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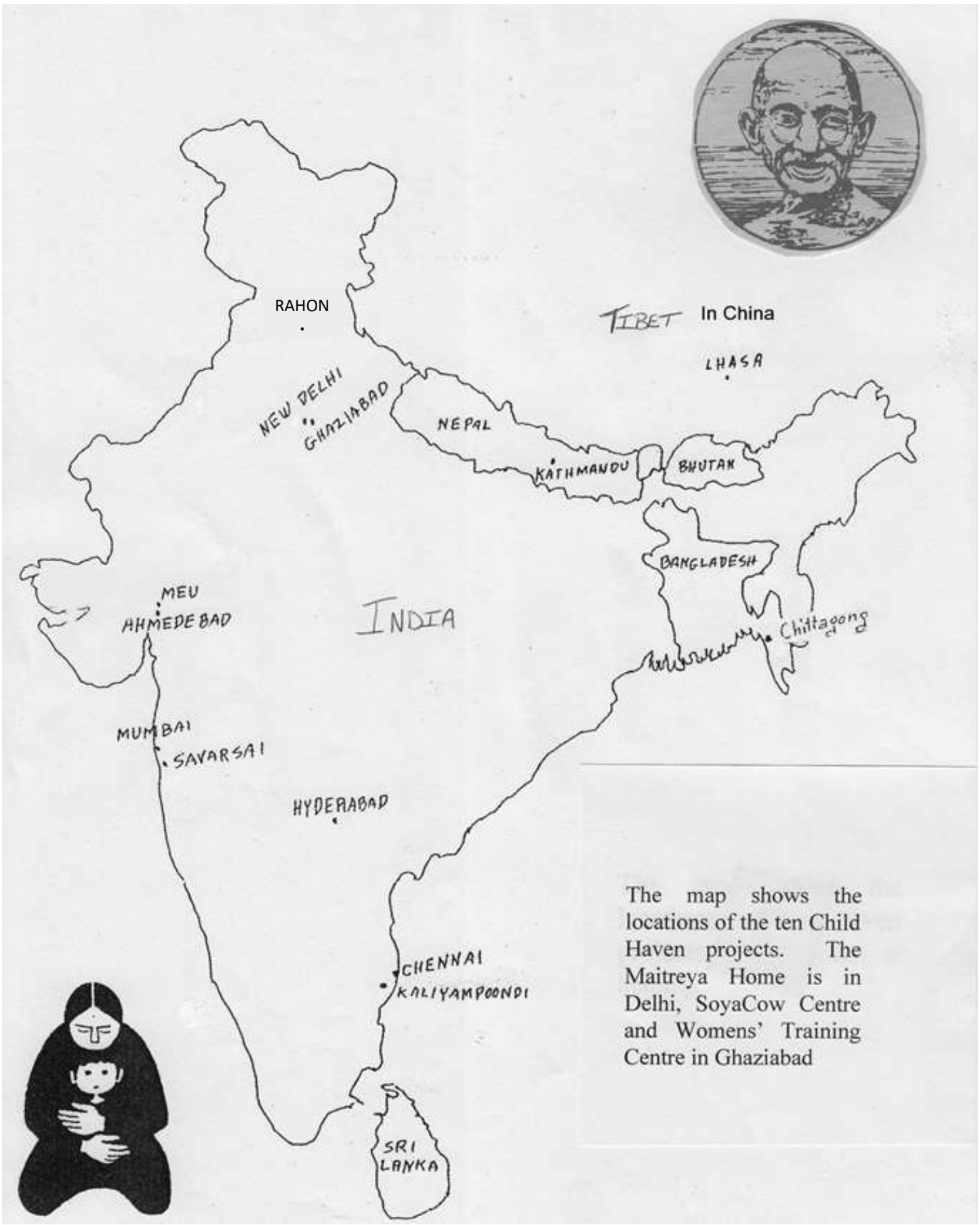
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Kaliyampoondi – An impromptu circle round game bringing smiles to these young girl's faces in the courtyard in front of the Girl's Dormitory.

