



# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Sponsor A Child





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# Vision & Mission

## Vision

Educating the needy to rebuild a better world

## Mission

- Partner with like minded individuals and organizations
- Identify and support needy learning centers
- Establish facilities that strengthen education
- Focus on holistic development of a child

## Values

- Trust
- Accountability
- Commitment





# Director's Note

It gives me great pleasure to have concluded another successful year of running the Sponsor A Child program. Thanks to our loyal donors and their generous contributions since 2009, we have been able to help in reducing Learning Poverty\*. On behalf of the Sponsor A Child team, I'm very grateful for all the support we continue to receive.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to my fellow donors Gayatri Yoga Center, Kiev, Ukraine, for providing seed funds to expand the SaC program; Anil Damani from Georgia for supporting 100 tribal children from Madhya Pradesh, New York/New Jersey Sewa Chapters for sponsoring 100 children from rural and tribal places in Telangana,

Arvind Sodhani from California for supporting 30 tribal children in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh, Pramod Sajja from Georgia for sponsoring 25 tribal children from North Karnataka; Ananda Rajagopal from California for sponsoring 18 tribal children from Mysore; Shirim Foundation from Ohio for sponsoring 12 children from Bengaluru; Veerashaiva Samaj of North America, Connecticut Chapter, for sponsoring 10 tribal children from Mysuru and our 357 donors who are changing 1500+ lives from all over India.

Sewa International believes in providing a well-rounded holistic education through the Sponsor A Child program. Children in our learning centers take an active part in both academic curriculum and extracurricular activities such as dancing, singing, debates, sports, arts, crafts, and other workshops.

**Sponsorships:** This year, we added 141 new sponsorships via our website. With a few more enhancements coming in the next few months, we hope to have a larger increase in new sponsorships during 2020.

**Geographic presence:** During the course of the year, we have added four new learning centers – 2 in Maharashtra and 1 each in Karnataka and Arunachal Pradesh. In 2019, we served in Arunachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh.

**Transparency:** Starting October 2019, we have been providing monthly newsletter updates to our donors and supporters. We have received a very positive response from our donors and the same is reflected by way of improved program statistics.

**Video Calls:** We continue to arrange video calls between sponsored students and donors on the first weekend of every month. This year, donors from Atlanta, California, New Jersey, Texas spoke to the children from the learning centers in Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, and Uttar Pradesh

As a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit service organization, Sewa International runs a very tight ship with a low administrative cost of 7%. Sewa serves without discrimination of race, color, religion, sex, gender or national origin.

Once again, my sincere thanks to all our generous donors who continue to inspire us with their support and glowing testimonials. During 2020, we look forward to continuing our mission of eradicating childhood illiteracy with increased energy and optimism. Thank you for believing in us and for supporting Sponsor A Child.

Sincerely

Ravichandra Chakinala  
Program Director, Sponsor A Child  
Algorithmic Trader, New York



# Journey

**2009**

Ideation;  
Supported Vidyadaan and  
Vidyachetana of YFS

**2013**

Branded  
as a full-fledged  
program of Sewa USA

**2015**

Low-cost  
Website released

**2018**

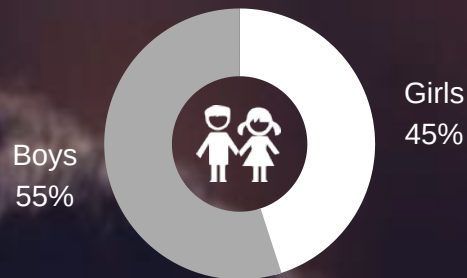
Improved website  
capability to handle higher  
volumes



