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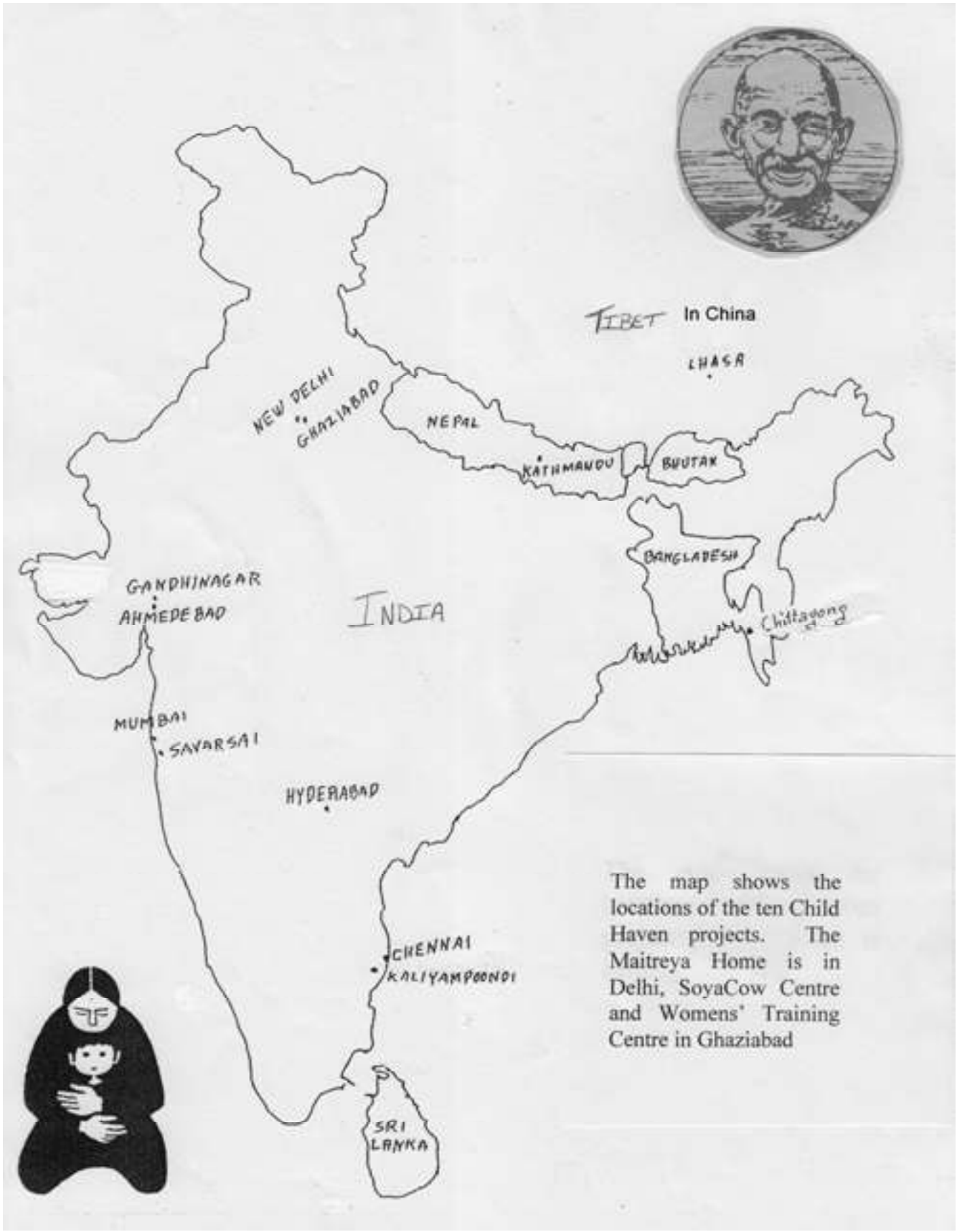
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Bangladesh – A scene from a play put on by some of our girls for Bonniema, members of the community and other guests



The map shows the locations of the ten Child Haven projects. The Maitreya Home is in Delhi, SoyaCow Centre and Womens' Training Centre in Ghaziabad



Hyderabad - Shankar is in Grade 10 and is Head Boy at his school. His favorite subjects are math and physics. He would like to be an aeronautic engineer. The sky's the limit for Shankar. Below daily soya milk is ladled out by Rajesh, our soya milk maker and watchman.