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Maitreya Home for Tibetan Refugee Children – One bonus of the lock-down has been more time for Tibetan language lessons taught by the Home's Manager, Tendak, in the Home's library. The children and young people in this Home study in Hindi and English in school, so their Tibetan can become a little rusty without practice.

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 children 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
Tibet in China, sponsoring 14 children 4 women, Language: Tibetan
Chittagong, Bangladesh, 70 children 15 women, Language: Bengali
(Many other children are sponsored for education, but are not living in one of our Homes.)

Women's Programs Child Haven Sponsored

Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, education in tailoring for 50 women at a time; inexpensive sanitary napkin production and sale; Beauty and Wellness Course. Language: Hindi
Rahon, Punjab, education in tailoring for 50 women at a time. Language: Punjabi
Pen Village, Maharashtra, inexpensive sanitary napkin production and sale. Language: Marathi
Kathmandu, Nepal, education in tailoring for women. Language: Nepali





Chittagong – As the lockdown in Bangladesh took hold, our staff became aware that many of our neighbors were struggling without enough food to eat. After millions of women and men were laid off their jobs in garment factories and elsewhere, people who survive from pay check to pay check have been in an extremely desperate situation.

In response, our staff members each chipped in 10% of their salary, and with help from the children, packed 60 bags full of rice, lentils and vegetables to distribute to local families in need.

Many of them send their children at a nominal tuition to our Home's school. After hearing about this effort, Child Haven has taken over funding these distributions as needed.

Below right our Board Member, Morsed Hossain, helps distribute the bags.







Bonnie Lore,

An Occasional Column by Fred Cappuccino, her long-suffering husband.

Bonnie and I have been in quarantine together for 4 1/2 months now. I can't remember her hanging around at home so steadily since we had 3 babies in diapers, and that was only when she wasn't slipping away to bring home another one. We are fortunate to have the support of our staff here and our children, and we have been quite safe and well.

Fortunately all the children and staff in our Homes are safe as well. Bonnie and Robin have been in constant communication with them over the phone and by email. Some of the Homes were ordered by the government to send our children, where possible, to stay with their relatives when the lock-down came to India and Nepal. The Homes stayed in touch with these children and their families and gave food support as needed. Many of those children are now returning. Our Home in Bangladesh was able to keep all our children on premises. We are of course deeply saddened by the deadly progress of the virus and especially by its impact on low-income and marginalized communities everywhere. We anticipate the need to take in more children at our Homes as the pandemic grinds on.

We are very grateful to all of you who have been contributing to Child Haven in spite of our having had to cancel our fund-raising dinners so far this year. As of this writing, we are able to pay for food, salaries, and Home expenses for the next few months, but we are down from where we should be to fund our projects through the summer and fall, so any support you are able to send will be greatly appreciated.

At the bottom of the page are a few pictures of Bonniema with children from our Kaliyampoondi, Savarsai and Meu Homes. The children are always excited to take their pictures with her during her visits to the Home. But then again they are not the only ones! Robin tells me that during their travels, it is a regular occurrence for strangers to come up to him or her in airports or on the street asking permission to take a selfie with her. She always says yes and beams a smile for the camera. I have a picture of her too which I prop up on a chair while she is away to keep me company. It is to the right. It includes our daughter Shikha shortly after her arrival from the new nation of Bangladesh.



Bonnie and me holding our new baby Shikha in 1992

Hope you are all staying safe and well, Fred









Tribal Home – One thing the boys love doing is making music. They will happily drum for hours if given the opportunity. The skills they use are gleaned from watching men in their villages. The boys demonstrate their talents in community celebrations, marches and performances for special guests at the Home. This year they played at the commemoration of the death of the Tribal Freedom Fighter Nagya Mahadu Kathkari, at the Women's Kite Festival in the city of Pen, and for the Hindu New Year celebration in their own community.

Vijay Waghmare, below left, is one of the leaders of the band. He is in the 10th Grade. Sumeet Waghmare, center below, is very playful and often the one who organizes games at the Home. Ritesh Pawar, below right, enjoys being helpful to his companions.









