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Maria: Found begging with her mother on the streets of Andhra, they were taken to the GHTM Hospital, Tambaram, Chennai, and diagnosed as having HIV. Eventually the hospital transferred Maria to our AIDS Home of HOPE, Chennai. It has since been proven that Maria is not HIV positive and has been returned to her relatives, after staying with us for around three years.

Photograph by Roger Packham, UK

### Annual Report

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# HOPE foundation has a vision – to bring hope to a hurting world.



HOPE foundation is an independent affiliate of HOPE worldwide, Ltd. Our mission, as a compassionate but non-sectarian charity, is to provide sustainable, capacity-building health and education programmes, through our staff and a pool of volunteers, which empower children and other vulnerable individuals. HOPE foundation's programmes fall into three broad areas: **prevention, empowerment and care.**

In all our programmes we assist people irrespective of creed or caste. We aim to build capacity in individuals, communities and partner institutions. We believe that with our help, people will have the inspiration, motivation and tools to help themselves and others.

Our **prevention** programmes, in a variety of health areas, promote family planning and child health by educating slum dwellers about hygiene, reproductive health issues, and malnutrition. We also are increasingly involved in HIV/AIDS targeted intervention programmes and our efforts have won the praise of our mentors, including USAID. In five southern cities we work with the government to reach out to hundreds of thousands of slum dwellers to help them test and treat tuberculosis. In all, our prevention work touches the lives of more than 300,000 people every year.

HOPE foundation believes strongly in **empowering** individuals, communities, and institutions to help themselves. Around India we are involved in a number of education initiatives, both strengthening government schools, as well as providing pre-school facilities. Everyday more than 1,200 children regularly receive nutritious food, as well as a good education through HOPE foundation's schools. Our vocational training programmes include traditional subjects like tailoring and beauty culture, as well as more modern ones, like computer training, which we operate in twelve cities.

Our most intensive programmes are in the area of **care**. In every society some people are abandoned with no one to care for them and no means to care for themselves. At any given time HOPE foundation's care centres are housing, feeding and treating almost 100 orphans, widows, HIV/AIDS women and children, and elderly people. We are there as orphans transition to new parents through adoption, and as the dying transition from this world because of disease or age. Over the years thousands have benefited from our care work.

Communities are also empowered by our Centres of HOPE. These are centres of excellence where donations and volunteers' contributions are maximized through holistic provision of services and training that transform communities from a strong local base.

All of the above areas are greatly entwined and offer a glimpse of hope for the future of India.

Mark Templer, Chief Executive Officer,  
and family

## Letter from the CEO

Dear Friend of HOPE *foundation*,

I first stepped on Indian soil in 1985 in the great city of Kolkata. From the very first day I was deeply moved by the amazing warmth and kindness of the Indian people, and the tremendous needs and hardships faced by so many. India is a great nation, tremendously resourceful and creative, and the home of two of the great souls of the last century, Mahatma Gandhi and Mother Teresa. Inspired by their magnificent examples, and sustained by our own faith in God, a group of us, including my wife Nadine and dear friend Mohan Nanjundan, returned as volunteers for a few months in 1986, hoping to make a difference. We started with families and communities, trying to understand their problems and equipping them to overcome. Even then we began working with slum schools to better equip them to serve their communities.

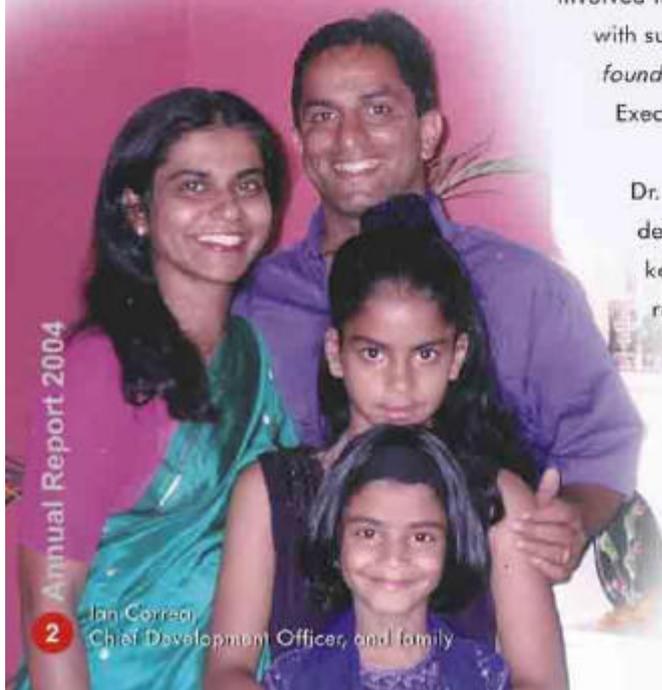


By 1987 we had moved to India, and we did what we could as volunteers. Over the coming years, many poor families were transformed and empowered, and more than a dozen schools in Bangalore were equipped and assisted to better serve their communities. After many tears, smiles, and much toil, by 1991 we saw that it was time to start a formal organisation, and so HOPE *foundation* in India was born, tied with a bond of love to HOPE *worldwide*, formed around the same time in the United States. We began in the heart of urban India, in the overcrowded, unhygienic slums, with a mobile health clinic in Chennai, and leprosy rehabilitation programmes in New Delhi.

### Growing impact through a great team

As the years passed, the organisation and its impact grew thanks to God, and to so many of you, our friends and supporters, our partners and volunteers. We now have over eighty programmes in eighteen cities, meeting the felt needs of the poor, one person at a time. My family and I have spent most of the last nineteen years in India, and the years we were abroad we were heavily involved in fund raising for the work here. It is an honour to be associated with such a magnificent group of people. I serve as the CEO of HOPE *foundation*, but our work is a team effort, with an extremely capable Executive Committee sharing the load.

Dr. Ashok Prabath serves as Chief Programme Officer and has developed our HIV/AIDS and medical work as well as a number of key initiatives. Gimms Andrews is our Chief Finance Officer, responsible for administration, financial and legal matters. Ian Correa is our Chief Development Officer and has spearheaded our networking efforts, as well as many of our education and vocational training programmes. Each of these individuals has devoted more than a decade to serving the poor, and has helped build the organisation into what it is today. Our Board of Directors, led by President Ben D'Souza, guides and leads us in a fantastic way.



Dr. Ashok Prabath, Chief Programme Officer and family

We are served as well by an Advisory Board of very dynamic and brilliant friends of HOPE *foundation* around the nation, including renowned corporate heads, consultants, and social activists. We are very thankful for all these people. Our donors in India and around the world are very special to us. Some give as little as one 100 rupees, a gift from the heart that we treasure. Others give a few pounds or dollars a month, and it all counts. We have had faithful corporate partners and church groups who have stayed with us for years. Certain individuals, families and groups like HOPE *worldwide* UK, Thames Valley CoC, Philadelphia CoC and Hampton Roads CoC have sacrificed incredibly to make amazing dreams for the poor come true. Institutional partners have guided us and built our capacity to deliver programmes with the most modern "best practices" and with proper monitoring, evaluation and accounting procedures for maximum impact. Our growing work in HIV/AIDS and child survival is an exciting development in areas of tremendous need in this nation. Thanks to you there is hope for the little ones.

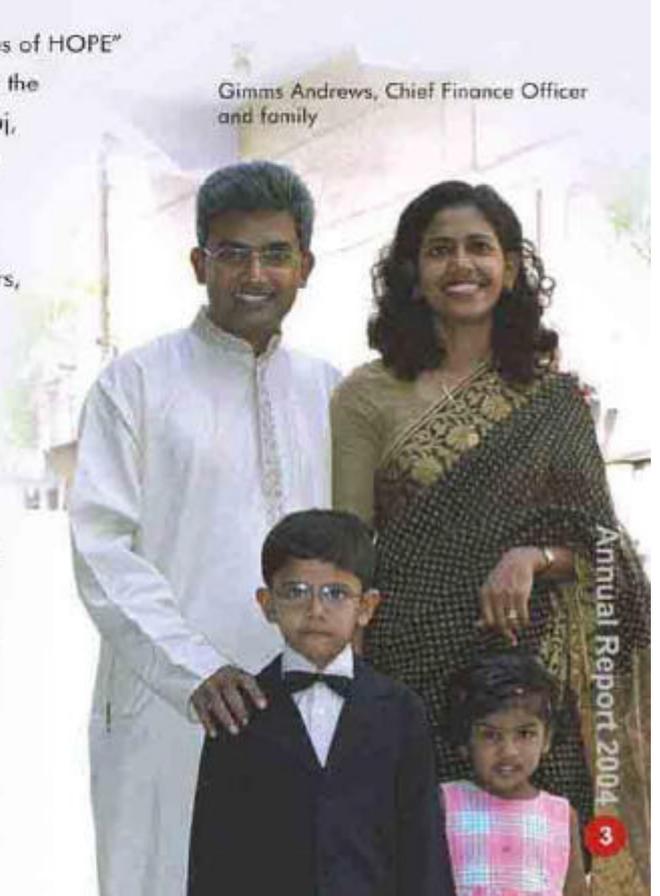


This past year has been one of tremendous challenges, as well as great victories. Our traditional sources of support have been plateauing out, and even declining in recent times, making us wonder how we will be able to continue to do everything we want to do for the poor. But new individuals and groups have courageously appeared and graciously stepped in to help, while old friends steadfastly have stood by our side and helped us through the tough times. We have formed new partnerships with government and like-minded NGOs, and we are excited about the future. We still need your help now, more than ever before! Around the world, HOPE *worldwide* sister organisations have provided financial and technical assistance that is very encouraging, including the UK, Switzerland, Africa, San Francisco, Cambodia, and others. Our world headquarters in Philadelphia, led by Robert and Pat Gempel, has been an amazing source of friendship, guidance, support and inspiration.