Gandhinagar - Rakesh Patel, seated between Bonniema and Home Manager Kalaben, came to Child Haven at age 4, and lived there for 12 years. He now makes glass equipment for labs and is caring for his 5 year old daughter, his father, whose legs are paralyzed and his grandmother. While visiting the home he took time to encourage the kids with their studies. Below, Kinjal and Ashwin with their visiting mother who is a widow and makes a meager living selling fruit and vegetables on the street. Kinjal and Ashwin are doing well in school.





Maitreya Home

The world's best momos can be found at the Maitreya Children's Home, and it takes many hands to make them. One of their secret ingredients is a pesto-like filling. The dough is rolled, a dollop of filling placed in the middle, then pinched into a crescent moon. Several hundred momos can be steamed at one time in their several tiered steamer. As you can imagine, the eating takes a lot less time than the making of these delicious treats!



BONNIE LORE (an occasional column by her long-suffering husband)

A Gandhian Discipline



A few years ago a nine-year-old Child Haven Kaliyampoondi boy, Vasanth Kumar, fell into a well and drowned. We were all devastated. He had attended the local government school, as did most of our Kaliyampoondi children. Apparently three or four boys had had a call of nature, but the toilets at the school were filthy and all clogged up, so they went out into the bush. On the way back Vasanth said he had to wash his hands. The nearest water was an unused well, a huge round affair with sloping sides. He slipped, hit his head and fell down into the water and drowned.

When Bonnie heard the story, she went to the school and talked to the principal and staff. They didn't want to take responsibility for the dirty toilets, which were full of various kinds of debris including plastic, broken bottles, as well as faeces.

Bonnie went back to our Childrens Home. She told our manager and some others that she was going back to the school to clean the toilets, as part of her Gandhian discipline. Our manager and nurse decided to participate, as well as some of the older children. They took rakes, brooms, buckets and disinfectant to the school.

The staff there were appalled. They said to Bonnie, "No - don't do that! Here sit down!" They brought a chair. But Bonnie and the others began raking the debris out, and then cleaned the toilets with disinfectant. The school staff stood there horrified because cleaning toilets was the work of the Untouchables or Dalits.

Mahatma Gandhi was absolutely opposed to the caste system, and he often cleaned toilets himself. He was totally incorruptible, and would not accept any presents from anyone - except for a special kind of toilet which someone gave him. He accepted that for symbolic reasons.

So this was a Gandhian lesson to our children and staff, and indeed to the whole community who talked about it for months.



Hyderabad – Child Haven historians will fondly remember the scene from the 1990 CBC Man Alive documentary about Child Haven, (right) when one of our children, Prabhakar, visits his little brother Sudhakar, blind mother Vamalamma and father with leprosy, who later died at the place they were living on one of Hyderabad's busy streets.



Now many years later son Prabhakar is a police constable working on cyber crime, (left above) and son Sudhakar works as a Border Guard. They brought their mother, Vamalamma, to "see" Bonniema on one of her recent visits. Their mother now is cared for by them.



Bangladesh

Usanu and Lalkhunai practicing their computer skills on one of the home's computers. They were taking part in a class led by Volunteer Intern Stephen Pilkington, from Toronto. Stephen spent three months at the home and led computer classes for both boys and girls.



Farzana and Nazma are placing flowers in front of a model of the Language Martyrs Monument at our home on National Bangla Language Day. All the children placed flowers, sang the national anthem and took part in a ceremony remembering the sacrifices that have been made to make Bangla their national language.



Hyderabad - Sandeep's rather proud of his new empty space! He's a big boy now.

MORE OVERSEAS INTERNS NEEDED. We have space for more people who will pay their own travel and commit a minimum of three to six months interning at our projects in India, Nepal or Bangladesh. To obtain an application please contact our office in Maxville by email fred@childhaven.ca. A $50 fee will cover administrative costs of processing your application and your attendance at a two day Orientation in Maxville. Once accepted as an Intern, an additional $200 donation to cover overseas costs of room and board is also asked of first-time Interns unless they or their families are regular contributors.

