



Hand In Hand USA | Newsletter 2016

A non-profit organization for humanitarian aid

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"The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away."

-Pablo Picasso

Happy Holidays!

We wish you, your family and friends a very happy holiday season! Thank you for your generosity this year. We appreciate your support which has made it possible to continue the humanitarian projects in India and around the world in 2016. This includes the *Balashram*, our residential school for poor and orphaned children, providing loving service for more than a decade. May your new year be filled with health, happiness, success and peace.

Hariharananda Balashram

Class X students successfully completed their final exams and gained access to different colleges and institutions of higher education. They chose between the subjects of science, humanities and arts, economics, mechanics, tool design and construction. Financial aid is needed to help these students transition to higher education and become successful adult members of society. If you would like to support, donations can be made specifically for **Project Chrysalis** – a separate fund for supporting these teens.



Older Balashram students in the classroom

The new health center at the Balashram in Arua is still under construction and needs continued financial support to be completed. Additional utensils and supplies for the hostel, computers for the lab, books and shelves for the library, tools and equipment for vocational training, and furniture for the classrooms are also needed.

This past summer was filled with festivals and celebrations, which provide opportunities for the Balashram children to connect with the community and learn more about important social issues. Events included "Technology Day," "International Yoga Day" and "World No Tobacco Day." On July 12th, the children participated in a campaign aimed at raising awareness about the dangers of malaria. Students also helped organize an outreach program about child labor, which is still a problem in certain rural areas, even though children under the age of 14 are not permitted to work according to the laws in India. Many of the older students went with their teachers to surrounding villages to educate people and help prevent this practice.

Chicago And Dallas Walkathons

The 10th annual HIH USA Walkathon took place on October 22 in Herrick Lake Forest Preserve in Wheaton, IL.

The HIH USA Dallas Chapter held its 5th walkathon a week later on October 29th, and it was very successful. Local volunteers and people from various communities participated. Lots of children were also involved. Fun activities like face painting, games and non-competitive running were enjoyed. 95 people attended this event and raised over \$10k. Thanks to all volunteers and local sponsors from the Dallas-Fort Worth region for making this event a great success.



Dallas Walkathon participants walk together for charity



Hand In Hand USA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. In the spirit of the season, please consider making an end-of-the-year 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!

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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