We are also very excited about the development of the "Centres of HOPE" concept. This idea was pioneered in the Village of HOPE from the earliest days of our work. It has been refined in the city of Bhuj, at the epicentre of the Gujarat earthquake. And now in Trichy and soon in Chennai and Kolkata, in partnership with noble families and PACE Universal, USA, we hope to see amazing centres of community development, bringing together volunteers, donors, staff, and the poor, for great impact, empowerment, capacity building, and sustainable community development.

We cannot thank each one of you enough for your hearts, encouragement, support, and time. We offer a special note of thanks to churches, institutions and individuals who have provided unrestricted donations, which allow us to meet needs and manage our growth in the most effective way possible. We covet your continued friendship and support, and ask you to spread the word about our work to all who will listen!

Gimms Andrews, Chief Finance Officer and family



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Under construction; the new Centre of HOPE

# Lasting legacy – Centres of HOPE

HOPE *foundation* wants to make a lasting difference to the lives of poor people in India. Respect for individuals, empowerment, training, and compassion produce sustainable and real changes in communities in the long run. As we have helped the poor over the years, we have discovered that maximum impact occurs when we are able to have a base where a variety of services can be delivered, where donors, volunteers, staff, and beneficiaries can be brought together, and where an atmosphere of positive values can be infused and then spread to the community.

A short-term literacy programme can help thousands of people, and is very beneficial. The same programme run from a centre of excellence establishes relationships that give people not only technical skills, but also something to come back to in

the future, either to give to others, or to receive further training. When people are brought into a clean, colourful, positive environment, it changes the way they think about themselves and the world.

The Bhuj earthquake brought tremendous suffering to large numbers of people. It attracted hundreds of NGOs, billions of rupees in aid, and much media attention. The cameras left, and so did most organisations. But HOPE *foundation* remained and was able to use donations to build a lasting presence in the community. The Centre of HOPE in Bhuj provides education, vocational training, and medical care to its slum dwellers.

In Trichy, Tamil Nadu, the Richard family have been instrumental in developing an almost-completed Children's Village of HOPE that

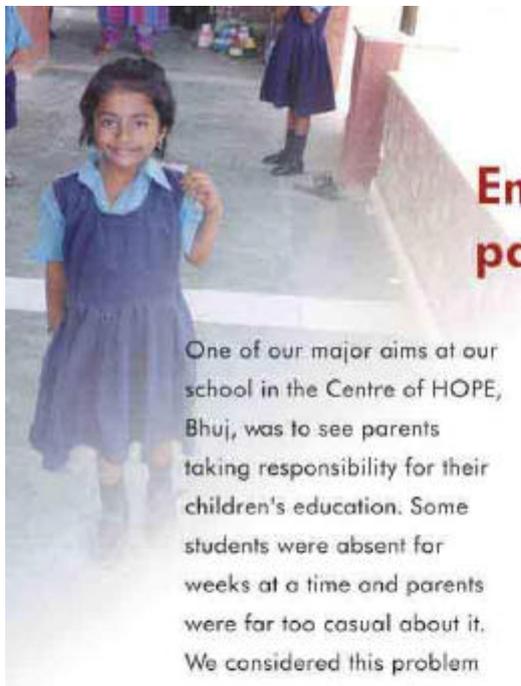
will focus on the needs of orphans, as well as providing vocational training, micro credit, and other forms of community development for the many poor people in the area.

In the future, in partnership with special people like the Arias family, and Richard and Deepa Willingham and PACE Universal, USA, we have a vision to develop centres of excellence in Chennai and Kolkata which will provide synergies and savings that will multiply our impact and transform entire communities. And for the poor, interacting with influential and successful people from the local area, as well as abroad, gives them a hope that their future can be different. Shaped by the wisdom and kindness of special people, these centres will be a lasting legacy of impact in the great country of India.

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## Encouraging parents in Bhuj

One of our major aims at our school in the Centre of HOPE, Bhuj, was to see parents taking responsibility for their children's education. Some students were absent for weeks at a time and parents were far too casual about it. We considered this problem a top priority. Several parents and teachers meetings took place where the importance of education was carefully explained to the parents. The results have been encouraging, as demonstrated by the children's performance in recent tests. For example, Ramitha Jogi, pictured above, from Senior K.G. came 6th in the year scoring 89% in her first term exam. "Ramitha is the youngest in our family but makes us feel proud in her studies, especially when compared to her older siblings", says her father. He feels that the people of Ashapura Nagar are extremely lucky to have been blessed with such a great school after the devastating earthquake. Before the earthquake there was no school and children had to travel to far away government schools. Many parents felt helpless and most of the kids missed school. Once the construction of the new school was complete,

news slowly spread about the good work being done there, and soon other parents from around Bhuj started to send their children. A ray of hope has blossomed in the minds of these parents coming from poor backward communities to give their children a brighter future. Our goal is to nurture this small ray of hope so that it will hopefully grow stronger and continue to improve the children's lives.

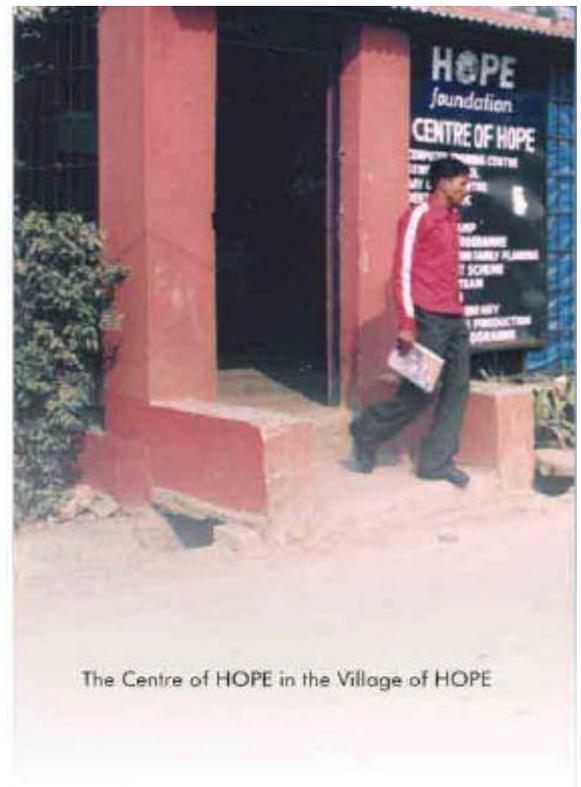
### HIGHLIGHTS – BHUJ

Received certificate of recognition from the Government of Gujarat up to the 5th standard

80 new admissions in 2004

Middle class parents are opting for our school over other ones

Parents are becoming responsible - some drop their children in school personally, others arrange for auto rickshaws



The Centre of HOPE in the Village of HOPE

## Village of HOPE – Delhi

The Village of HOPE is a community of 4,000 leprosy patients and their families in northeast Delhi. Beginning twelve years ago, HOPE *foundation*, in partnership with the Delhi Department of Social Welfare, constructed in phases housing for 800 families, as well as a centre to provide services. Working with the government, electricity and underground sewers have been provided. A government school is also operating there. Hundreds of residents have been trained in various skills and have started their own businesses or obtained work in the public or private sector. Dental, health, health education, micro-credit, literacy, vocational training, and other programmes have transformed this community. Volunteers and donors have touched the lives of people one





### HIGHLIGHTS – VoH

Housed remaining families in the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase

Centres of HOPE are now in the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> phase

Established training/production centre for women

Opened village craft centre in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase

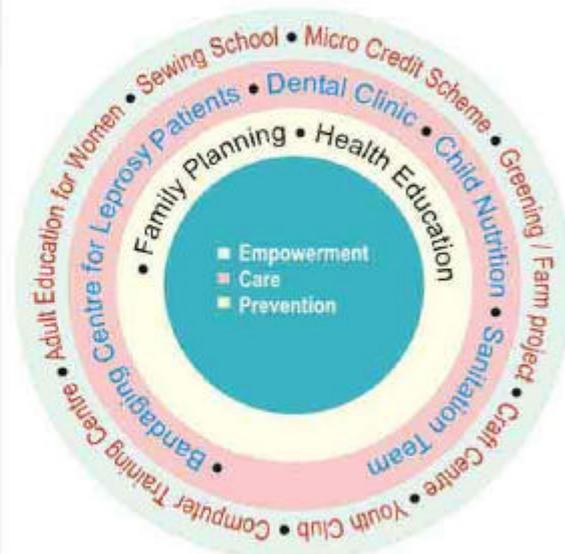
300 people from the village obtained government jobs

Started farm project

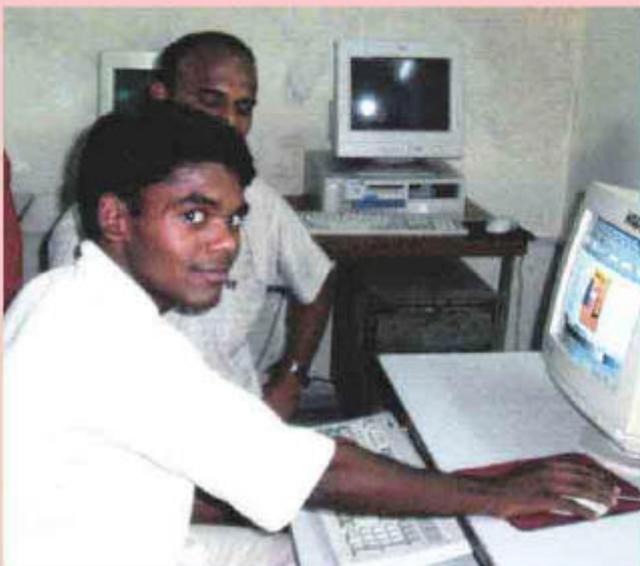
Dozens of small businesses started

by one, empowered by the existence of a Centre of HOPE. Once a squalid collection of huts, filled with communal and domestic violence, drunkenness, disease, and despair, the Village of HOPE is now a thriving lower middle class community, and a centre that brings the poor into contact with the influential in an atmosphere of mutual respect.