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Girls playing a circle clapping game in *Kaliyampoondi*. Below volunteer intern Maggie MacLaren giving an English lesson to some of the staff. Maggie has visited our Kaliyampoondi home every year starting in 2006. She is warmly regarded as a member of the family and her visits fondly looked forward to.



Diamond Jubilee Endowment Fund

This year marks Bonnie and Fred's 60th Wedding Anniversary



We at Child Haven are commemorating the work to which Bonnie and Fred have dedicated their lives, and ensuring that it continues unabated by working to creating a **$6 Million 60th Wedding Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Endowment Fund**. Child Haven has always operated on a hand-to-mouth basis. The $1.5 million that comes in annually from generous supporters like you goes out immediately to barely cover our monthly requirements for food, sustenance, and education for our 1,300 children and other programs. Having proven itself over many years as a vital and frugal organization uplifting the lives of thousands of destitute children and women, it's time for Child Haven to rest on a more permanent financial footing.

This fund will help provide the stability and resources required to carry on their work. Interest from the endowment will provide a solid base for Child Haven's continuing operations. There will certainly still be a need for our Child Haven Dinners and grassroots fund-raising, but with a secure foundation to depend upon. This will be most reassuring to Fred and Bonnie, as well as to the thousands who are impacted by Child Haven's homes and programs.

During the 60 years of their marriage, Bonnie and Fred raised 21 children, 19 of whom were adopted from around the world. They have also nurtured and provided loving care for thousands of formerly destitute children and women in India, Nepal, Tibet and Bangladesh. With their guidance, over the past years, we have assembled a future transition team which is intimately familiar with the people, philosophy and inner-workings which make Child Haven truly unique and effective. With your help, we can secure the future for Child Haven and the children in need of our love and care.

We invite you to join with us in raising the funds needed to establish our $6 Million Diamond Jubilee Endowment Fund.

Please give as generously as you are able. Thank-you

Diamond Jubilee Endowment Fund

Scenes from Bonnie and Fred's 60 years of marriage



With five kids in 1959.



With 17 of 21 kids in 1980



With the seven kids who moved with Bonnie and Fred to India and Sri Lanka for 18 months in 1977 and 78.



Pointe Claire, Quebec in 1970

"It was no surprise as our household became filled to the brim, and there were still children in need of loving homes, that our parents and our physician, Dr. Nat Shah, gave birth to Child Haven in 1985. Child Haven has grown and thrived ever since thanks to the same homespun, frugal and compassionate ideals that made it possible for our family to make ends meet, on a Unitarian minister's meager salary."

Robin Cappuccino

Diamond Jubilee Endowment Fund

Help Celebrate Bonnie and Fred's Anniversary on Sunday July 14th



Child Haven friends are invited to organize a Jubilee Fundraising Party at their home and join with Bonnie and Fred in celebrating their Diamond Jubilee Anniversary via webcast at their home in Maxville July 14, at 5pm ET. (www.childhaven.ca) People are invited to send good wishes and sign our virtual Anniversary card and let us know about your event. Afterwards donations/pledges can be made on our web page.

This is a lifetime opportunity to commemorate the lives and work of Bonnie and Fred and listen to and share stories from their 60 years of marriage. Fred says he isn't sure if he'll end up in the poor house or the mad house, but he still gets weak in the knees when he looks at her so he's in it for the long haul. This will also be a great opportunity for some wonderful pot-lucking, and we all know what great chefs Child Haven supporters tend to be!



These boys enjoying their soya milk at our *Kaliyampoondi Home* are what our endowment fund is all about. With your help their future and that of thousands of other formerly destitute children can be assured.







MVP - Women's Project in Ghaziabad

Lakshmi is one of the three women now employed making low-cost sanitary napkins at our MVP facility with the equipment we purchased last year. We also employ five women selling the napkins part-time in the community. A local hospital is buying them in bulk and some women come purchase them directly as well. Lakshmi has no mother and helps support her brother, sister and father, who has a very low paying job. She is a graduate of our tailoring program and is such a hard worker that she was hired for this new project. She is demonstrating some of the stages in the manufacturing procedure. When they are finished they are sanitized in an ultra violet machine. If the project continues to be successful we may purchase the equipment for other women's projects.

