



# Hand In Hand USA

## One drop can make a difference

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

FALL/WINTER 2019

“I am only one, but I am one.  
I cannot do everything,  
but I can do  
something ...  
And by the grace of God,  
I will.”

Edward Everett Hale  
Author/Historian

### **To Our Dear Supporters,**

During these uncertain times, we extend our hearts and our prayers to all those affected by COVID-19. Please take good care of yourselves, your loved ones and the people in your community.

Our deepest gratitude to you for your continued support of Hand In Hand USA (“HIH USA”). Your generosity makes our humanitarian efforts in India and around the world possible.

Please enjoy our Fall/Winter Newsletter!

*hand in hand USA team*

# NEWSLETTER

## Warm greetings!

The winter holidays are over and warm weather is on its way! We wish you and your families good health and happiness and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of Hand In Hand USA ("HIH USA").

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## 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. Balashram is a nurturing facility, providing approximately 500 children with free food, quality medical care and outstanding education, with the hopes of ensuring viable futures for its children.

### Blessings Day

Balashram students and faculty observed the 16th Annual Blessings Day, Spandan on December 22, 2019. A Science and Art exhibition displayed the various arts and crafts and science models created by the students. A cultural program with students performing in plays, singing and dancing was the highlight of Blessings Day.



*Students lead a parade on Blessings Day*

**"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."** - Mother Teresa

### Special Events

Students at Balashram who won prizes and accolades on various occasions.

Student	Event
Chane Hembram Subulaxmi Jena	Participation in the National Selection Camp for Rugby
Jasmi Kisku Puspanjali Mallick Ankita Adak	Participation in the State-level Kho-Kho competition at Koraput
Rama Hamsa Basant Sahoo	Participation in the state-level Soccer tournament
Sardar Tudu Partha Sarathi Saran Singh	Winners of the state-level art competition on World Art day
Sanajay Behera Sandhyarani Acharya	Selected to record a song on ALL INDIA RADIO (AIR), Cuttack
Sandhyarani Acharya	Selected to perform on a National Television Channel
Dasmat Murmu Daura Pingua	Winners of Block level art competition organized by Sambad, a reputed Odia newspaper

### Curriculum Updates

Balashram's administration continues to seek ways of improving the offerings and curriculum at the school. It was decided in the annual School Management Committee ("SMC") meeting to teach Sanskrit as an additional language to students in Grades 3-7. Students are already learning English, Hindi and the local Oriya language. The Committee also decided to apply for Central Board of Secondary Education ("CBSE") affiliation to introduce Arts and Humanities to students in grades 11 and 12 in addition to the Science stream already being offered.

### Student Profile

Mandui Soy, a 7th grade student at Balashram was selected by the Indian Rugby Federation to participate in the Societe Generale Kids Rugby Spirit Festival in Japan. She traveled to Japan with the team manager and her Indian teammates on October 22, 2019 for an excitement-filled week-long trip. During the trip, the Indian rugby junior team played a friendly match with the Japan junior rugby team, and Mandui was awarded with a gold medal for her performance in the game. The Deputy Collector of the Kendrapara District, the Director of Physical Education and the District Education Officer all met her and congratulated her on different occasions. Mandui was showered with several sports items from Indian Rugby, Odisha (state) Rugby and Kendrapara District sports organizations. Mandui's journey is inspiring not only to the children of Balashram, but also to the children of nearby villages. Her dream

of being an international rugby player representing India is beginning to blossom, and Balashram is committed to making her dream become a reality.



*Balashram student Mandui Soy*

## Healthcare

Millions of people in India have no access to medical care. The medical centers and mobile units we sponsor are able to assist over 100,000 patients a year.

