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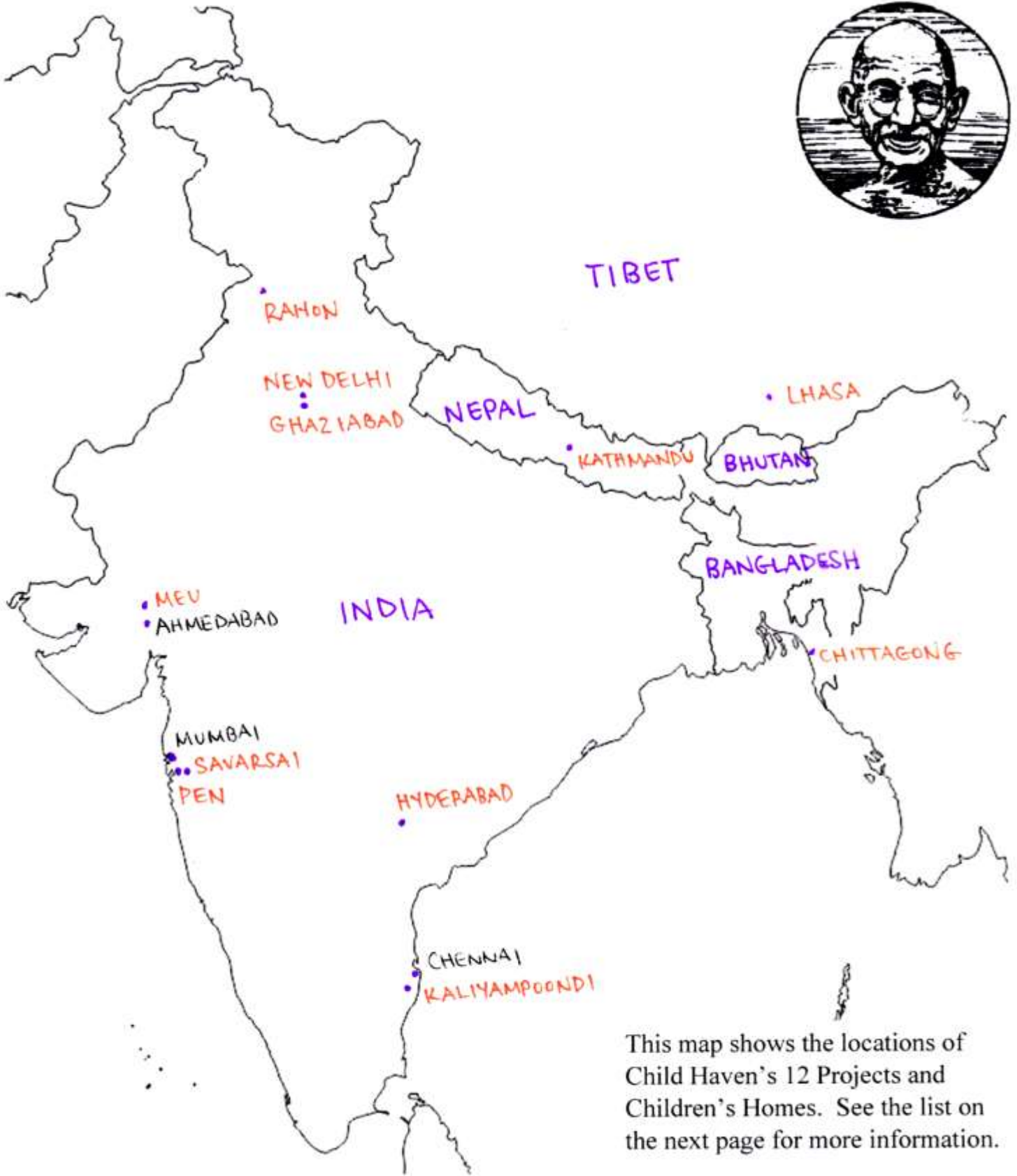