### Programmes in the Village of HOPE



## Tribhuvan turns his hands to computing



Tribhuvan's world shattered when as a young boy of fourteen he was diagnosed as having leprosy. His father's meagre income could hardly meet the daily expenses. As the disease started affecting his hands, out of desperation, he left his native Varanasi and came to Delhi for treatment. He stayed with his uncle and commenced treatment at the Leprosy Mission Hospital. After one year he was declared negative, but he could barely use his hands and fingers as they were

almost clawed. Fortunately, the doctors there conducted reconstruction surgery and were able to restore his hands.

Tribhuvan joined the HOPE foundation computer institute at the Village of HOPE last year and finished the course with flying colours. With the encouragement of our staff and management, today Tribhuvan is a student of Lab. Tech in the famous St. Stephen's Hospital, Delhi. His future is definitely looking brighter.

# Growing old gracefully...

## Devakiyamma doesn't lose heart

Sitting peacefully on her bed, Devakiyamma, at the age of seventy, has a smile on her face. Unfortunately, this isn't a permanent feature, as her past life often comes back to haunt her. Born in Trivandrum, Kerala, she was brought up by her relatives after her mother died. She was married off at the tender age of twelve. Her married life was a happy one and produced four sons. Regrettably, her husband died and left her alone to look after their children. Not losing heart, she took good care of them. Once the sons were married they decided to divide their mother's property among

themselves and then take turns in looking after her. Trusting them completely she divided the property among them, keeping nothing for herself. She started staying with her eldest son and everything was fine for a while. Before long however, arguments erupted between her and her daughter-in-law. When the situation worsened, her son decided to abandon her. One day he took her out saying that they were visiting the hospital for a check up. Upon arrival she was taken to a rehabilitation centre for the homeless and mentally retarded. Her son assured her that

he would come back and take her home, but he never came. Devakiyamma didn't know where she was and waited patiently for her son to return. It soon dawned upon her that her sons no longer wanted her. She went through immense pain and experienced bouts of depression. Luckily she was recommended to HOPE foundation's Old Age Home in Kochi, Kerala, and was put on the necessary medication. Today, she is peaceful and happy in her new home, knowing very well that she is loved by our dedicated staff.



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Daphne, far left, with her friends at our Old Age Home in Bangalore

## Currents of life: How Daphne joined our family

"Back in 1960, after surviving two world wars, and losing my father to the latter of the two, I got married to Mr. Donald McPherson. Donald was a racecourse trainer and life with him could never be dull, it never lacked its lustre until he passed away twelve years ago.

Mummy died in 1965 and now no one was left except my sister who got married in Bangalore, I stayed with her for a while and later moved to a rented house where I lived alone for nearly ten years. There was no time to notice my age, what with cooking, keeping the house clean, and

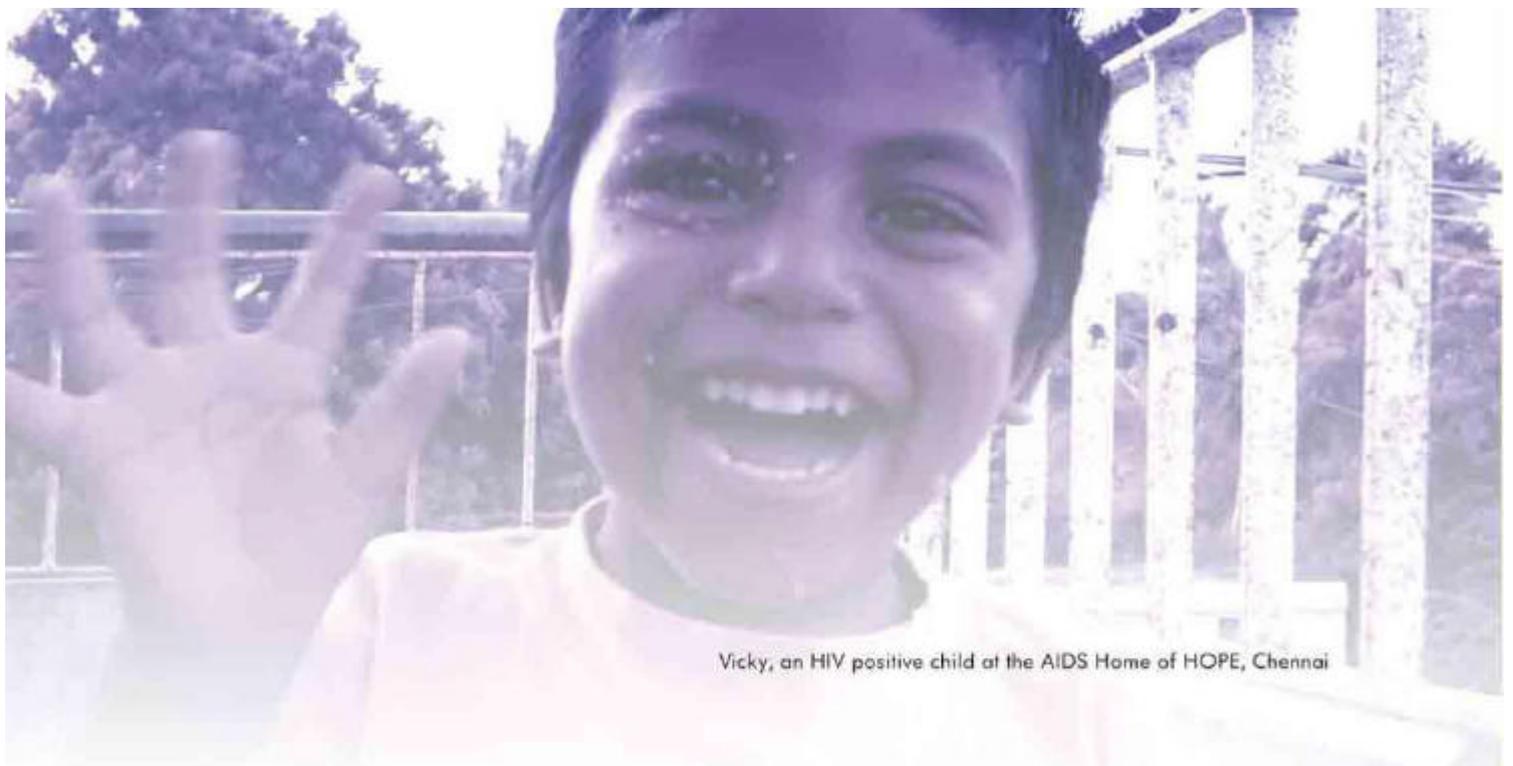
taking care of my only companion, my dog Wendy. We survived on my husband's small pension. All the while I had learned to be content, but age was starting to take its toll on me.

Finally, last year when my rented house was sold, my helplessness overtook my strength of determination. Four years back my sister also left saying she was going to Chennai, and after that I never heard from her again. I didn't know what to do as the realities of my age, loneliness and helplessness stared at me from all corners. All I needed was a safe place to

rest, to cuddle my sweet memories before passing on to the last phase of my life. Through a friend who runs a home for the aged I came to the HOPE foundation Senior Citizens' Home in Bangalore. Here I could return to my young age of warm relationships and bonds. I can't remember the last time I felt so peaceful and secure. I am thankful to God for allowing the currents of life to bring me to this place which not only provides food and shelter, but the much needed love, care and support."

- Daphne McPherson





Vicky, an HIV positive child at the AIDS Home of HOPE, Chennai

## Fighting back...

The battle against HIV/AIDS is raging in India, and HOPE *foundation* is on the front lines, fighting back. With over five million people affected, India has the second largest HIV positive population in the world. Thus we have incorporated HIV/AIDS messages in our health work, including rallies on World Aids Day with hundreds of volunteers in many major cities. HOPE *foundation* is currently working in three states in sponsored "targeted intervention" programmes,

working directly with communities to empower them to make wise choices in their personal lives and protect themselves against HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. This includes truckers and sex workers in Tamil Nadu, sex workers in Karnataka, and a major slum in Mumbai, Maharashtra. Aside from preventing the disease, HOPE *foundation* has a major partnership with the Government Hospital for Thoracic Medicine (GHTM),

Tambaram, Chennai, burying their unclaimed dead, teaching the HIV positive children in the paediatric ward, and running the AIDS Home of HOPE, providing care and healing for about thirty abandoned orphans and widows full-time. HOPE *foundation* has also started a grant-funded home-based care programme in Mumbai.

### Chef & Child event in Chennai

In February we held a one day food festival which was organised by SICA (South Indian Culinary Association). About thirty hotels took part in the event, and over one thousand people participated. A variety of dishes and sweets were prepared and displayed, which the children enjoyed tasting. The day was a great success and the hotels donated 300,000 rupees (almost \$7,000) for the purchase of land at our AIDS Home of HOPE.





## AIDS Home of HOPE in Chennai Shilpa takes pride in her new responsibilities

Shilpa is nine years old, and was once living with many of her family members, including her parents, her grandparents, as well as her uncle. Tragically, when she was about four years old her father became fatally sick and soon died. The situation worsened when the following year her mother also passed away due to illness. Having lost both parents, Shilpa carried on living with her grandparents. Unfortunately, due to their

age, they were not able to take proper care of her and admitted her to a children's home run by the Christian Mission Service in Vellore. During her stay there Shilpa became ill frequently. Eventually she was taken to hospital to find out what the problem was, where she was diagnosed as being HIV positive. Once the authorities found out about this shocking news they approached the hospital's social counsellor for advice

on how best to look after her. The hospital swiftly recommended that she be brought to our AIDS Home of HOPE in Chennai. Soon after her arrival her health improved dramatically. We are proud to say that Shilpa has since become a responsible 'Akka' (elder sister) for the other children in the home. As you can see from the above picture, Shilpa (far left) is very happy in her new home. We intend to keep that smile on her face.



HIV positive children having fun at the AIDS Home of HOPE, Chennai

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## Targeted Intervention (HIV/AIDS) Nehrunagar Slum – Mumbai

The Targeted Intervention programme in Mumbai, funded by AVERT/USAID, began in October 2002. About 100,000 slum dwellers in Nehrunagar and the nearby areas benefit from this work. Innovative community based strategies have to led a highly effective, sustainable impact. The local

sex workers and others have changed their behaviour and appreciate HOPE foundation's efforts.

