.

Hariharananda Balashram has a new principal!

The *Hariharananda Balashram* is a charitable, residential school helping to fight hunger, homelessness and illiteracy. It provides a nurturing home, healthy food, quality medical care and outstanding education, ensuring viable futures for society's most vulnerable members totally free of charge. With nearly 500 children, there is always plenty of activity, growth and the need for your generous support.



Meet the new Kindergarten class!

We are honored to introduce the school's new principal - Dr. Malaya Nanda, PhD. After obtaining a graduate school degree and M.Phil in Chemistry, he taught for 5 years at the Royal College of Science & Technology in Bhubaneswar. He then completed a Masters in Applied Sciences of Biochemical Engineering from the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada and a PhD in Chemical and Bio-Chemical Engineering from the University of Western Ontario.

He also worked for one year as a scientist at Lorama Groups in Milton, Ontario, Canada and as a Post Doctoral Research Fellow at the Institute for Chemical and Fuels from Alternative Resources in London, Ontario, Canada.

We are very excited for this positive step forward and look forward to his inspired leadership!

More News From The Balashram

36 students graduated from the school last year and we are proud to share that 31 of them are attending college. Donations can be designated for "**Project Chrysalis**" which specifically offers additional support to these young graduates to help their transition to higher education and adulthood.

What a beautiful journey each child completes during their 12 years of study and training – such as Meghanad Gahir (pictured below as a young boy upon arrival on the left and in 12th grade on the right). He aspires to teach at the Balashram.



Meghanad excelled at the arts in school and now aims to teach

Upcoming Events

The St. Louis Chapter of HIH USA is planning their first fundraising dinner later this summer. Please visit our website www.handinhandusa.org for the date and location of this event along with fall annual Walkathons in Chicago and Dallas.

You Can Host An Event...

If you are interested in organizing an event to raise awareness and funds to support the charitable activities of HIH USA, we can help you get started!

Please contact:

handinhand@handinhandusa.org



Hand In Hand USA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation, which will aid our ongoing service projects. The volunteer staff sincerely thanks you for your continued support and so do the children of the Balashram!

In Their Own Words...

A special message from a child of the Balashram to our Hand In Hand USA community

Hariharananda Balashram: Our School

Balashram is just like a home in which all the students, teachers, staff and other members are living happily. Our school focuses on inspiration and moral teachings.

As it is the era of science and technology our school provides digital classrooms to the students, so that their doubts will be clear. It has one science practical lab and one math lab by which the students have been benefitted a lot in the field of science and technology. We have one big library which is the source of acquiring knowledge for us.

In the field of games and sports we are getting many facilities. We have been provided all types of equipment for our safeguard while playing. We are also given a chance to participate in the outside competitions and some students had been selected up to National level.

Our school also has facilities in the field of medical treatment to encourage self-reliance and to protect and revive traditional skills and equip them with modern technical skills; our school is also providing vocational training and basic development classes to us.

It has not only made the students developed in this field but also in the field of humanity which is the greatest value of the human race.

It acts like an architect that designs the life of many students.

So, for me Balashram is just like a ray of architecture in the rising sun of development.



Sumitra Mandal
Class - IX

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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 it's patrons to organize fund raising events such as dinners/walkathons. Please contact Hand In Hand USA for volunteer opportunities.

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Thank you for your continued support!!! Have a happy and safe summer!!!