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Chittagong – First-graders Kornelio, left, and Arafat, right, help each other wash their hands by taking turns pumping water from our bore-well. The borewell water is only used for cleaning, washing and showering. The municipal water, which only comes 3 times a week, is good for drinking. As you can see, pumping keeps Arafat on his toes! Arafat came to the Home after his mother died of a heart attack and his father left him with his low-income grandmother. Kornelio is from a remote part of Bangladesh where schools are very far away. So, his struggling subsistence farmer father asked for Kornelio to be taken in so that he can receive the education and support that he himself had been unable to attain as a boy.

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Kaliyampoondi – When this Home was built, tiny neem saplings were planted and surrounded with bricks to protect them from being trampled by hundreds of little feet. Now these trees spread their boughs over the courtyard protecting our children from the harshest rays of the summer sun. Enjoying that shade, as they have for many years now, are college students Santosh, Boopathi, Kamalakannan and Rohith.

Child Haven Homes

Meu, Gujarat, India, 68 children 8 women, Language: Gujarati

Hyderabad, Telangana, India, 183 children 14 women, Language: Telugu

Kaliyampoondi, Tamil Nadu, India, 325 children 35 women, Language: Tamil

Maitreya Foundation, New Delhi, India, 24 youths, 1 woman, Language: Tibetan & Hindi

Savarsai, Maharashtra, India, 48 children, 4 women, Language: Marathi

Tribal Home, City of Pen, near Savarsai Home, 55 children, Marathi plus Tribal languages

Kathmandu, Nepal, 203 children 22 women, Language: Nepali

Chittagong, Bangladesh, 70 children 15 women, Language: Bengali

Dharamsala, Himachal Pradesh, India, Tibetan Children's Village - support for 17 children - Language: Tibetan

(Hundreds of other children are sponsored for education but are not living in one of our Homes.)

Women's Programs Child Haven Sponsors

Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, India, Tailoring, Beauty and Wellness Training for 50 women at a time, Language: Hindi

Rahon, Punjab, India, education in tailoring for 50 women at a time, Language: Punjabi - Currently on hold

Kathmandu, Nepal, education in tailoring for women, Language: Nepali



Meu – Since our children are incredibly inquisitive and creative, the staff make every effort to keep them engaged in as many learning opportunities as possible. Above left, our dance instructor leads the children through their steps. Above right, the yoga instructors help them reach the higher heights.



Below left, Neha, in Grade 10, takes advantage of the drumming class to learn how to master the tablas. She also enjoys the tailoring and dance classes.

Directly below, visitors from the Drug Free India Campaign came to give a lesson in the importance of avoiding drugs and alcohol. This involved the children making posters on that theme some of which are proudly displayed here...





Kaliyampondi – Sangeetha, above left is in the 3rd Grade. She, along with Swetha and Kanushka below left, who are in Grade 5, are making nametags for themselves out of sturdy leaves using sharp sticks to write on them with. Will they one day wear nametags on nurse’s scrubs, or astronaut uniforms? Will their names appear on their daily teacher planners, on the title page of their first novels, on the birth certificates of their children? Who can know what the future holds in store for them. One thing is certain and that is that with the loving care they are receiving, their futures are filled with tantalizing possibilities!

To the right below, Thilaga in Grade 5 is using her drawing skills to decorate her hand with mehndi made from the leaves of the henna plant. In the years ahead, on how many special occasions will her hands be decorated so?





Kaliyampondi – Cultural Programs are a rich and multi-faceted extravaganza at this Home. Above left, Varsha performs the role of doctor in a pantomime about the dangers of alcohol abuse.

To the right above, Priya, Shiva Ranjani, Kavitha, and Dharani, have been practicing the ancient Karakattam Dance Tradition with a Karakattam Dance master and show off their new skills. This dance form involves dancing while balancing huge crowns on one's head!