A third targeted intervention for commercial sex workers (CSWs) in Tumkur, Karnataka, sponsored by KSACs, is now under way.

### HIGHLIGHTS - MUMBAI Targeted Intervention Programme

Educated more than **25,000** people about causes, symptoms and prevention

Distributed more than **25,000** free condoms to the high risk population of Nehrunagar

Identified and trained more than **150** male and female peer educators.

Senior officials of USAID visited our programme in Mumbai and sent a letter of appreciation

NDTV (leading National News Channel) did a 30 minute news spot on the incident of discrimination a government hospital and the good work carried out by HOPE foundation

## PATH (Prevention Along The Highway) Project

The PATH Project, started in October 2003, aims to reduce the sexual transmission of HIV/AIDS in Tamil Nadu with the support of USAID and APAC. We are working on National Highway 45 from Tambaram to Padalam, a 60 km stretch, targeting the estimated 4,500 trucks that pass by each day, and the associated businesses such as eateries, auto repair shops etc. The highways not only facilitate the transport of cargo, unfortunately they also act as a means for spreading HIV/AIDS, and other STDs.

The truckers are highly mobile and often use the intermediate cities as stops en route to their destination. They are away from their families, and the long work hours and absence of any form of entertainment induces them to have sex along the journey. They have multiple sex partners and are extremely vulnerable to being infected. When they are with their family, their spouses in turn get infected and potentially expose their children too.



Mark Templar, CEO, with truck drivers on NH 45

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# Healing India...

One of HOPE foundation's strengths is its workers, committed, honest, wonderful people who really want to make a difference. We are involved in a variety of health programmes in the major cities throughout India. In five southern cities we work with the government to reach out to hundreds of thousands of slum dwellers to help them diagnose and treat tuberculosis. Nearly 400 lives were saved through this programme last year alone.

In Delhi we worked with Dr. Shroff's Children's Eye Hospital to dispense free glasses to hundreds of slum children, and also to help the kids receive corrective surgery and medicine where required. We are also helping blind elderly people to get cataract operations through this programme. Many people who would otherwise be blind are cured. Around India, our outreach workers personally talk to over 300,000 people every year.

## HEALTH PROGRAMMES

TB Eradication, Kochi, Kottayam, Trivandrum, Bangalore, Chennai

Health Education, Delhi & Bangalore

Early Cancer Detection, Trivandrum

Malnutrition, Trichy & Delhi

Primary Health Clinic, Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi

Dental Clinic, Village of HOPE / Tihar Jail, Delhi/ Arthur Road Jail, Mumbai

Leprosy Clinic, Delhi

Health Education, Delhi & Bangalore

## Death bed of a caring father

Mohan is thirty-nine years old. He is a flower vendor and he earns 60 rupees on average per day. He has three daughters and a son. Eight months ago Mohan fell sick often, he started vomiting blood and had severe fevers. He was taken to GHM Hospital, Tambaram, where he was diagnosed as TB positive. The doctors almost gave up and advised his wife, Amudha, to fulfil his last desires. Hearing this, she became very emotional and didn't know what to do. Since her husband couldn't go to work she

was struggling to feed her children and also to take care of him at the same time. Amudha somehow found courage and ventured to the Ambattur public health centre seeking help. There she met our Co-ordinator for the TB Eradication Programme, who encouraged her to put Mohan under treatment. After three months Mohan was better and stopped the treatment, thinking that everything was ok. Through our daily follow ups we reminded both Mohan and Amudha about

the seriousness of the disease and also motivated them to continue the treatment without fail. Now after completion, Mohan is completely cured and has regained weight. He is very healthy and has started to work again. He and his family are very happy and grateful for the help that they received from HOPE foundation.

## World TB Day 2004

On 31<sup>st</sup> March, HOPE foundation celebrated World TB Day at the AIEMA Tech Centre. The function was presided by Dr. Chinnakani, Joint Director, Tiruvallur District Health. HOPE foundation's Dr. Ashok Prabath, CPO, addressed

the gathering, and Dr. John Selvaraj, HOPE foundation's Treasurer, gave away mementos to the doctors and health staff from six public health centres in the Ambattur municipality, Chennai.



## Light at the end of the tunnel

The story of Suraj Pal Sing starts twenty-two years ago when this eighty-seven year old man tragically lost his wife, two daughters and both his sons, leaving him only one daughter. Seven years later he moved to Delhi where he is now living in a slum with the one remaining member of his family.



Added to the woes of losing many of those dear to him, he had health problems in the form of cataracts

on both eyes. Due to financial restraints he was unable to seek the necessary help and as a result lost sight in his left eye.

This is when HOPE foundation stepped in to make this unfortunate man's future a little brighter. Thanks to a survey and the distribution of pamphlets, Suraj was spotted and invited to attend one of our free weekly eye camps. Here, his situation was assessed and he was given invaluable advice. Prior to attending the camp, he had sought medical help from three separate hospitals who wanted to charge 10,000, 8,000, and 2,600 rupees respectively. These unattainable costs also came with no guarantee of success. In the end, the Iris Eye Institute Hospital, working hand in hand with HOPE foundation, performed the operation successfully for a mere 500 rupees (about \$11). Mr Sing was extremely grateful. He has since encouraged his daughter, also suffering from a cataract to attend the camp. She will be ready for the operation in only a few months time.

### 7-DAY AWARENESS ACTIVITIES:

Issued pamphlets in Kalyana Puram and M.G.R. Puram

Conducted bike rally

Issued 1,500 TB awareness pamphlets to workers in the TI diamond chain factory

Motivated 60 community members to become DOTS providers

Organised TB awareness volley ball match (cured patients vs HOPE foundation volunteers)



Bandaging by a fellow leprosy patient at the Village of HOPE, Delhi

# Breaking the waves...

When disaster struck on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2004 in the form of giant tsunamis, HOPE *foundation* leapt into action. Historically, we have always been involved with disasters, wherever they have occurred in India. In 1999 we sent teams to help out during the terrible cyclones that hit Orissa, and also with the Gujarat earthquake in 2001. Our ongoing work in Bhuj is a testimony to our long-term commitment to people in need.

On this fateful day in December, a terrible tragedy struck the Indian Ocean. Thousands of people died in south India, and hundreds of thousands were deeply affected. Within four hours of the tsunami hitting, HOPE *foundation's* staff and volunteers were delivering assistance, food, blankets, medical care, and psychosocial support. A team was quickly assembled and sent to Nagapattinam, a remote area where some 1,500 died and the needs were huge. Through HOPE *worldwide's* international team of partners, including AMERICARES, significant assistance is being mobilised even as this annual report is being written. We are grateful for our many partners and friends and their tremendous hearts to help others. We deeply feel the pain of the people of south India, and we are doing all we can to make a difference.



# Education, Education, Education...

Ultimately, the poor must learn to help themselves. Around India HOPE *foundation* is involved in a number of education initiatives, strengthening government schools, providing pre-school facilities and tuition

centres, as well as formal schooling. More than 1,500 children regularly receive nutritious food, in addition to a good education, every day through HOPE *foundation's* schools in Mumbai, Chennai,

Bangalore, Delhi, Kolkata, Hyderabad, and Ranchi. To borrow a phrase used in many settings, we at HOPE *foundation* also believe in "education, education, education".

## Nothing in everything

Fenny Mathew (far left in the picture) looks just like any other boy in the HOPE *foundation* school in Bangalore. Always sporting a smile, energetic, and though not the best in academics, he is an above average student. But he has a story to tell camouflaged by his innocent smile, a reality he wishes was just another one of his nightmares.

Fenny's mother conceived him at the age of sixteen when she was raped by her mother's co-worker. Doctors refused to abort the baby because of her age. At sixteen she felt the burden of having another life added to hers, topped with the fear of a lifetime of shame and rejection. After three years she found a man to marry and didn't think twice



about choosing a better and more secure course for her future. That meant leaving Fenny behind at the mercy of his own fate because her husband was not willing to accept him.

Now Fenny struggles along with his grandmother, a cancer patient, going from house to house in search of food and shelter. To add to his woes, his uncle during a fit of rage kicked his grandmother so badly that she is no longer able to do any work at all.

Even though his mother sneaks out from time to time see him and cuddle him, he lives a lonely life among his own people. But when Fenny comes to school he brims with life because of all the care and support given to him, along with a nutritious hot meal every school day. He is determined to change his story of rejection and despair to one of determination, achievement and victory.

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## Two new schools

The above photo is of the inauguration of our school in Tigri on 29<sup>th</sup> July, a truly great day. Prior to the demolition of the infamous Yamuna Pushta slum in Delhi back in April 2004, HOPE foundation was running a successful school for over 220 underprivileged children, supported entirely by Oracle Software. When the government finally announced it was pulling down the slum in place of a park, there was widespread dismay in both the HOPE foundation and Oracle camps. It was during this dark period that Oracle commissioned us to find another location. In May 2004 we carried out a survey of roughly fifteen slums to discover which ones were in

most need of help and Tigri was pinpointed for its desperate situation. Twenty years ago Tigri began to grow rapidly as immigrants from neighbouring states would flock to the capital in the hope of finding better job opportunities. As a result, the population of the slum grew to a massive 100,000, and as there were very few opportunities, it became a breeding ground for anti-social activities.

Before the school was officially opened, during the month of June we ran a summer camp in order to inspire and motivate the children in the area to come to school. It was a huge

success and achieved the aim of exposing children to education and its associated benefits. More than 200 children took part in the various activities put on for them. Since its inauguration, the school has grown from strength to strength. Over 200 children now benefit from the excellent service provided, of which it is worth noting that there are more girls than boys. With the continuing generous support from Oracle we have been able to do wonders for the children of Tigri. We also have continued working with the children from Yamuna Pushta who moved to Bawana. These children attend our new tuition centre there.

