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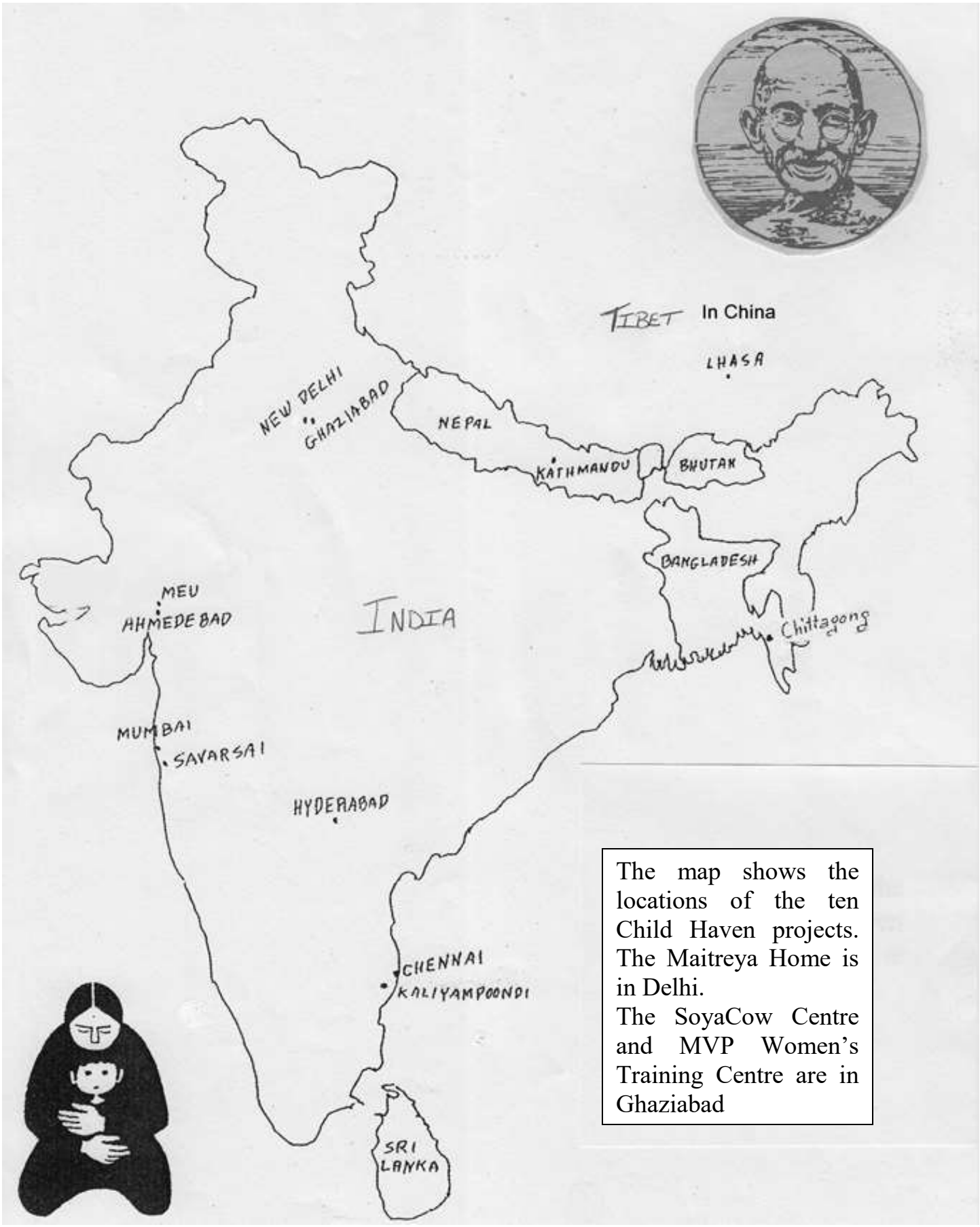
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Chittagong, Bangladesh – From left to right, Dilshad in First Grade, Robin in 5th Grade, Mostafa in Grade 3 and Sifat in nursery have just completed their Quran Class

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The map shows the locations of the ten Child Haven projects. The Maitreya Home is in Delhi.
The SoyaCow Centre and MVP Women's Training Centre are in Ghaziabad

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Kaliyampoondi – Yoga Sri, age 9, above left, scratches her head in amazement at how quickly the 4th and 5th Grade boys abandon their cricket game to request and pose for a photo shoot with the passing paparazzi.