In the middle left, some of our sprightly little girls entertain with their synchronized traditional dance steps.

To the immediate left, some of the boys perform a very passionate and spirited dance replete with lots of thrashing, loud music, flashing lights and even a smoke machine! Will wonders ever cease!

*The Maitreya
Foundation
by Avani Pisapati*

It's been 11 years since the opening of the Maitreya Foundation, with Child Haven's support, in New Delhi, India. The tides of time and political change have made their mark on some



things while leaving others the same. Tightening borders and migration to the West have decreased the number of Tibetan refugee children entering the Foundation in recent years; but the need to cultivate a sense of belonging and collective strength for the Tibetan diaspora has remained alive and well. Earlier this year, I sat down with visitors and residents of the Maitreya Foundation to witness how they have confronted these challenges and created hope in the sanctuary of the Home.

There was something reverberating through Lobsang's (pictured above, far right) silence when I first met him, but I didn't quite know what it was. He was passing through to visit his uncle Tendak (second from the left above) who is the Manager of the Home. After Tibetan tea was served and we all took our first sips, Lobsang shared the story that made his enigmatic nature more clear. Lobsang was carrying memories of a treacherous journey that many might find difficult to comprehend: the journey of fleeing the Chinese occupation of Tibet.

The details he shared were harrowing. In 2006, Lobsang traveled for 14 days by foot, crossed many terrains, knowing he could be killed by Chinese military if he was caught. Yet, because the Chinese government did not permit him to study Buddhism in his own community, he was steadfast. Crossing the border meant that he would be able to pursue his faith. When he finally made it to India, adjusting to the hot weather and spicy food was challenging. But Lobsang felt liberated; he finally had the freedom to study Buddhism and have other basic freedoms in this new land.

A stillness gripped the room, as the young people who grew up in the Home hung onto Lobsang's every word. The reality of occupation and displacement settled over everyone. Realizing the tea had started to go cold, more was quickly served. Underneath it all was a collective sense of relief. It was clear that Lopsang and the students, now all grown up, had created a refuge, where they could freely share their stories, in their own language, and heal their pain.

Afterwards Dawa Tsering (fourth from the left) shared a different tale. He had the privilege to study Buddhist philosophy at the Sera Monastery in Karnataka, India when he was younger. But later, he became curious about Western pedagogy and realized that there weren't many people practicing Western medicine with his kind of Buddhist perspective. So, through the support of Child Haven, he moved to the Home and began studying medicine. He made up his mind that one day in the future, he will provide much needed medical services to the Monastery where he was first educated. He is working hard to make that dream come true.

No matter what is to come, Dawa, Lopsang, and all the kindred spirits present that day exemplify the connection, community, and hope that exists after decades of occupation and oppression. I feel honored that I was invited to witness this sharing in the sacred place they now call home.

*Satisfying the Great Hunger - a talk given by Allison Calvern
at the June 14, 2025, Ottawa Child Haven Dinner*



Allison with friends while serving as their volunteer/intern in Kaliyampondi in 2018

Kaliyampondi – Have you ever sat down on a stoop next to a child whose tee-shirt is three sizes too sloppy? He has a big smile, and some precious thing in the scrunch of his hand that he wants to show you.

Have you ever seen a child who was kicked out of school because her school uniform was never clean enough? There is no father in her home, no running water, and plenty of need.

The Bushmen of the Kalahari speak of two kinds of hunger. The first hunger they call the Little Hunger, which describes an empty belly. They speak of the second hunger as the Great Hunger.

Which is the human ache to be understood, to be forgiven, to be included; the human ache to be able to give back to one's family and community.

Have you ever seen a hungry child, hungry for a chance to live with dignity in a hard, dusty world?

Bonnie and Fred Cappuccino have seen hunger and the struggle to live with dignity.

In response, with your help, they have built Child Haven. With simple, deft moves, Child Haven provides food for the belly, and, more deeply and more lastingly, food for the soul.