25<sup>th</sup> June 2004 was a very memorable day for the people of the slum area in Habsiguda, Hyderabad. HOPE foundation's and Computer Associates' dream was realised when together we started a school for underprivileged children living in the nearby slum areas which house more than six hundred families, and where the people earn as little as 50 rupees per day. Our pre-school programme in Habsiguda began in a hired building, with only six rooms and twenty-five students. Many parents, guests, and employees of CA attended the inauguration ceremony. Dr. Ashok Prabath, Chief



Programme Officer, welcomed the guests who were later honoured by the children with garlands and shawls. Guests also had the pleasure of receiving mementos from the children, such as paintings drawn by the children

themselves, and listening to songs being performed by them. Dr J. C. Mohanty I.A.S. Principal Secretary Information Technology and Communication, Hyderabad, inaugurated the pre-primary school in the presence of Mr. Tommy Bennett (Senior V.P, C.A, USA), Mr. James Penosky (V.P, C.A, USA), other Computer Associates employees, guests and parents.

At present we have four classes with a total of 120 children. We have four teachers and one "aaya", one cook, one co-ordinator and one honorary principal.





School children at Computer Associates' office

Magic show

## Fun day out

Part of our summer camp's activities for the children of HOPE foundation's nursery and primary school in Chennai was to visit our benefactors' (Computer Associates) office on 31<sup>st</sup> October. The children marvelled at the building and were so happy to be invited. Computer Associates' staff organised this get together and also conducted the fun activities. The children had the

privilege of playing on the computers. Other activities included drawing cartoons, bursting balloons and applying nail polish for the girls. The children were surprised to see the magician performing a range of tricks. The excitement didn't end there, and after the magic show the children took part in a talent show, singing songs, telling stories, dancing and answering riddles. The

staff enjoyed every second too and as a token of their love they took all the children to the dining hall and gave them snacks, making the children feel really special. The children were so surprised and overjoyed by this and showed their gratitude by thanking the staff. It was definitely a great treat for all the children. Similar special days have occurred around India with staff of Oracle Software and other corporate sponsors.

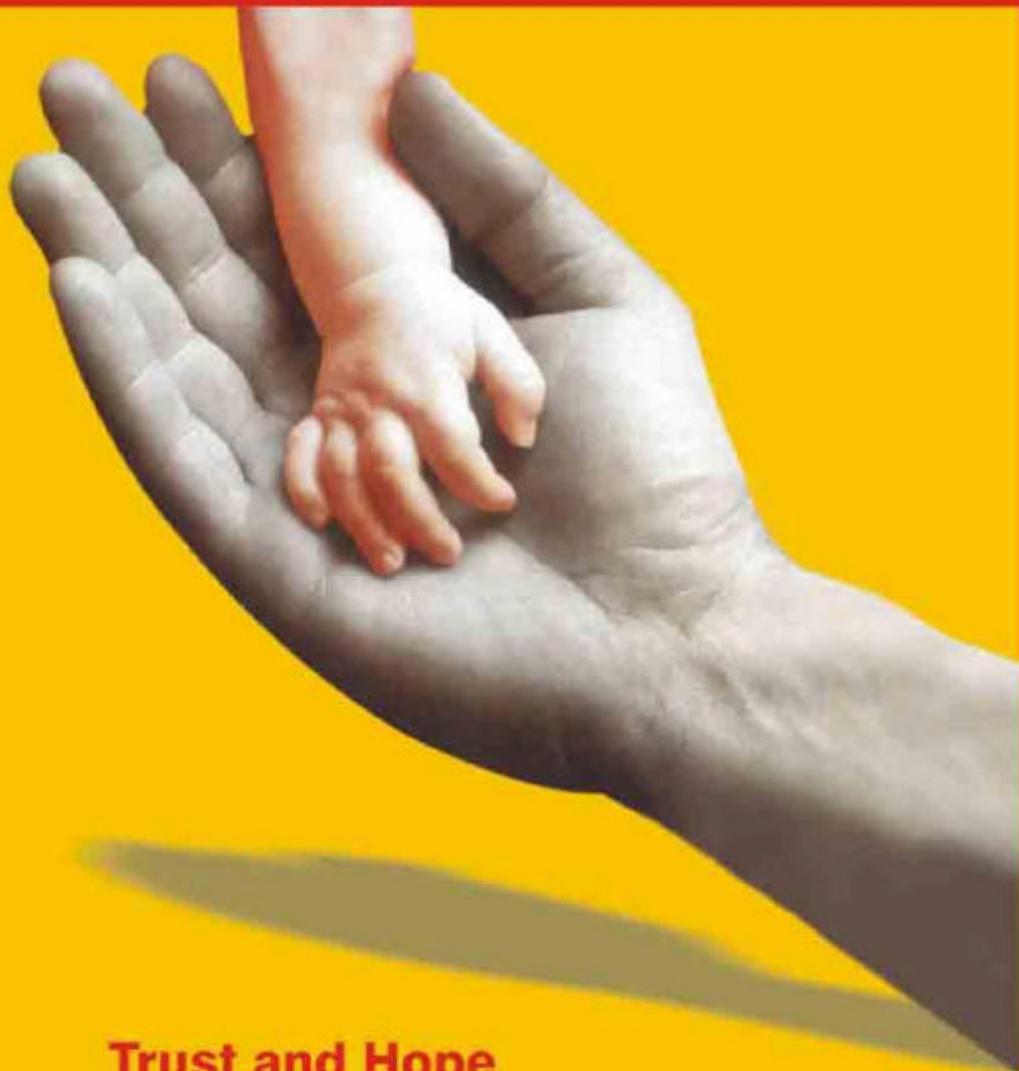
## Our Bengali girls set the pace

Commissioned by PACE Universal, USA, HOPE foundation began a literacy, nutrition and medical programme for impoverished girls in rural West Bengal. About 50,000 people live near Piyali junction, outside of Kolkata. Over 85% of the children are not in school; family income is between 550-1000 rupees per month, prostitution,

drunkenness, and child marriage are common. We now have 80 girls who enjoy a full education (including uniforms and books), medical care, two meals per day, and a hope for the future. We have plans to create a PACE Learning Centre/Centre of HOPE in this place catering to more than 1,000 young women.



Top students - PACE school, Piyali



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From left, Mona, Elsheba & Kiran were adopted from Asharan Orphanage by families in Spain, USA & Italy respectively.

## Children of hope...

### Asharan orphanage – New Delhi

There are thousands of homeless children in India who are desperate for the love and security that a family offers. Happily, adoption in our country is swiftly overcoming the prejudices that hindered it in the past, prejudices based on myths and misconception.

HOPE foundation was delighted when the Department of Social Welfare, Government

of NCT of Delhi, granted a license to run a home for orphaned and abandoned children in June 1997. We called our home 'Asharan' (shelter of hope) and it was officially inaugurated on 28<sup>th</sup> January 1998. Ever since, we have received many children from the police and various other sources, to whom we are thankful for their service to the cause.

The home provides custody, care, protection and rehabilitation, including adoption. We would like to thank the dedicated staff who serve the children wholeheartedly, loving and caring for them day and night. It is a great joy to see the children who had gone through a lot of trauma getting healed both physically and emotionally.

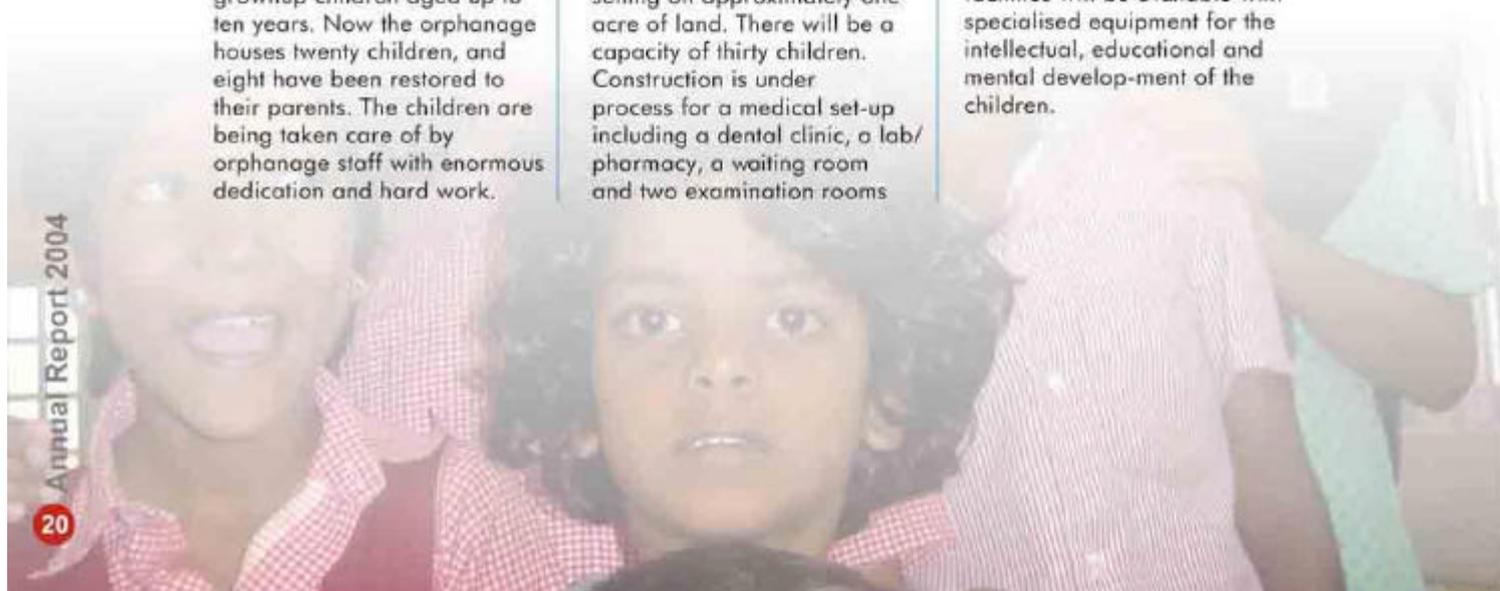
### Children's Village of HOPE – Trichy

On 20<sup>th</sup> January 2003 HOPE worldwide started an orphanage in Emily Nagar, Crawford. Ex-mayor of Trichy, Emily Richard, donated a bungalow, which had materials for housing young infants and grownup children aged up to ten years. Now the orphanage houses twenty children, and eight have been restored to their parents. The children are being taken care of by orphanage staff with enormous dedication and hard work.