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, 73 children in Home, 121 in our school, 24 women, Language: Bengali
Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh and **Rahon,** Punjab, Women's Centers, India; education in tailoring for 50 women at a time; inexpensive sanitary napkin production and sale; Beauty and Wellness Course. Languages: Hindi and Punjabi
(Many other children are sponsored for education, but are not living in one of our Homes.)



Chittagong – Above, the children celebrate International Mother Language Day by dropping flower petals below a monument made at the Home commemorating the Bangla language and people who lost their lives in the struggle for Bangladesh's Independence.



To the left, Vaggomoni keeps a watchful eye as Amreem and Doha work on a puzzle on a little used staircase at the Home. The older children enjoy taking a lot of responsibility for the younger children at all of our Homes.

Amreem's mother Jasmin has worked at the Home for many years both as a teacher and administrator. Doha's mother Maureen Jahan is a teacher in our school.





Chittagong – Above Punam and Ridowan are among the many fine artists at this Home. Their art teacher, Bimaleshwar Chakma, has been teaching at the Home for the past three years. He holds a class every week for the younger children and then one for the older ones.

To the right and below, a crow neighbor caught in the act of recycling broom bristles into nest materials for its posh dwelling in a mango tree alongside the Children's Home.











Chittagong – Lalimpar, Marium and Papri have been dancing together for many years. The dance instructor, Israt has been teaching the children the traditional dance of Bangladesh and choreographing dances for them to perform at the Home for special programs for the past 11 years.





Savarsaí – Bhaskar Dalvi, age 10, carries his mat on his head on a chilly morning as he heads off to the verandah for his morning studies. *Karen Breek photo*

Below, some of the children pose with a plethora of hanging jack fruit on a tree planted behind the home. *Prakash Patil photo*





Kaliyampoondi – The renowned Tamil novelist and short story author, Perumal Murugan, recently came to speak with our Home about joys of writing and story-telling. One of Murugan's books was briefly banned by the state government until the State Supreme Court ruled in his favor, a victory for freedom of the press for everyone.



When the Home was built 15 years ago some coconut trees were planted along the garden wall. These are now producing a plentiful crop which gardener Mutyal and cow care-taker Moorty have harvested and brought to the kitchen in two feed bags. More will be coming!



Kaliyampoondi – Anbarasu, (left) is in the 3rd Grade. His elderly father is unable to care for him. Anbarasu is very close to his father and proudly shows his picture which he wears on a string around his neck.

Ishwarya, also in Grade 3, is on the right below with her family. They are migrant farm-workers and unable to provide for her or able to keep her in school. They visit when they are able. On this particular visit they noticed a rash Ishwarya had on her head which our nurse had been treating. Ishwarya's parents are knowledgeable about herbal medicine and asked to take her home with them for a few days so they could find and apply some healing herbs. Ishwarya had a great time with her little sister and came back feeling much better.









Kaliyampoondi – Satish has worked at our Kaliyampoondi Home for many years. He has a great capacity for fixing things and recycling discarded items into useful ones. He can often be found surrounded by an admiring crew of young helpers and collaborators.

Above left he is making some water dippers for the showers out of old paint cans, above right taking the top off a vegetable oil tin to use as a trash can, and to the left repairing one of the boy's trunks. Satish also makes soya milk, is care-taker for the 8th grade boys, and helps with building construction and repair as needed. He substitutes as night-watchman as well.