Maitreya Home – Lots of reading going on at this Home. Above left, Yankey studies for an upcoming exam. She is working on a doctorate in homeopathic medicine at the Nehru Homeopathic Medical College in Dehli. It is a 5 and a half year course and she is in her 4th year.

Above right, the children of staff member Karma read a new story book about Tibet. They are, left to right, Tenzin Dasel, age 5, Tashi Topden, 10, and Dhondup Sengey, age 8.

There has been more time for yoga under the rooftop canopy. With the lockdown has come cleaner air, making yoga and other rooftop activities much more pleasant.









Savarsai – It sure is helpful to have bountiful fruit trees on the property to harvest. Above left, Jaytari, Anush and Omkar are showing off the huge jack fruit being produced on one of the trees in our orchard. Above right, Hemant, Vibhav, Sidesh, and Omkar are checking out the just-picked mangoes from one of our many mango trees. In admiring the fruit, we remember Mukhunda Kolhatkar, who with his wife Sadhna first welcomed us into this community, sold us the land at a low price and planted fruit trees for generations of children to enjoy. Mukhunda passed away several years ago. His wife Sadhna is still a member of our All-India Child Haven International Board of Directors.

Below is a picture of our entire Savarsai Child Haven family from Bonniema and Robin's most recent visit.









Savarsai – Rohini, holding the tray above left, has been a cook at this Home for 12 years. Here she is with from left to right, Sumit, Varad, Karthik and Indrika

Above, Chitra is holding up a blouse she made in the Home's tailoring class. Chitra is 19 years old and is studying Commerce in Grade 12. She came to the Home when she was 9.

To the left some of the children performing a dance for a cultural program during Bonniema's last visit. During this performance the children's feet seemed to be in the air longer than they were on the dancefloor!

Below, Boy's Supervisor, Rajendra serves some of Rohini's delicious rice, dahl and vegetables.









Meu – New to this Home is 13 year old Sapana (above left and to the left in the photo above right). She was transferred here from a Home in another part of Gujarat. Her grandparents, her only relatives, live in a village not far from our Home. They are unable to care for her but wanted to be able to see her often. Sapana chats with Priyanka and Neha during a meal, above right.





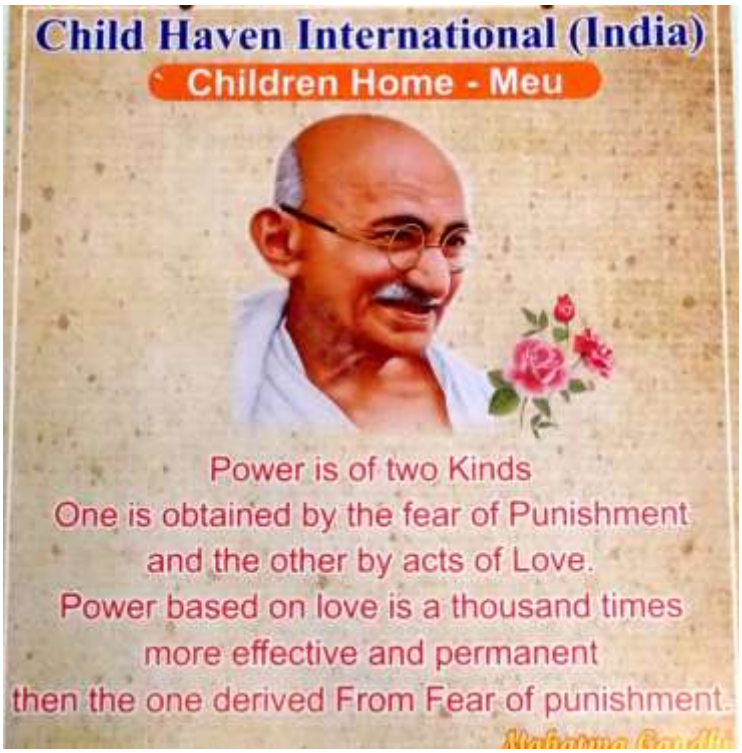


Aarav, to the right of both pictures above, came to the Home after his mother ran away and his father sent him out begging. *Child Line*, a child protection NGO discovered his situation and after consulting with governmental authorities brought him to our Home. It is always a joy to see how warmly new children are welcomed into the Home.