#### Self-designed orphanage

The orphanage is constructing its new building in Tiruchirappalli, which has been specially designed. The new orphanage will be located in an urban setting on approximately one acre of land. There will be a capacity of thirty children. Construction is under process for a medical set-up including a dental clinic, a lab/pharmacy, a waiting room and two examination rooms

for doctors. A multipurpose community hall will also be in the complex. A separate design has been made inside the compound for the children to have enough space to play in. Vocational training facilities will be available with specialised equipment for the intellectual, educational and mental development of the children.



ADL (activities of daily living) classroom at Asha Kiran, New Delhi.



Installed industrial washing machine unit at Asha Kiran.

## Asha Kiran – New Delhi

HOPE foundation works closely with the Department of Social Welfare, New Delhi. Several months ago, they asked us to help out in their home for the mentally disabled in Rohini, known as "Asha Kiran", ("ray of hope"). Over time, some 550 residents have ended up in this facility, with only 50 full time staff. The residents were living in very sad conditions, sometimes

lying in their own filth, unstimulated and uncared for. Medical care was poor, and special programmes to teach and assist the mentally disabled were lacking. There has been a dramatic improvement since that time, but further improvement is still needed. After a fact-finding visit, seventeen months ago HOPE foundation started sending volunteers regularly to the

home, to teach the children arts and crafts and to motivate the staff. Our presence there is to help them to be more effective in their work. A grant from SPECIAL HOPE FOUNDATION USA, has enabled us to solidify this programme by placing two full-time staff at Asha Kiran, who have been able to carry out a number of activities.

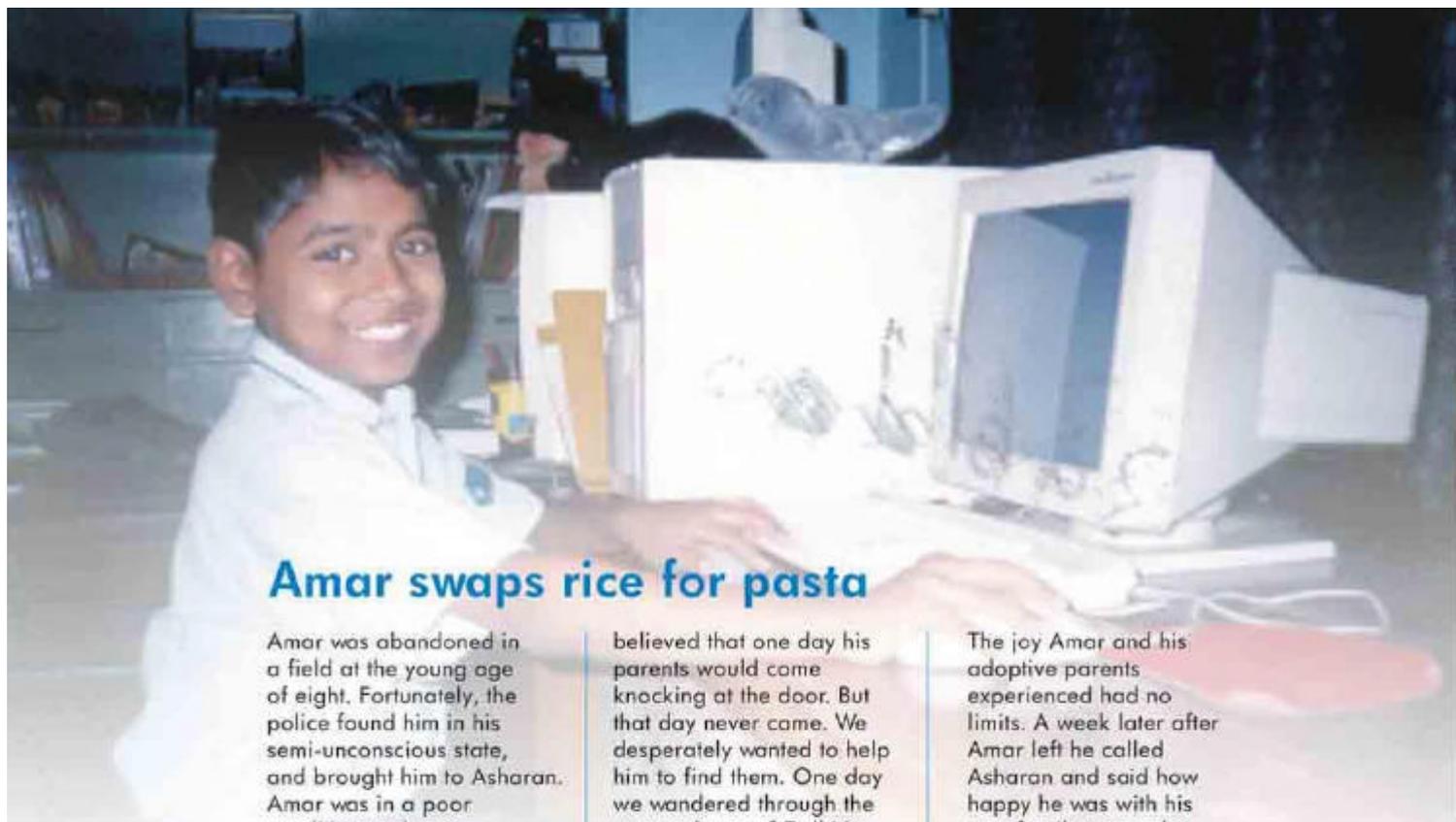
## Paediatric ward – Chennai

HOPE foundation and I-Tech staff in association with Sahaya International, started a care programme in the paediatric ward of GHTM Hospital, Tambaram. During hospitalisation children are sad and depressed due to their sickness. Many of them are unattended by their family, because either their mum or

dad is affected by HIV/AIDS. The care programme in the paediatric ward has had a great impact among the children and their parents. The programme has brought a smile to these children's faces as they participate in games and learn rhymes. The programme has helped

them to recover from their mental depression. This great work wouldn't be possible without the support of Sahaya International. They have contributed significantly to the needs of the programme and have been a real inspiration.





## Amar swaps rice for pasta

Amar was abandoned in a field at the young age of eight. Fortunately, the police found him in his semi-unconscious state, and brought him to Asharan. Amar was in a poor condition and was immediately admitted to the Garg Hospital and given a blood transfusion, as well as receiving the necessary treatment. His condition was critical, and thinking that this may be his last wish, Dr. Charu Garg sent her manager out in the middle of the night to fetch Amar his favourite food. Thanks to two members of the Asharan staff giving blood, Amar survived and grew up healthily along with the other children. He strongly

believed that one day his parents would come knocking at the door. But that day never came. We desperately wanted to help him to find them. One day we wandered through the narrow lanes of Delhi in the hope of finding his uncle. The search was not successful, and Amar was extremely disappointed. All throughout his stay at Asharan, Amar longed to be with a family. His hope was fading as he saw many of his friends being adopted and leaving him behind. At one point he tried to run away. It was at this point that the heavens smiled upon him and a loving couple from Italy rescued him from despair.

The joy Amar and his adoptive parents experienced had no limits. A week later after Amar left he called Asharan and said how happy he was with his new family, yet at the same time how much he missed everyone at the orphanage. Amar was our first child to be directly adopted internationally, though others have been transferred to other orphanages and placed for international adoption. Over 300 children like Amar have benefitted from Asharan orphanage's loving care since 1998.



Amar at the time of admission

Amar with his new parents



## Skills for life...

Vocational training programmes include traditional subjects like tailoring and beauty culture, as well as more modern ones like computer training, for which we have nineteen centres operating in twelve cities. Over 2,000

people every year are trained and many of them are able to double their earning power as a result of the help that they receive. Many of these people come from the most destitute of backgrounds, being handi-

capped, from broken families, leprosy patients, prisoners, or from the poorest slums in India.

## Taking care of Vishnu

In the city of Bangalore, Anita has a five year old son, Vishnu, who is a special needs child. Born with clubfoot, Vishnu was not able to walk at all. Her husband never supported her. Before marriage she had a job as cashier, which earned her 2,000 rupees. However, she had to give it up.