Meu – An Indian flag dance to celebrate Republic Day *Catherine Pinard photo*

Child Haven Support Groups and our Fundraising Dinners

Please check our web site for updated information

~2018~		
June15	**Hamilton, ON**	Ginny Megin 905-332-6474, Valerie Dougherty 905-465-1911
Sept 15	**Vancouver, BC**	Katherine Doyle & Ian Cameron 604-220-9324, Yamini 604-476-0264
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Sept 30	**Winnipeg, MB**	Zobida Ambtman 204-489-7630, Jameel Ali 204-489-7630
Oct 12	**Montreal, QC**	Sheila Laursen 514-697-4195, Conny Belanger 514-542-3381
Oct 13	**Hardwick, VT, USA**	Robin Cappuccino & Sharon Fialco 802-533-2296, Deborah Hartt 802-472-5284
Oct 20	**Glengarry, ON**	Alyson Graham 613-525-0796, Julie Slater 613-525-1104
Oct 25	**Comox/Courtenay, BC**	Heather Holm 250-338-2181
Oct 26	**Qualicum/Parksville, BC**	Leona Matte 250-752-7404
Oct 27	**Carleton Place, ON**	Jane Hamilton 613-853-7959
Oct 28	**Edmonton, AB**	Sylvia Krogh 780-454-6216
~2019~		
Apr 13	**Calgary, AB**	Dave Greene 403-816-1705, Lata Patel 403-462-5474
Apr 27	**Mississauga, ON**	Shyam Sheth & Leena Motwani 647-876-8488, Tushar Mehta 416-839-1938
Apr 28	**Waterloo, ON**	Sydney Cook 226-929-4275
Apr	**Lennoxville, QC**	Keith Baxter 819-346-8273
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	Perth, ON	Sally Ziskowski 613-772-0678, Tracey Parker 613-267-4305
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	Canmore, AB	Paula Duncan & Simon Bryant 403-609-8125
	Lincoln, MA,USA	Christine Damon 781-879-5870
	Oakland, CA, USA	Rachelle Padgett 415-606-1909
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Meu – Kajal Patel, on the right in the above photo, is our new Home Counselor. She is pictured with one of our older girls, Kajal Khandhdda, who is 17 and studying to be a Beautician. Before joining our staff, Kajal Patel volunteered teaching "Good Touch, Bad Touch" Workshops to school groups.

Also new to the Home is Digvijay Chauhan, right, our new Manager. Prior to joining our staff he worked as an advocate for HIV positive children and adults. Among his accomplishments was delivering three babies for HIV positive women who could not find a doctor willing to help them. We are very pleased to welcome both of them to our Home. *Catherine Pinard photos*









Meu – On Republic Day the children flew kites. Tejal Thakor, above leaps into the air as she launches hers.

Akshy, right, loves to paint when he's not piloting a kite. He'd like to be a painter when he grows up.









Meu – Our tailoring teacher, Alkaben, above right, comes once a week and has a sewing class for the boys and one for the girls. Above center, Kajal cuts out a new pattern.

To the left, Komal, standing, age 12, helps Hermangi, age 11, wind the thread through the machine on the way to the needle.



Below, Rahul, left, age 11 gets a steadying hand from Ansh, also age 11. Rahul enjoys dancing and flying kites. Ansh loves to play cricket.

Catherine Pinard photos



Meu – Children and staff often help our cooks prepare meals at the Home. While these pictures just show the girls cooking, the boys help out as well. These cooking skills will come in handy when the children graduate and head out on their own.

Cooking sessions are an important opportunity for the children and staff to chat and spend some quality time together.

These and the other photos from Meu in this issue were taken by Catherine Pinard, from Quebec. She just completed three months at the Home as a Volunteer Intern.



Child Haven Wonder Women *a new column by Sharon Fialco*

We are honored and excited to welcome Dr. Shilpa Mapuskar Narayan to Child Haven's All India Board. Medical doctor, yoga teacher, mother of a flourishing teenage daughter, director of an appropriate technology NGO, and with a Master's degree in Public Health, Shilpa brings many gifts to Child Haven's leadership team.



Shilpa, standing, leads a workshop for the children and staff at our Savarsai Home. Her father Dr. Mapuskar, now deceased, looks on.