### Hariharananda Charitable Health Centers (HCHC)

Prajnana Mission, under the project Hariharananda Charitable Health Centers (“HCHC”), is providing medical services to the poor and needy since 2002. “Over the years, HCHC has made efforts to reach out to an increased number of patients and now treat approximately 120,000 patients each year. HCHC has 5 operational Health Centers with 42 doctors and 14 paramedic staff who are offering specialized services across centers.

- Construction for a new Health Center was completed on February 10, 2020 in Athaharah, Odisha.
- Ayurveda healthcare services were started in the Balighai Health Center on Aug 10, 2019.
- Orthopaedic OPD (Outpatient Department) and Neurology OPD services began in late 2019 and early 2020 at the Jagatpur Health Center.
- A new X-RAY machine, Computed Radiography (CR) system and fully automatic Biochemistry Analyzer has been installed at the Jagatpur Health Center.



*Athaharah Health Center*

## Disaster Relief

Catastrophic events occur all over the globe destroying homes and displacing families. HIH USA partners with local relief agencies and not-for-profit organizations by providing much-needed funds to help with relief efforts.

### Puerto Rico Earthquakes

Puerto Rico has been at the epicenter of some of the largest and most damaging earthquakes that started on December 28, 2019 and continued through early January 2020. As part of our mission to support all in need, HIH USA has always earmarked a portion of our funds to assist in these disaster situations. This year, HIH USA donated money to the Puerto Rico disaster relief efforts to help families rebuild their lives and homes.



*Disaster caused by Puerto Rico earthquakes*

## Fundraising Events

Throughout the year, supporters all over the country host events to raise funds for HIH USA. Examples of these events traditionally include fundraising dinners, sporting events and walk-a-thons.

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**“Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the one who receives them and they bless you, the giver”**

- Barbara De Angelis/Author, Spiritual Advisor

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## Annual Dallas Walk-a-Thon

Our Dallas chapter held a fundraising walk-a-thon on Saturday, September 7 at a beautiful shoreline trail in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Over 150 men, women and children came to walk, run, ride and jog in support of HIH USA.



Over 150 people attended the Dallas Walk-a-Thon

## Chicago Brunch for Charity

A bagel bar, fresh fruit and the Chicago skyline on a beautiful summer morning was the setting for the Chicago Brunch for Charity on September 8, 2019 at The J. Parker rooftop. Nandini and Puneet Mansharamani hosted this event and guests opened their hearts and their pocketbooks generously donating to HIH USA.



Beautiful rooftop at J Parker, Chicago

## Giving on the Green Golf Event

On Saturday, September 28, 2019, Ritu and Amit Khanduja hosted their annual "Giving on the Green" charity golf event at the renowned White Eagle Golf Course in Naperville, Illinois. After the shotgun golf tournament, golfers and guests enjoyed live music, fusion food and a silent auction in White Eagle's Walnut Room.



Cocktail hour and presentation followed the golf event

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**Thank you for your continued support.**  
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## 13th Annual Chicago Walk-a-Thon

Despite thunderstorms and rain in the forecast, it was a clear sunny day on September 29, 2019 as approximately 20 HIH USA supporters came out to participate in our 13th Annual Walk-a-Thon. They walked, ran and jogged while children played.



*Patrons attended with families on this beautiful day*

## Charlotte Annual Fundraising Campaign

On November 8, 2019, the Charlotte chapter of HIH USA hosted its annual fundraising dinner. It was held at the Brookhaven Clubhouse in Matthews, NC with approximately 140 guests in attendance. Their goal was to raise funds to educate 25 Balashram students for one year and they surpassed their goal.



*Fundraising Dinner in Charlotte*

## 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](mailto:hihcosmetics@gmail.com) or call 630-882-0247. Cosmetics can also be purchased at [products.handinhandusa.org](http://products.handinhandusa.org).

## Getting Involved

If you are interested in organizing an event to raise awareness or funds to support the charitable activities of HIH USA, please allow us to help you get started!

Please contact: [fundraising@handinhandusa.org](mailto:fundraising@handinhandusa.org)

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