Tribal Children's Home

The children in our Tribal Children's Home are great singers. Here is group of them (below) belting out a song while visiting our Children's Home in ***Savarsai.*** They were there for a program at which children from both homes shared songs and dances for honoured guests including Lilaben Sisodraker from our Support Group in Vancouver, shown here receiving a "tika" on her forehead from one of our girls.





In Memoriam



Carol MacLeod had been dreaming for many years of going to India as an Intern. We are so very sad to report that she died suddenly of a heart attack at our Kaliyampoondi Home on May 9th. One day she was doing her nails with purple fingernail polish. The younger kids wanted to get theirs done. She asked Ganesh, the manager, and did a few - then a few more - until all the children had purple finger nails! She told others at the Home that she loved it there, and she planned to return for another three months in two years. She died doing what she loved most - helping children. The children are (L to R) Bhuvana, Jaya, and Gajalakshmi. Pam Hellstrom photo



Cleaning Soya beans is a group activity in *Kaliyampoondi.* Young Santosh is happy giving instructions.

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Tibet in China Sisters Tenzin Chokey and Tenzin Dolkar pose with Bonniema during a recent visit to our Tibet home. The home is in an ancient village built alongside a river that flows down a mountain valley, about an hour and a half outside of Lhasa.

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Tribal Home - Two of our girls performing the candle dance

SUPPORT GROUPS - Listed by date of 2013/14 Events

Ottawa ON: Ottawa Unitarian Youth – David Luck and Karen Blakely 613-729-5842 Event May 25
Ottawa ON: Tudor Hall: Linda Uhryniuk 613-730-5412, Dave Basu and Parin Bhimani 613-422-1573, Valerie Dougherty 613-727-5756, Next Dinner June 21
World Wide: Jubilee Party at your house? Barbara Weinlander 613-590-1481 July 14
Canmore/Banff AB: Paula Duncan & Simon Bryant, 403-609-8125 Next Dinner Sept 6
Vancouver BC: Venilal & Lilaben Sisodraker 604-985-5540, Katherine Doyle & Ian Cameron 604-255-4077, Ron & Ann Perrick 604-929-6674, Sam & Yamini Gandesha 604-937-0270, Neelam & Narendra Amin 604-294-6759, Next Dinner Sept 7
Hudson: Adrienne Rayner 450-458-0580, and Catherine Forbes 450-202-0668, Dinner Sept 20
Winnipeg: Zobida Ambtman 204-489-7630, Next Dinner Sept 22
Montreal: Conny Belanger 514-636-0370, Sheila Laursen 514-697-4195, Next Dinner Sept 27
Toronto Beaches: Michelle Lalonde 416-699-5199, Marc Lalonde 416-966-9373, Dinner Oct 05
Hardwick, Vermont: Robin Cappuccino & Sharon Fialco 802-533-2296, Rachel Davey 413-250-6204 Oct 12
Glengarry ON: Susan Joiner 613-525-5177, Alyson Graham 613-525-0796 Oct 19
Comox/Courtenay BC: Heather Holm 250-338-2181, Next Dinner Oct 24
Victoria BC: Dale Lawlor 778-433-9876, Mel & Christine Johnston 250-385-5444, Marya Nyland 250-592-6484, Sandra & Jim Jordan 250-654-0672, Suresh Basur 250-216-2711, Din Oct 26 at Noon
Cornwall ON: Elaine MacDonald 613-938-7763, Next Dinner April 4, 2014
Kingston ON: Andy Rush 613-542-6992, Mary Ann Higgs 6134-545-1245, Next Dinner April 5, 2014
St Anne de Bellevue QC: Susan Hawker 514-457-1793, Next Dinner April 5, 2014
Mississauga ON: Shyam Sheth & Leena Motwani 416-357-3478, Tushar Mehta 416-839-1938, Din Apr 26 ,2014
Oakville ON: Daniela Jansson 905-338-0416, Palvi Patel 905-338-6063, Apr 26, 2014 (Combined With Mississauga)
Waterloo ON: Ida Fisher 519-884-3466. Next Dinner April 27, 2014
Calgary AB: Dave Greene 403-295-7224 drgreene@telus.net, Alnoor Bhura 403-289-3100, Din May 3, 2014
Edmonton AB: Sylvia Krogh 780-454-6216, Next Dinner May 4 2014
Ottawa ON: Glebe Charity Soiree: Salim Gias Uddin 613-863-5103, Shawn O'Reilly 613-709-4237

Legacy Gifts

The values that you uphold can do much to shape the lives of those who come after you. One way to make this happen is to make a gift through your will or estate plan to an organization you feel holds your values and strives to create the world you would like your children and grandchildren to inherit. You don't have to be wealthy to make a legacy gift. It doesn't matter if the gift is large or small. Anyone can make a meaningful legacy gift that helps carry on your values and serves future generations.