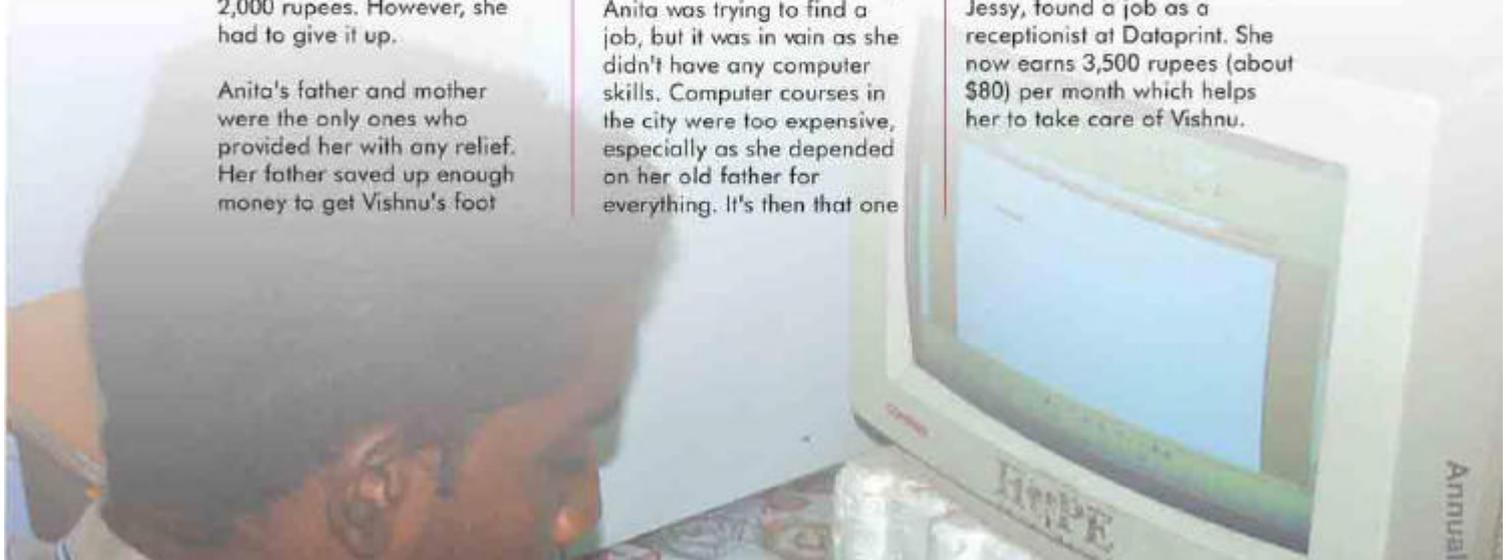
Anita's father and mother were the only ones who provided her with any relief. Her father saved up enough money to get Vishnu's foot

operated on. Now, after two years of physiotherapy Vishnu has started walking.

Her father found it very hard to meet the expenses for the physiotherapy which costs 2,000 rupees every month. Seeing her father's hardship Anita was trying to find a job, but it was in vain as she didn't have any computer skills. Computer courses in the city were too expensive, especially as she depended on her old father for everything. It's then that one

of her friends told her about the HOPE *foundation* computer training centre which is run to help people like her.

Within a couple of months she acquired the necessary computer skills and with the help of her computer teacher, Jessy, found a job as a receptionist at Dataprint. She now earns 3,500 rupees (about \$80) per month which helps her to take care of Vishnu.



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## From slum to beauty parlour

Performing the essential task of eyebrow plucking in the above picture is Pinky, an underprivileged girl originating from a downtrodden family in Delhi. She is the eldest of three children and therefore is burdened with various responsibilities such as contributing financially to the family. Thanks to a lot of hard work she completed 12<sup>th</sup> standard. However, as is

often the case, there were no job opportunities and she was worried that she would not be able to fulfil her responsibilities. Fortunately, through a friend she came to hear about the vocational training programme in beauty culture run by HOPE foundation and supported by the Asian Development Bank. Six months after enrolling she successfully completed the

course and with her new skills obtained work in a beauty parlour. Soon she expects to be earning 1,500 rupees and more, which will make a huge difference to her family. In spite of being busy in her new role, Pinky still makes time to visit our centre where she helps to train new students.



A training session for Mehndi

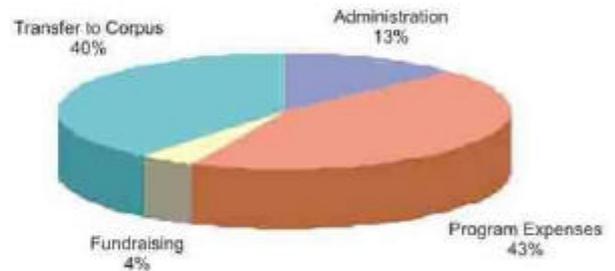
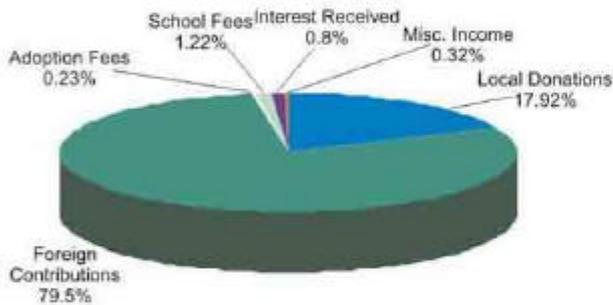
# Financial Summary

Income & Expense account for the financial year ending 31st March, 2004

I N C O M E	
Local Donations	7,157,324.00
Foreign Contributions	31,745,282.44
Adoption Fees	92,000.00
School Fees	488,811.00
Interest Received	318,483.75
Misc. Income	128,245.43
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39,930,146.62</b>

E X P E N S E	
Education	2,891,176.82
Vocational Training	1,624,840.18
Health	4,247,449.58
Global Outreach (Volunteering)	103,243.00
Elderly	656,553.25
Children	2,845,796.10
Rehabilitation	5,105,307.91
Fundraising	1,467,330.56
Administration	5,203,364.88
Transferred to Corpus	15,785,084.34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39,930,146.62</b>

Note : All figures in Indian Rupees

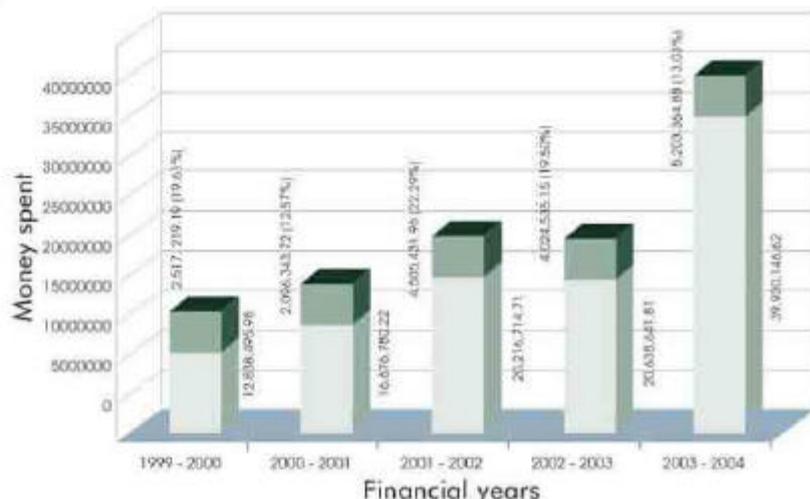


The above financial information has been derived from the audited financial statements of HOPE foundation for the financial year ending 31st March 2004, which was audited by Agarwal Jetley & Co. A complete copy of the audited accounts is available upon request.

HOPE foundation is committed to integrity and transparency in its accounts. We are thoroughly scrutinised by the Government of India, and take pride in spending every rupee that we receive carefully. HOPE foundation is directly involved in helping the poor and building capacity in others who do so, and spends only a small fraction of its income on administration and fundraising.

## Annual turnover for the past five years

- Admin expense
- All other expenses



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TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

Hope Foundation, an NGO has been collaborating with the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Delhi since 1997 when they opened a computer training centre in Rajinder Nagar for the benefit of people belonging to socio-economically weaker sections of the society. The NGO has also executed some other programmes like typographic, law, etc. as and when required.

Their association so far with the JSS makes officials in the JSS to feel that the NGO is genuine, dedicated, reliable & honest. Working with them has been a joyful experience and the JSS looks forward to continue the same in future in the following areas: literacy & health programmes, the health & literacy centres and skill development/occupational programmes for the benefit of non-literate, drop-outs and others who are concerned.

It is requested that in future, the big need of the disadvantaged groups in planning & executing income generation programmes and it would be a matter of pleasure to get going with Hope Foundation in such areas in future also.

(H. K. GUPTA)  
DIRECTOR

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

HOPE Foundation and the Department of Social Welfare, Delhi have had a successful and fruitful relationship for the past 11 years. During this time they have been involved in the rehabilitation of the leprosy patients living in Nand Nagar, Toliwara, NE Delhi. There are about 4000 people living in this colony, and many thousands more living nearby. HOPE Foundation has constructed housing for these persons helped many of them with vocational training and continued consistent health and education programmes for many years for the area and surrounding colonies. They have worked to promote immunizations with the Delhi Government Primary Health Care Centre at Seelapuri, as well as family planning (coordinating with local hospitals and centres), nutrition, diabetes control and hygiene. They have worked with program women and worked out encouraged their deliveries at Swam Dayanand Hospital. Their work has resulted in a real improvement in the colony in a variety of ways, including income generation and health. We hope to continue working with them in the future.

(JITENDRA NARAIN)  
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Mr. Deepak Dhillon  
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Dear Deepak,

Thank you for organizing the visit for the USAID team to your slum intervention program in the Nehru Nagar slum on September 23, 2004. We would like to appreciate the good work carried out by your organization in the prevention of HIV/AIDS in the slum community. In particular we would like to congratulate your outreach team for their excellent efforts in mobilizing the community for HIV prevention and control activities. This was evident through out interactions with the peer educators, youth leaders, health care providers and women's group. We were also impressed by your mapping exercise and using it as a tool for planning and monitoring the intervention. Your networking efforts especially with the Government Hospitals and VCT center for referral services to the slum community also needs appreciation.

Wishing you all success.

With regards,

Sincerely yours,

(M. S. Srinivasan)

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America's Promise - The Alliance for Youth  
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November 17, 2003

To Whom It May Concern:

I write to express my great appreciation and respect for the work of HOPE Worldwide that I have now seen first hand in India, as in the United States.

The America's Promise campaign, which I co-chair with Alma Powell, values highly HOPE Worldwide's collaboration and leadership in our mutual efforts for children and youth in the U.S. That began with a major kick-off rally in Philadelphia at the time of the President's Summit for America's Future in 1997, and has continued most notably for me with HOPE's leadership with the schools in Los Angeles.

Last spring, while visiting India with my 14-year-old grandson Gabriel, I had the good fortune of seeing the work of HOPE Worldwide in two projects in Delhi and two in Mumbai (Bombay). I was greatly impressed by that work in the Village of Hope for leprosy patients - for some 4000 leprosy patients and their families in a slum in northeast Delhi. The rehabilitation program was extraordinary under the leadership of Joshy and Akshay Jee - the school for small children, computer school, vocational training school, handicraft unit, the dental clinic, micro-credit schemes and the homes built with infrastructure improvements in cooperation with the Government of Delhi.