I spent time as an intern on the Child Haven campus in Tamil Nadu. This stately home has large dormitories for the children, but no dressers, no closets, no cavernous cupboards for stuff. Each child has a box, about this size (15” deep x 30” wide x 12” high), in which they keep all their worldly goods. A change of clothes. A clutch of ribbons. A small bag of marbles.

While I was there, I took the children on group walks, a dozen excited and happy kids at a time, one or two of them holding my hand as we zig-zagged through the rice fields of Thiniyampoondi. Technically I was the chaperone, but I relied completely on those resourceful children who know both the lay of the land and the villagers who lived there.

One Saturday morning the sixth standard girls and I walked to Elanagar and Melpakkem, and when we got to the temple in Ravathanallur, we caught up with the girl who had been evicted from school because her uniform was dirty. The Child Haven girls had planned for this meet-up. They handed their friend several items of their own clothing, taken from their own small boxes of worldly goods.

Each day of my stay in Kaliyampoondi, I learned from, and got nourished by, those Child Haven children and the dependable staff who love and care for them.

While we in our big country with our big bank accounts, fill our closets, and stock our cupboards, Child Haven shows us that generosity imparts dignity to both giver and receiver. There is something precious there, a created space where even hardships become sacred. Child Haven fills bellies; also, it satisfies that Great Hunger.



On a mosey through the rice paddies

We have space for volunteers who will pay their own travel and commit to three to six months of interning in India, Nepal, or Bangladesh. Please contact our office @ 613-527-2829 if you'd like to talk it over. There is a temporary hold on Volunteer Visas from Canada to India, but we hope that will be resolved soon.

A \$50 fee covers processing costs and your attendance at a two-day Orientation in Maxville. We are also thinking about holding an orientation on the west coast if interest exists. An additional \$200 donation to partially cover overseas room and board is also asked of Interns. You can check out our Intern Brochure on our website, childhaven.ca



Savarsai – Faithful and longtime readers will remember that this Home was founded with the help of Mukunda Kolhatkar, who as an avid Gandhian, took part in the Freedom Struggle from Portuguese colonial rule in what is now the Indian State of Goa. He was also a dedicated tree-planter. While Mukunda passed away many years ago, his legacy lives on in the plethora of fruit harvested each year from the trees around the Home. Above left, Anirudh and Deepak show off part of the pomelo harvest. To the right above, Aryan, Vihan and Omkar hold up a cluster of bananas. To the left below, fashion designers Rupesh, age 10, Anirudh, age 14 and Ansh, age 12, model some elegant hats and garments made from teak leaves. On the right below, another generation of trees is being planted below the Home.





Tribal Home – To the right and left, the children are sharing their knowledge about wild foods with each other after taking a foraging walk in the woods.

Maintaining the children's familial knowledge of such things is a priority for this Home.



To the left, the girls went on a hike to a local waterfall to cool off from the scorching temperature of the day. They were no doubt refreshed and uplifted by the cascading water and the sculpted beauty of the stone-lined pool it has been carving out for many centuries.



Ghaziabad Women's Vocational Training Program – Facial massage and mehndi hand-painting (above right) are among the many beautician skills taught in this vital and much appreciated training program in a low-income sector of Ghaziabad serving primarily new-comers who have moved to the city from rural villages in search of employment.

Child Haven Support Groups for Fundraising Events 2025

Check website for possible updates

Fundraiser	Location	Contact
Sun. Sept. 28	GTA(Mississauga), ON	Shyam Sheth & Leena Motwani 647-876-8488, Tushar Mehta 416-839-1938
Tues. Oct. 21	Lennoxville, QC	Phyllis Baxter 819-364-8273
Sat. Oct. 25	Montreal, QC	Sheila Laursen 514-697-4195
Sat. Nov. 1	Hardwick, VT, USA	Robin Cappuccino 802-533-2296, Deborah Hartt 802-472-5284
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	Hamilton, ON	Ginny Megin 905-332-6474, Valerie Dougherty 905-465-1911
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	Qualicum/Parksville, BC	Cilla Lewenhaupt 250-752-0968
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Chittagong – Each child that grows up in the cradle of Child Haven has their own way of leaving a mark. Pathan (pictured left) has done so in more ways than one. During his time at Child Haven, he not only was a dutiful older brother, often helping staff with buying groceries and tutoring his younger brothers and sisters; but he also brought magic and color to the Home’s walls with his striking art.