As such an accomplished woman, Shilpa is a pioneer. Her father, too, was a pioneer who worked to end open defecation in India. Dr. SV Mapuskar, who served as a Child Haven Board member until his death in 2015, developed a widely used biogas toilet appropriate to the realities of village life. Even more importantly, he worked tirelessly and patiently as a "social doctor" to teach people the health and environmental benefits of such sanitation [value toilets as the jewel of the household.] Dr. Mapuskar designed custom biogas systems for four Child Haven Homes, producing clean toilets, nutrient enriched, pathogen-free water for our gardens, and 1/3 of the kitchens' cooking gas. [To learn more about the work of Dr. Mapuskar watch the Youtube video "Clean Toilets are Essential for a Clean Mind." Count the number of women in this 2004 video to see Dr. Shilpa's radical accomplishment to continue this sanitation work.]



Dr. Shilpa Mapuskar Narayan

Now directing her father's NGO, Dr. Shilpa furthers his social and technological mission, spreading biogas technology into rural village schools, into cities, and soon into a fifth Child Haven Home. As a sanitation specialist, she also recently completed a year-long UNICEF project to improve hygiene in 20 hospitals.

Less known and celebrated is Shilpa's unique compassion for canine companions. She shares her simple home with six well-loved dogs, quite a rarity in South Asia. Clearly, this is a woman of patience, graciousness, and kind-heartedness, who courageously follows her heart despite social norms.

In August 2017 the newspaper Pune Mirror named Shilpa a "Pune Hero." We name her a Child Haven Wonder Woman!

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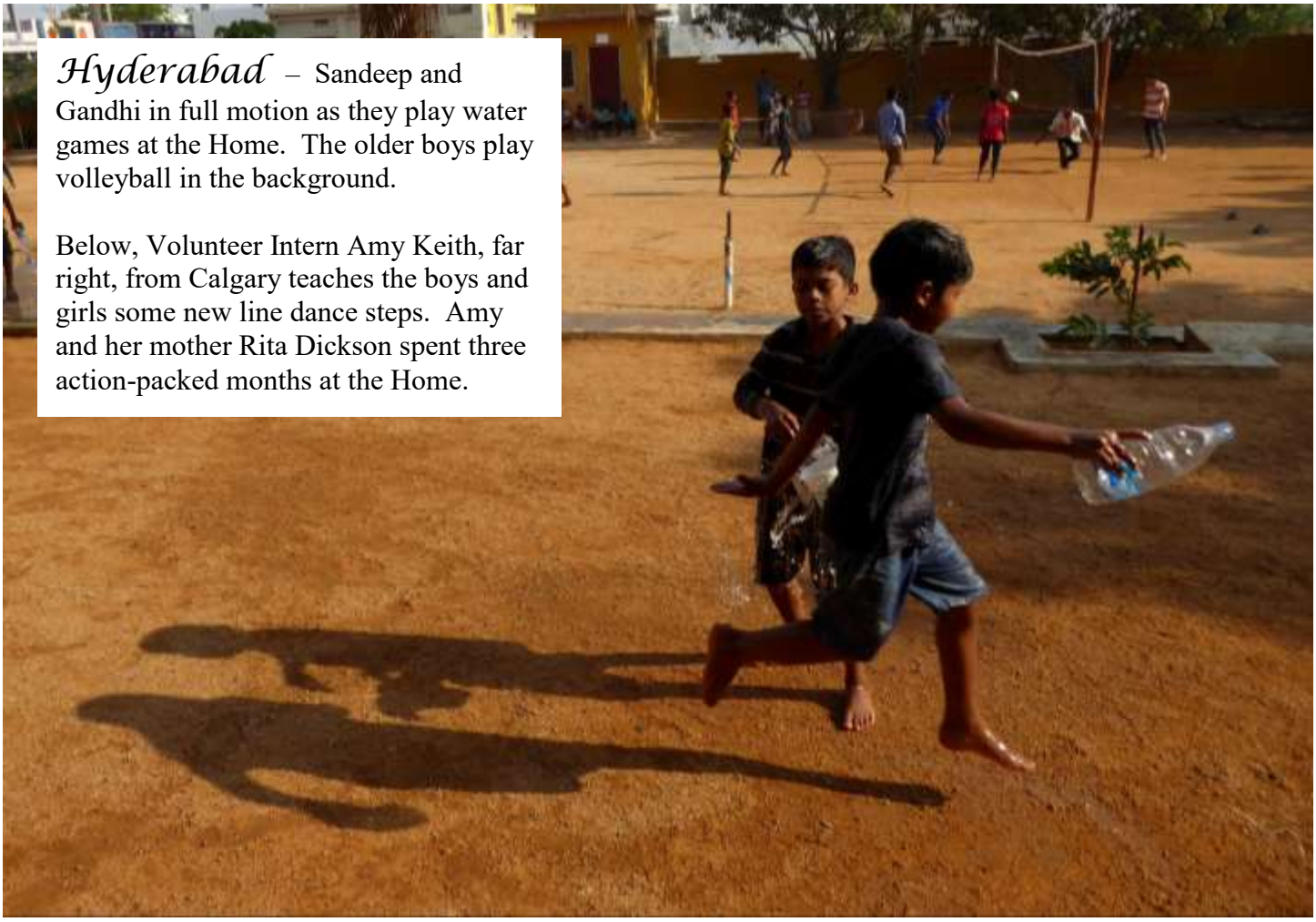
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Hyderabad – Sandeep and Gandhi in full motion as they play water games at the Home. The older boys play volleyball in the background.