The Yamuna Pooja Shani School and Adult Education Programme in Delhi was also impressive and making a vital difference for more than 200 children ages 6-18. The slum has about 100,000 inhabitants and only perhaps 1% are helped so far by the Hope School - to show how much more work needs to be done.

Similarly in Mumbai (Bombay), I was moved by the clinic run for the Arthur Road Prison's 2700 inmates. The jail Superintendent conveyed her gratitude for the Dental Facility HOPE provides and manages. At the Nehru Nagar slum I visited the AIDS Prevention Program and a community meeting organized by HOPE, where we compared the battle against HIV/AIDS in the United States and India.

Altogether, the HOPE staff in India, most of whom are Indian citizens, seemed dedicated, hard-working, caring and effective - bringing Hope! And I must particularly salute Mark Tolpelt, who was not only a wonderful guide and planner of our visits, but is a very fine representative of HOPE Worldwide.

May HOPE's work thrive, with the support it needs to grow and grow.

Sincerely,

(Marris Wofford)

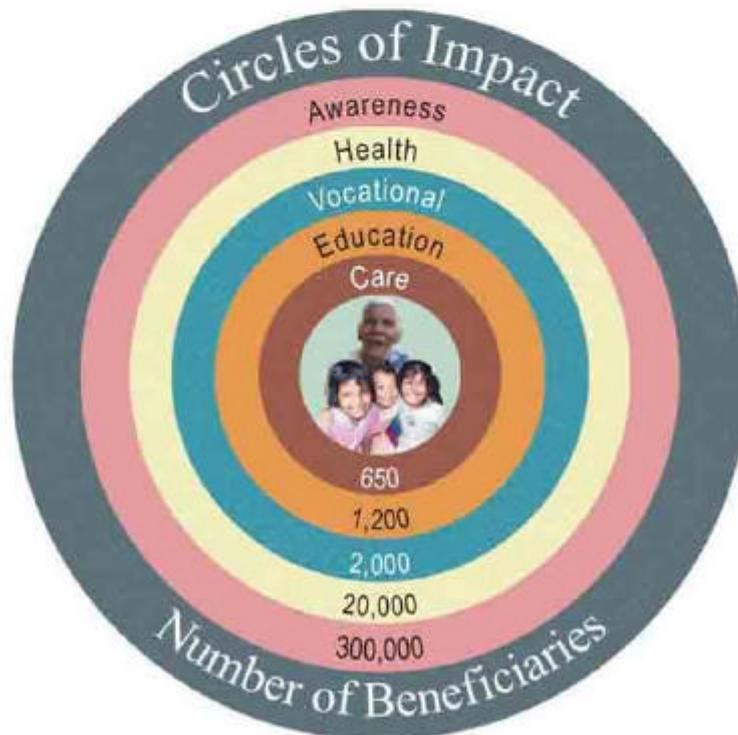
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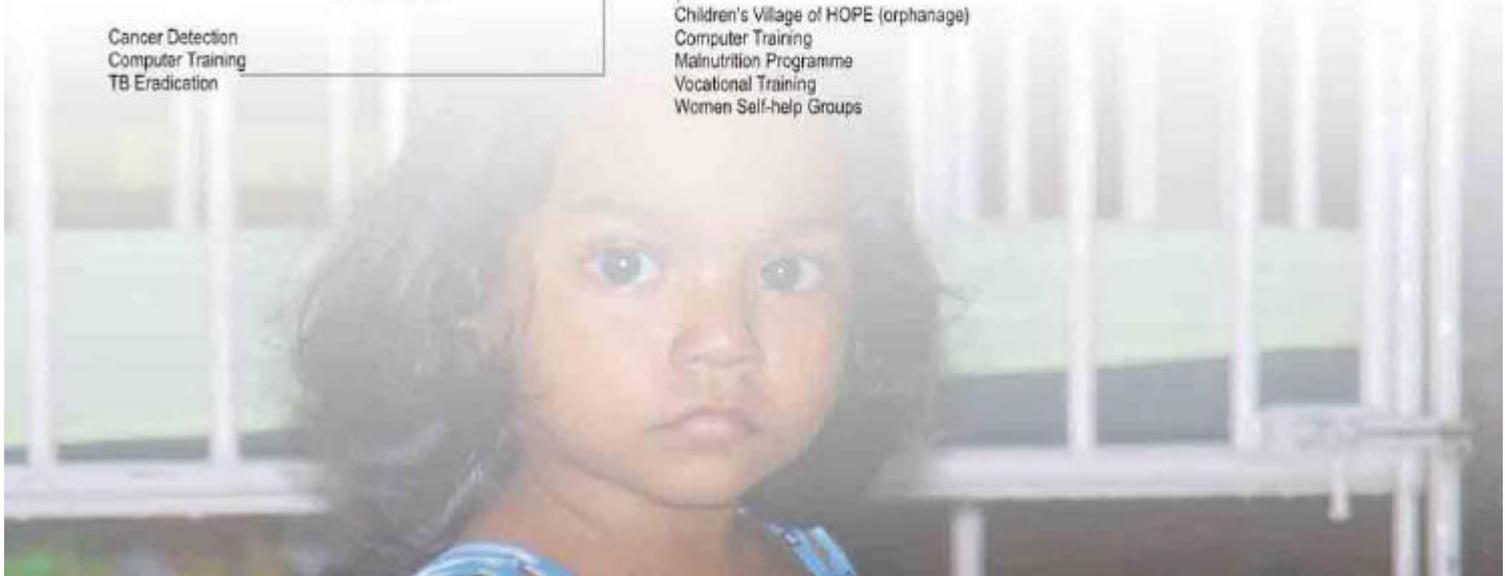
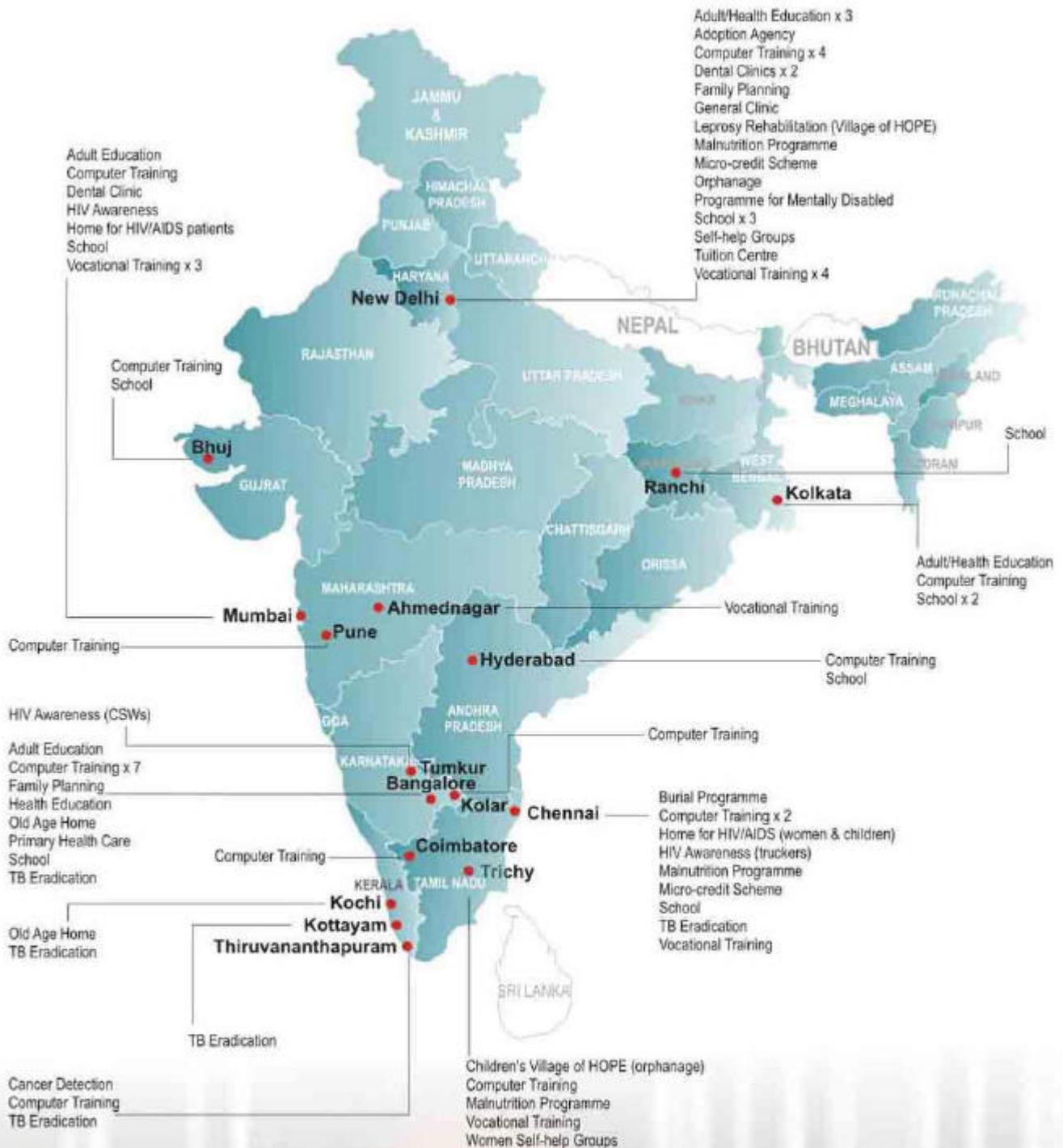


As part of the Bhagidari Scheme, the Department of Social Welfare, Government of NCT-Delhi invited HOPE foundation to be part of their team in the Delhi Government's 'Baghidari Mela' (Partnership Fest) held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2004, in Pragati Maidan. On our stall we displayed handicraft items from the Village of HOPE and our work in Asha Kiran. Honorable Chief Minister of Delhi Mrs. Shiela Dixit visited the stall and expressed her sincere appreciation for our work.

## In a nut shell...



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