Pictured above is a hand drawn landscape of his home village in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, hanging prominently in the staff eating quarters. In it, you can see the rich traditions of the indigenous Bawm community that Pathan grew up in. Pathan now lives quite a different life. He graduated with a degree in textile engineering and is working as a salesperson in a Chittagong mall while looking for a job in his chosen field. His art is a beautiful reminder that his roots remain a permanent source of inspiration to be shared with all.



Chittagong – In February of this year, children of all ages, dedicated staff, and esteemed guests gathered for a much anticipated cultural program. Key to Child Haven’s mission is the teaching and performance of the rich and beautiful cultural traditions of each of the regions where our Homes are located. Here in Bangladesh, the Program featured ballads sung in Bangla by some of our older students (above) for whom this was their last performance before leaving the Home.

The celebration continued with various Bangladeshi dances such as the two performed by the little girls above right and the older girls in yellow. There were also speeches by children from primary school to high school. And before anyone could sneak away, many group pictures were taken to commemorate the special convening, and everyone got a healthy serving of chocolate cake just to keep things exciting before bedtime!





All in a Day in Chittagong – Left above, Juthi and Anika access the internet outside the office for their homework assignments. Above right, future Landscape Architects, Yai Yai and Suraiya, have discovered that they can grind bricks and use their colour to brighten the drab cement garden retainers!



Below, Tina demonstrates her bubble blowing prowess to the duly impressed Pathan. To the lower left, working hard to keep our slide well-polished are, from bottom to top, Lamia, Tabassum, Mawa, Usaimay and Ismat.



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New Children – New to our Hyderabad Home above left are, Arun, age 9, and his sister Nandini, 7 years old. Their father died in a road accident and mother, who works as a low-paid maid is unable to support their financial needs. To the right above, Shivdhanya, age 7, is new to our Savarsai Home. She came after both of her parents remarried and had left her with her grandmother who was unable to provide for her. Her grandmother was so delighted to find Child Haven that she often comes to help out in the Home kitchen giving her the added bonus of seeing her precious granddaughter as often as she can.

Also new to our Savarsai Home are siblings below, Siya, 11, Abhijit, 8, and Supriya, age 6. Their father, who was a painter, died when he fell from a building he was painting, and the family received no compensation. His mother found work as a maid in three different houses but is paid too little to support her family. A news reporter heard about her story and referred the family to Child Haven where the children are now doing very well.



A Warm Welcome to Shova Sunar
by Dhruva Pradhan, Kathmandu Home Co-Manager

Shova Sunar was born on May 3rd, 2018. Life dealt her unimaginable hardships early on—she lost her father to tuberculosis in 2019, and in 2024, her mother passed away after a long battle with cancer. With both parents gone, Shova’s care fell to her half-sister, Sangita, the daughter from her father's first marriage.

When we received heartfelt applications and strong recommendations from local authorities and well-wishers to support Shova, we decided to conduct a home visit. What we found moved us deeply. Just 6 kilometers from our home, Shova and her sister were living under a tarpaulin roof—a humble shelter that barely shielded them from the elements. Despite these difficult circumstances, they held onto hope. Shova was attending a nearby government school as a second-grade student, and Sangita worked long hours as a cleaner in other people’s homes, doing her best to provide for them both.



Shova (right) and her sister Sangita

It is with open hearts that we welcome Shova into our Child Haven International, Nepal family.