Below, Volunteer Intern Amy Keith, far right, from Calgary teaches the boys and girls some new line dance steps. Amy and her mother Rita Dickson spent three action-packed months at the Home.









Hyderabad – Morning comes early at this Home. The sun is barely up when Naveen in 10th Grade leads the mornings exercises, and care-givers Mariyamma and Indiramma give the court-yard a once over





Hyderabad – Sisters Maheshwari and Swarnaveni, above, with their mother Laxmamma, came to the Home when they were age 4 and 5. They are now in a two year Nursing and Midwifery Nurse's Training Program. They had been staying in a hostel but requested to stay with their mother to provide care for her while they complete their studies. Child Haven provides food support and will continue to pay the girls' tuition.

Above right, Ramkrishna, who has worked at our Home for 22 years, gives his 3,542th haircut. This one to Suman, who just graduated from Grade 10 with a 90 % grade. Suman is planning to get a degree in agriculture.

Below left Sandeep and Satyamma make dosas on our big griddle. Below Right, Shiva makes an apple garnish for a platter of pomegranate. Shiva studied Restaurant and Hotel Management before returning to the Home as a Boy's Supervisor.





Bonnie Lore by Fred Cappuccino, her long-suffering husband



Robin Hood Cappuccino was our first child, but he is not the oldest. After he was born Bonnie and I adopted Machiko, (our oldest of eight daughters) and William Tell (our oldest of thirteen sons) both from Japan, who are four and five years older respectively.

Robin has all the good qualities of his mother, and none of the bad qualities of his father. He is loved and respected by his siblings, some of whom he helped to mentor and raise.

When Robin was in high school (he was president of the student council) – I mentioned to him casually that there were holes in his shoes, and he needed to get new ones. He, just as casually, took off one shoe and put his fingers through the holes, explaining to his naïve Dad, "See, Daddy, the holes are only on the sides – the bottoms are still good; these shoes will last a while yet." He says they were the most comfort shoes he ever had!

Robin has brought this degree of frugal thinking to his work with Child Haven. He and his partner, Sharon Fialco, are both on Child Haven staff. They attend most of the fundraising Dinners. They make trips overseas to visit the Child Haven Homes. Robin has been editing our exotic, exquisite, entertaining, and educational newsletter for some time.



From left to right, Fred, Machiko, Robin Hood and William Tell on Bonnie's lap.

To get a more complete picture of Robin's earlier life, please refer to the highly acclaimed book, BONNIE AND HER TWENTY ONE CHILDREN, a few copies left at $20 each.

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Tribal Home - Baby and Lalita, above are great friends and help keep the cultural activities at the Home going. They are both accomplished singers and dancers.

Below left, Rohit and Madhukar are good friends in the 5th Grade. Below right, Rahul, is doing well in 10th grade.







Hyderabad – The boys pose for an early morning photo while waiting for their bus to school.

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



Kaliyampoondi – Kesavan.(left) and Guna go over the ups and downs of their day on the swing-set in the playground. They are both 12 and in the 6th Grade.

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