A legacy gift to Child Haven enables our loving care for formerly destitute children, providing them with the education and support they need to become contributing members of their communities. It means that struggling women will be given skills and training to support their families. It means that the Gandhian values upon which Child Haven is founded will continue to play a role in the lives and communities we are a part of. Your gift plants a seed that will grow and flourish well into the future, providing an example of giving which can inspire others.

Making a will is the best means to ensure that your wishes and desires are known and respected. It is the best way to be sure that your estate is passed on as you wish it to be. This type of giving can offer significant tax savings to you and/or your heirs. Although it is possible to write a will yourself, it is beneficial to have professional help to be sure that your will is valid and expresses your wishes clearly. While you make the ultimate decisions about your will, it is often advisable to make sure that your family is aware of your intentions so that they can support and understand your goals.

When bequeathing to Child Haven, you can also provide guidance as to how your gift should be used. For example it can be used for our food, medical and educational expenses or placed in our endowment fund for ongoing support as you wish. We will respect your privacy and appreciate that your will is a personal decision.

Your legacy gift will ensure that the Child Haven work you support now will continue for future generations of children. Please feel free to contact us for more information.

$200,000 Received for Maitreya Home Land

We are very pleased and excited to announce that Sally Patrick and Chris LaTour have generously donated funds to purchase land upon which the new Maitreya Home in Delhi will be built. We have been renting space for this home and have found it increasingly difficult to find landlords willing to rent space to a home with 50 children. Thank you, Sally and Chris!





Our *Savarsai* Home gardener, Ashok, (above) prepares to walk some of our younger kids to school in the nearby village as a bullock cart rumbles by.

Sisters Sonali and Indika (left) are relatively new to our Savarsai Home. As this picture shows, it hasn't taken them long to form friendships and build relationships with the other kids such as Dipali shown here. Sonali has quite a flair for hair-styling!



Board members, staff, girls and boys from our homes in Savarsai and Pen, shown above on the right, are taking part in the One Billion Rising Campaign to end violence against women and girls on February 14th, 2013, in a peaceful march through Pen. The march proclaimed "E*veryday a festival of equality, justice and love*."

Child Haven Homes

Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India 49 children 8 women, Language: Gujarati
Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India 192 children 15 women, Language: Telegu
Kaliyampoondi, Tamil Nadu, India 297 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: Mahrathi
Kathmandu, Nepal, 203 children 22 women, Language: Nepali
Tibet in China, 41 children 4 women, Language: Tibetan
Chittagong, Bangladesh, 67 children 15 women, Language: Bengali
Ghaziabad, India (informal education) 30 children 50 women, Language: Hindi
Tribal Home, City of Pen, near Savarsai Home, 50 children, Mahrathi plus tribal languages
(Many other children are sponsored for education, but are not living in one of our Homes.)



Nepal – This young mother (above) was abandoned by her husband shortly after their twins were born. Child Haven is providing a bag of rice and other provisions until she can get back on her feet.



Shri Krishna Magar (center) performs a song he wrote entitled *Bonniema You Are Our Heart*, with help from his brother, Shri Ram Magar, and Praja Sunar. It's sure to top the charts any day now. They performed it at a talent show at the Home.



Bangladesh – Volunteer Intern Don Fraser learning a Bengali clapping game while visiting our Chittagong home with Bonniema. Don also spent three months helping out at our Nepal Home where he tutored kids, played lots of games like this one.

LET ME LIGHT MY LAMP, SAYS THE STAR,
AND NEVER DEBATE IF IT WILL DISPEL THE DARK
Rabindranath Tagore



Hyderabad - Shivavani, Srisha, and Nikitha are all smiles at our Hyderabad Home.

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