President’s Note

Dear ‘Sponsor A Child’ Supporters:

It is with great pleasure and gratification that I thank you on behalf of Sewa International’s Sponsor a Child project. Running in its 7th year, the project has seen tremendous growth in both the geographic reach and the number of children sponsored during 2016.

Growing past 1200 beneficiaries, the project has now expanded beyond India into Nepal. Inside India, it has expanded to serving children from Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh Madhya Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Manipur, and Telangana making the number of states reached in India to 10 states. In Nepal, we serve children who were orphaned during 7.8 magnitude Earthquake happened in the 2015.

Sewa International has realized that empowering the children of the invisible poor through education and providing them opportunities to excel far beyond academics will develop a well-rounded future global citizen. Thank you for sponsoring a child’s glorious future.

I personally thank Pankaj and Prabha Agrawal of Chicago and Gayatri Yoga Center, Kiev Ukraine for providing seed funds to expand the SAC program. Sewa is grateful to Ankur and Sarita Rana of Knowledge Momentum for sponsoring 71 girl children; Anil Demani from Atlanta for sponsoring 100 tribal children in the borders of Madhya Bharath (Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh, and Jharkhand); Pramod Sajja from Georgia for sponsoring 25 tribal children from Karnataka; and Ravi Chandra Chakinala (SAC Program Director) from New York for sponsoring 25 students and organizing the Sports for Sewa event to support more than 450 students from Telangana and Karnataka.

As a 501(c) (3) Hindu-faith based charitable nonprofit service organization, Sewa International runs a very tight ship with a low administrative cost of 3%.

Sewa serves without discrimination of race, color, religion, sex, gender or national origin. As a humanitarian, charitable nonprofit we do not proselytize.
All this is not possible without your support. Please contribute generously and help us serve humanity. Your donations to Sewa are tax deductible in the US.

Sincerely,

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Our Partners

The Sponsor A Child program is made viable through various supporting and executing partners. Seed funding by Pankaj Agarwal helped us lay the infrastructural foundation. Sewa gained corporate sponsorship from Knowledge Momentum for 71 child sponsorships. In addition, the SAC team was able to apply for the Yahoo! Educational grant. Table 1 shows the number of children sponsored by each large donor.

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We work with various non-profits that have good grass-roots presence and share our vision to identify the beneficiary populations for the Sponsor a Child program. This year we partnered with Sewa Bharathi, Telangana; Grama Bharathi, Telangana; and Sewa Bharathi Madhya Bharath. These organizations are in addition to our charity partners Youth For Seva and Vanavasi Kalyana Karnataka. These NGOs are committed, transparent and very supportive at the ground level.
Beneficiaries and Benefits

The year 2016 has been a significant growth year for the Sponsor A Child (SAC) Program both in terms of the funds raised and the reach of our program. Over 1200 students are being sponsored in 10 Indian states of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, and Telangana. SAC has also expanded into a new country – Nepal.

Madhya Bharath includes Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh, and Jharkhand
NE States include Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, and Manipur
The beneficiaries fall into three categories:

i. **Tribal Children in Hostels** in Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, and Telangana. Valmikis, Chenchus, Koyas, and Gonds are the tribes who benefit through this program. The students are relocated to hostels in nearby towns in the 30-50 km radius of and hosted in a boarding facility. Benefits are boarding, lodging, and upkeep. Children attend Government run schools.

ii. **Urban and Rural Charity Schools** in Karnataka, and Telangana. Children of the invisible poor are the beneficiaries (subsistence farmers, village artisans, maid servants, taxi drivers, autorikshaw drivers, construction labor, private security personnel, etc.). Benefits include a subset of tuition fee support, in-class educational equipment, bus passes, uniforms, and school kits (school bag, books, labels, stationery, geometry box etc.). Each school chooses needed benefits appropriate for their children.

iii. **Orphan and Semi-orphaned Children Hostels**: Sponsored in ‘Mother’s Abode of Love’ (Amako Maya Chatrawas) in Nepal.