Above left he is sitting with Ravi, Komal and Mangu.

To the right above he recites a blessing with Harshil and Mehul before a meal.

To the left he is being held by Kajal.



Meu – This poster featuring a quote by Mahatma Gandhi in both English, to the left and Gujarati (not shown) is prominently displayed in the Office. It was created by our long-time Senior Advisor at this Home, Mr. Ruparel. A similar poster is on display at all our Homes. They serve to remind all of us of the underlying principles we are seeking to affirm.

This concept comes up often in staff meetings in discussions about the sometimes challenging behaviors of our children and teens. As any parent can attest, remaining positive, calm and loving with misbehaving children can be a difficult task. At our Homes, this is compounded by having so many children. Fortunately the staff act as support people for each other, encouraging patience and stepping in to help out when exasperated co-workers need a break.



Every now and then the Home here serves "Pav Bhaji", a Gujarati treat featuring a thick and spicy vegetable curry, pieces of soft bread to sop it up and chopped raw onion and lemon to sprinkle on top of it all. Above, the male staff serve seconds as needed to the boys.



To the right, Boy's Supervisor Ketanbhai takes the concept of uplifting our children quite literally. Fortunately House Father Nareshbhai is there to spot. Shakhshi, daughter of staff members Ileshbhai and Nitaben, seems to take her new height in stride. She is the most beautiful baby in the world.



Kathmandu – Bibek Pandey, (left) was admitted to our Home 15 years ago, when he was four years old. He is from the far western district of Jumla. He came after his mother died and his father was unable to care for him. Prior to the lockdown he was studying in the first year of a Bachelor in Education degree. Previously he studied electrical engineering. Currently with his university closed, he is staying at the Home and helping our secondary level children with their tuition classes' morning and evening. He has also been helping with plumbing and electrical repairs and teaching our older children electrical theory and practice at the Home. It is wonderful to see what a great teacher he is, able to teach and inspire our younger children. Thanks Bibek!







Above are two new soccer nets and the new basketball net which the children are enjoying in the courtyard.

To the left a clay trophy the winners of this impromptu game created for themselves. Congratulations champions!



Kathmandu

Abhishek and Shyam, both in grade 8, play the wooden flute while Yubraj in grade 9 looks on. The boys take flute lessons at our Green Tara Child Haven School when it is in session.

There are also weekly music and saranghi classes at the Home every Saturday morning. Saranghis are traditional Nepali stringed instruments.

Child Haven Support Groups

While our Dinners are on-hold at the moment due to the coronavirus, your donations are still most needed and appreciated to provide loving care for our children. Thanks! Please check our web site for updated information

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Kathmandu – Above, Mina and Rashmita practice their jump-rope skills

Yubraj, left, recently came to the Home from the Kavrepalanchok District, one of the mountainous parts of Nepal. His parents have mental disabilities and are unable to care for him. He was brought by his aunt who works for the Women's Foundation of Nepal. He only spoke Tamang, a local language, when he came, but is learning Nepali quickly. Several other staff and children also speak Tamang as well as Nepali.

Below, the old basketball net getting a final work-out.







Kathmandu – Having lunch outside on a sunny day are, from the left, Kabita, who is in the second year of a B.A. Degree in Environmental Engineering at Kathmandu University. Kabita came to the Home 15 years ago after her mother passed away. Arriving with her was her sister, Sushmita, sitting in the center. She is studying Business Management. On the right is Shreejana who is working on a Bachelor in Education degree, 1st year. She came when she was 3 after her father died and her mother was unable to feed and properly look after her.