The day Shova was to join us was emotional. As her sister dropped her off, the pain of parting was overwhelming for the little girl. Through tears, she pleaded, “Please let me sleep with my sister for just one more night—I promise I’ll come tomorrow.” Her words touched us deeply. We couldn't say no. Although a small part of us feared she might not return, we honored her request.

To our joy, the very next morning, Shova arrived early, beaming with a radiant smile. She quickly settled into our routine, put on her school uniform with pride, and went off to school that very day. She now lives under the gentle care of our dedicated caregiver, Mina Karki, and is beginning to thrive in her new environment.

Shova’s journey is a testament to resilience, love, and the power of giving children a safe place to heal and grow. We are honored to walk alongside her as she begins this new chapter filled with hope and promise.



Kathmandu – One early morning this spring, before everyone rushed off to school and while a few young ones were still rubbing their eyes, staff, children and interns gathered to celebrate the opening of the newly renovated Home Library which moved to a larger space in the Home. In this refreshed space, students will enjoy a serene atmosphere, where they can sit comfortably on floor cushions and get lost in various learning materials for pleasure or for study. Adding to the beauty are numerous pieces of artwork completed by high school students and graduates of Child Haven. At the Opening, each artist shared their process and inspiration behind their piece to the eager crowd that morning. Karna, top left, presented four pieces of artwork, including two string installations entitled “Spiral Mandala” and “Rainbow Star”, which were composed using mathematical equations and took about two weeks to make. Samuel, top right, and Salim, bottom left, both explored modern cubist themes in their colorful, abstract facial depictions. And Sujan, (not shown) created a powerful depiction of Kaal Bhairav, a manifestation of Lord Shiva and a protector of Dharma, as shown in the bottom right picture. Thank you to all the mentors and staff who cultivated this wonderful space and the artistic talent of so many Child Haven students and graduates.

Nisha, Child Haven Wonder Woman by Avani Pisapati

Nisha is a Wonder Woman with a heart full of adventure and ambition, having worked as a cashier, tutor, administrator, accountant, and setting dreams to go to new places in the future. But no matter where her passions have taken her, her spirit still seems to magnetically make its way back to the place that feels most like home: Child Haven.

Nisha is Hyderabad's assistant accountant and is one of many former children who are now leading the way as staff in the Homes they grew up in. You may even call her a trailblazer in Child Haven's 40-year history, as she grew up in the first Home that Child Haven had in Hyderabad. She came there when she was 4 years old and doesn't know exactly what condition her mother was in that led her to ask for a helping hand. But what she remembers most are fond moments with Bonniema, whose affection she misses these days very much.

Her academic performance in high school earned her further sponsorship from Child Haven to complete her Bachelor of Commerce and Master of Commerce. With that education she was able to work a diversity of finance jobs at financial institutions, an ophthalmologist's office, a two-wheeler showroom, a power loom factory making saris, a school, and many more exciting places.

All the thrill, however, took a sobering pause 4 years ago when her husband passed away. Sometime after that, her son Abdul (below left) began to suffer as well and could not complete his middle school studies. Grief-struck and desperate for support, she made her way back to the place where she knew she would find compassion, to the Hyderabad Home. With an impressive resume and a sincere need for community, the staff welcomed her back and have been appreciating her help ever since.

Of course, as one may expect, her story doesn't end there. Nisha continues to seek growth and new opportunities and dreams of doing a government job in the future with the hope that she can replicate the good work of Child Haven. In her own words, her family's future is the most important thing to her and is willing to do whatever she can to make sure it flourishes. No matter what heights she and Abdul reach, there is no doubt that they will always be loving and committed members of the Child Haven family, and we are so grateful to have them in our lives.



Ghaziabad Women's Vocational Training Program



Lakshmi, Priyanka, and Lalitha, all recite one simple but powerful piece of wisdom: that learning a skill and earning your own money is a step towards freedom. Freedom from patriarchal violence and domination and towards a more empowered life. For all three of them, that skill is tailoring, which they learned at Child Haven's vocational training program in Ghaziabad.