In addition to the benefits listed above for the sponsored children, the fund is used for the following causes:

- Around 125 children were sent to LLL [Language, Logic and Life Skills] training provided by an NGO, Vandematram Foundation. This program was 10-days residential training program.

- Around 100 children participated in the annual cultural fest - Chiguru, in Telangana and Kreda Chetana in Karnataka conducted by our partner NGO - Youth For Seva.
Fundraisers

In addition to the corporate funding, Sewa International volunteers could manage to raise fund for more students this year through the **Sports for Sewa** event. More than 450 students from Telangana and Karnataka are supported this year through the **Sports for Sewa** event which was conducted under the Sewa New York Metro Chapter and by the Sewa Houston, TX Chapter.
Success story

Bagu, a bright, hardworking student’s education was sponsored through the Sponsor a Child (SAC) program. An evening tuition centre is also run through the SAC program. Bagu and many other children like him attend the extra classes there.

Bagu scored 87% in his SSLC exams despite the fact that there is no electricity in his house. He studied in the tuition center and also under the street lamp near his house. He scored more in the History subject (97%).

Both his parents work as coolies. His family income is a bare minimum and they struggled to make their ends meet. Their parents want to provide basic education. SAC realised this and supported Bagu so that the dream turned into a reality.

Going forward

In the year 2017, enhancing the donor experience and showcasing the transparency are the focus areas. Regular updates through social media, provide quarterly newsletter to the donors, and improve the web page are the major activities planned for the year. We are planning for a Skype call calendar to improve the donor-child interaction. Sewa USA chapters are working for engagement with the corporate and large donors.
About Sewa International

Sewa International is a Hindu faith based nonprofit charity registered under the Internal Revenue Code 501 (c) (3). Sewa has 40 chapters in 23 states across the US, in cities with high density of Asian Indian population.

Vision

Sewa International, desires a world of equality where everyone is happy, enjoying good health, and living in balance with nature.

Mission

Mission of Sewa is to serve humanity in distress, aid local communities, and promote volunteerism.

Programs

In 2014, Sewa launched the Toilet and Hygiene project in Karnataka. Experimenting with different toilet models, Sewa was able to come up with two models with precast composites bolted on a prepared land for different situations of a sewer line or a pit. Sewa recently built 30 toilets in Varanasi rural district.

The Family Services program is Sewa’s flagship program that provides emergency services, workshop series to improve family health and wellness (envelops yoga for diabetes management, acupressure etc.), and, educative seminar series for improved life in the US (living will, finance, College prep, etc.).

Sewa conducts disaster relief/rehabilitation projects such as Nepal Earthquake Relief (2015), Tamil Nadu Flood Relief (2016), Hurricane Katrina (2005), Superstorm Sandy (2012), Pakistan Sindh Flood Relief (2012), and Maharashtra Drought Relief (2013/2016). We undertake development projects in India, Columbia, Sri Lanka, Peru, Guyana, and Kenya.

To promote volunteerism, Sewa’s Get Inspired program, and the YFS Summer Internship program introduces youth to the joys of volunteering.

In 2015, across the US, our volunteers served 130,000 hours in community service projects including Family Services, Refugee Empowerment, and, Diwali Food Drive.
Non-Discrimination and Non-Proselytizing Policy

We at Sewa International we do not use any funds collected for proselytizing in any form. Exposure, adherence, or conversion to any religious doctrine is not required from the beneficiaries of services provided by Sewa International, nor for hiring or employment at Sewa International Inc.

Sewa International does not promote or discriminate against any person, population group, or organization with regard to categories protected by applicable United States law. In addition, Sewa International does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, gender, physical appearance, national origin, age, disability, educational background, language and veteran status, for benefitting from the services provided by Sewa International, nor for hiring or employment at Sewa International Inc.

Conclusion

Sewa International once again thanks the dedicated donors for continuing the support for the year 2016 and wish you all a Happy New Year.

We request each one of you to continue to support the Sponsor A Child program and also circulate this report among your friends and family. Needless to say, each and every student benefiting from “Sponsor A Child” is and will be ever grateful for all your generous support.