As our older girls complete their studies, they are joined by new children such as these girls. They are, from the left, Shreesha, age four, who was admitted 2 years ago. Her father died, and her mother who is blind could not care for her. Shreesha is in our Green Tara Montessori program where she loves to dance and sing. Mahina, center, age five, came 4 years ago after her mother died during child-birth. Her father is partially blind and was unable to care for her. Her older sister Ganga, age 7, (not shown) also lives at the Home. Dekchen, to her right, age 4, is a full orphan. Her elder sister, a day laborer, was caring for her until it became too difficult.

Announcing!

Wanderfull KiDS



Former Child Haven Volunteer/Intern, Shelley Adam, author of ***Bonniema and Fredpa's Big Family***, has created another educational opportunity for children which also benefits Child Haven. It is an activity program for children 5 to 10

The program is "A fun and informative learning project kit for children ages 5 to 10. With it you can virtually explore another country and immerse your child in a new and exciting culture. All kits include a letter from a child residing in the country highlighted. These Project Kits support an organization providing love and kindness in the country studied." You can learn more about it at www.wanderfull.ca (where you can also order copies of her book).

To the left is Shelley with two of our Kathmandu Home's fine dancers, Subina (left) and Mina.

Hyderabad – Sultana, the Home's Matron, distributes bananas to go along with freshly made soy milk for this day's afternoon snack.





To the left Akhil Kumar, age 7, and Gandhi, age 9, are recycling one of the Homes discarded three-wheeler tires as an exercise machine and imagination enhancer.

Below, Varshini, in Grade 6 is holding Danush, the most beautiful baby in the world. He is the son of our Boy's Supervisor, Gopal, and his wife Chandrakala, who also helps at the Home.





Hyderabad – Left, Yadagiri, center, grew up at our Home, went away to get a degree in Catering and Hotel Management, and then came back as a cook and then boy's Supervisor. Here he is with some of the Grade 10 boys.

Our nurse, Anusha, center photo left brought her most beautiful baby in the world, Nandana, to meet Bonniema on her last visit, along with her husband Janardhan.



Umadevi, girl's Supervisor, leads a study session (left bottom)

Immediately below, Kusuma is quite pleased with her new hearing aid which was prescribed for her with the assistance of Volunteer-Intern Gaye Gibson, from Vancouver. Gaye took a special interest in working with Kusuma who is now better able to hear and communicate effectively with everyone.









Hyderabad – Volunteer-Intern Gaye Gibson brought six donated point-and-shoot cameras with her for a series of camera classes that she led with the children. The picture of Joseph (right) was taken after the class about motion. Gaye likes how he is in focus even though he is moving. The flower above was taken on the final field trip using the macro setting. Gaye likes how the subject is in focus and the background is not. The classes were held on Sundays for one hour. The boy's class was in the morning and the girl's in the afternoon. Below left is a picture Gaye took of the first class. Below right is a picture Raji took experimenting with different angle shots. She is as close to the ground as possible to get the shot. Further below on the right is another action shot of the boys. This was Gaye's second internship at the Home. She hopes to return in the not too distant future.







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Kaliyampoondi

With school cancelled our children have been taking part in a number of classes on-line. Above and below are two groups taking a Spoken English class with the help of a computer set-up in the Dining Hall.

To the left, some students take a drawing class in the office.









Kaliyampoondi

Sometimes it's nice to have lots of something good to eat, or at least enough. This Home buys watermelon by the field.

With 300 hungry children, that's almost enough!











Manav Vikas Parishad – Our women's Tailoring programs in Ghaziabad (above) and in Rahon Village in the Punjab, have responded to the Covid crisis in their communities by putting their tailoring skills to work making face masks for people who otherwise could not afford to purchase them.

They have also initiated a novel community awareness program with a catchy slogan which the poster above illustrates.





Chittagong – Ding Di (right) has been at the Home for about a year. She now has 39 big sisters including Joyanti, (left) daughter of our caregiver Lomboti.

Let me light my lamp, says the star,

And never debate if it will dispel the dark.

Rabindranath Tagore



Hyderabad – Home Cook and Care-giver, Indiramma, far right, is getting lots of help, (maybe a little too much help) including the most beautiful baby in the world picking tomatoes from the Home's garden.

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