Lakshmi, pictured left, was discovered by the director of the program, Rajini, one day when she was traveling from door to door in Ghaziabad identifying young women needing financial assistance. Lakshmi's mother had passed away, her father was earning a meagre living, and her family really needed some extra support. So, she ultimately decided to join Rajini's program, seeing a possible way out of her harrowing situation.

The combination of Lakshmi's talent and Rajini's mentorship resulted in her starting her own business 6 months after beginning the tailoring program. With time and increasing business, she was able to purchase her own store front and her own home. Now she is the main breadwinner in her family, supporting her husband and two children and she credits this as being one reason there is no violence in her marriage unlike others she knows of.

Priyanka, pictured below left, and Lalitha, below right, have remarkably similar stories. They both support elders and children in their family through their tailoring work and are proud of the self-sufficiency and independence this has afforded them. Priyanka was also able to purchase her own home from the money that she earned, and Lalitha went on to empower more young women by becoming a staff member at the program.

Together, these three women and thousands of others that have passed through the program exemplify the sheer power of having the chance to learn a skill and the courage to forge your own path forward with it.



Bonnie Lore by Fred Cappuccino, her long-suffering husband

Well as luck would have it they let me out. Avid readers of this erudite journal will no doubt recall that I was unceremoniously waylaid by a cracked hip a few months ago and in rehab for a little longer than I care to remember. But now I'm home and Bonnie doesn't need to make the daily jaunt to keep an eye on me. Thanks for all the well wishes while I was laid up - they certainly helped cheer my spirits and brighten the parts of my day when Bonnie was away. Thanks also to the 3 well-placed screws holding my hip together as well as the immensely talented and patient staff that tended me. It took quite a few of them to do what Bonnie seems to do so adroitly on her own now that I am home.



I have to confess it's nice to be sleeping in our bed together again even if it means the covers might get pulled off every now and then. Bonnie now has more time for zoom call to the Homes, and I have more time to admire her tenacity and determination in staying in touch with our 1,300 kids overseas, 20 over here, as well as all the grandkids, great grand kids and even a few great great grandkids! Whether over zoom, over email, over the phone or in person, Bonnie thrives on remaining fully engaged and active. Me, I most often just watch and marvel. We are both so grateful to all of you for keeping the Child Haven ship afloat with the most beautiful and resilient children it carries. It continues to amaze and hearten both of us.

As I write this Robin and Ganesh are over visiting the Homes and Bonnie is enjoying speaking with them about how things are going. All is well with us. I learned long ago that the most vital 5 words for a happy marriage are "I agree with you dear." Fortunately for me, I actually do (at least most of the time).



Here we are 72 years ago!

Of course I knew I was an incredibly lucky groom, but in my wildest imagination could not have imagined the adventures she had in store for me!



Hyderabad – Sairaj with the red hula-hoop is in the First Grade. He came to Child Haven after his father left his mother who now labours as a construction work assistant carrying bricks and other supplies for the workers. Shiva, levitating the green hula-hoop is 9 years old and in the Third Grade. He came to Child Haven after his father died from jaundice and his mother from a heart attack. His Aunt and uncle visit him in the Home and take him home for the holidays.

*“Let me light my lamp, says the star,
And never debate if it will dispel the dark.”
Rabindranath Tagore*



Meu – Roshni, far left above is in Gade 10. She is having a health check-up from a visiting doctor who came with a team from the Mehsana Health Center to do a health check-up at our Home. To the far right, Vaghela, in Grade 8 is having her details recorded by Kailasben, in the orange sari, our nurse of many years at the Home. Good news is that all the children and staff were found to be in good health!

Big thanks to our visiting team of doctors and nurses! It is always wonderful to have the support of our talented local community!

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