# Annual Sponsorship

YEAR	SPONSORSHIP
2011	480
2012	620
2013	859
2014	927
2015	1048
2016	1246
2017	1324
2018	1443
2019	1584

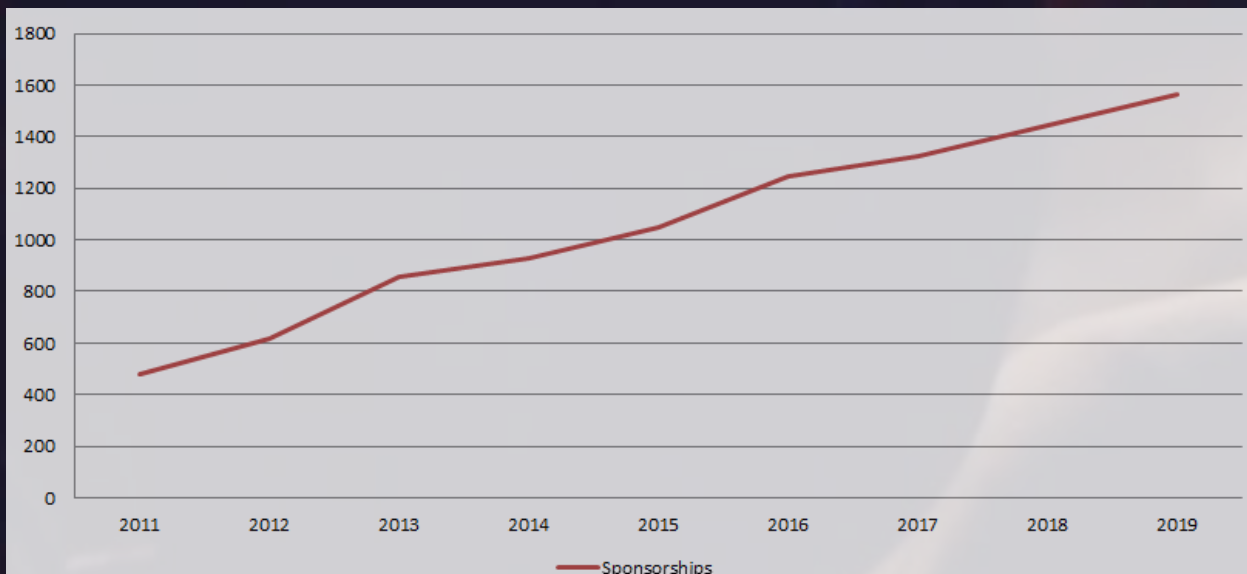
## Gender Sponsorship



## New Sponsorship this year



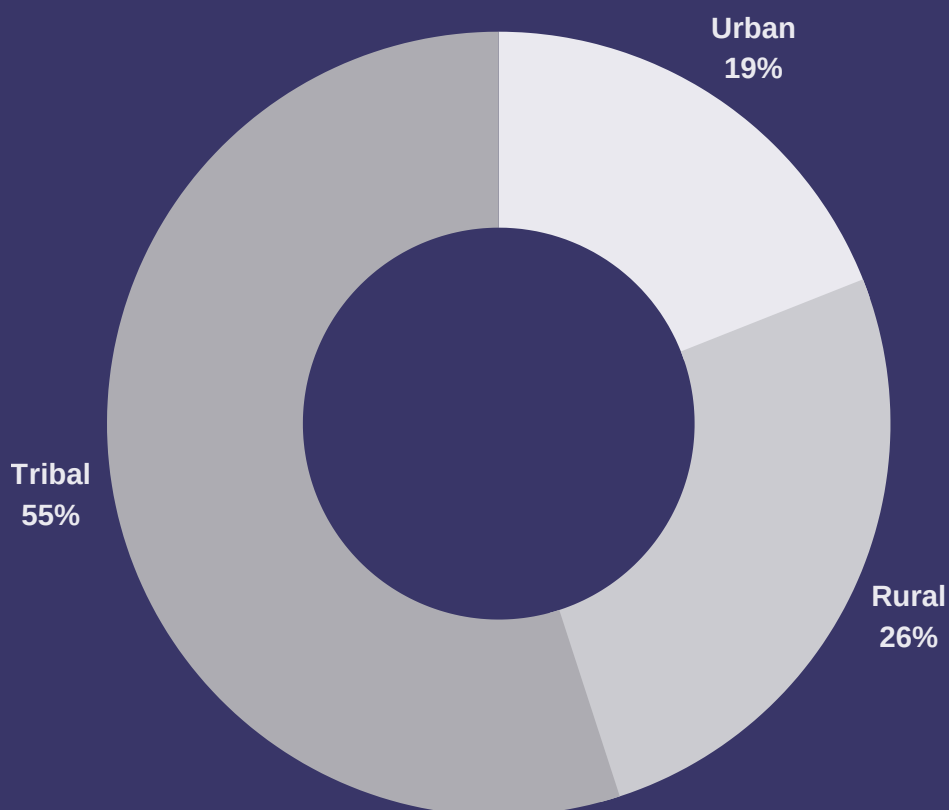
## Annual Sponsorship



# Our Presence

S.NO	STATE	URBAN	RURAL	TRIBAL	TOTAL
01	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	1	1
02	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	1	1
03	Karnataka	1	2	2	5
04	Madhya Pradesh	1	0	4	5
05	Maharastra	1	0	2	3
06	Telangana	1	8	4	13
	Total	04	10	14	28

## Category-Wise Spread



# Our Presence



7

States

28

Hostels

1500<sup>+</sup>

Children

8

# Addressing Learning Poverty

All school going children should be able to read by age 10. Even though the majority of children are in school, large proportions are not acquiring fundamental skills. UNESCO Institute for Statistics states the learning crisis where children who are unable to read and understand a simple text by age 10 as **Learning Poverty**.

As per 2018 ASER report, in India, about half of all children can read, and less than a third can do basic arithmetic. Many children completing Std VIII are unprepared for higher studies or for the labour market. Preparation for school, work, and life is needed by this stage.

One of the major challenges in the rural and tribal learning centers is the availability of qualified teaching resources. Qualified teachers leave the village or tribal hamlet for better prospects and learning centers end-up with hiring the unqualified resources.

Lack of funds and non-availability of regular training deprives quality education for the children. SaC is trying to bridge the gap by partnering with Vandematram Foundation, Kalwakurthy, Telangana.

Vandematram Foundation has developed pedagogy that helps the slow learners. It also provides training to government school teachers and tutors, who want to help the government school students.

SaC had identified tutors from the local resources, got them trained at Vandematram Foundation, and placed them at the learning centers. These tutors conduct regular classes in the learning centers with a focus on academic improvement.





Tutoring classes sponsored by SaC

SRI SAMMAKKA BALURA VIDHYALAYAM - THADVAI																									MNS-Test Report			
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Date	Test Takers																											
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19-8-19	5	6	3	3	2	9	28	9	44	47	48	44	159	351	1.8	7.3	15.6	16	22	15.9		12.53	P. Raju	S. Prasad				
25-8-19	3	6	4	3	2	8	26	5	53	66	59	53	167	404	6.28	8.83	16.5	19.6	26.5	20.8		15.50	P. Raju	S. Prasad				
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7-09-19	5	7	4	3	2	9	30	58	110	95	80	61	249	638	11.6	15.7	23.7	26.6	30.5	27.6		21.7	P. Raju					
2-9-20	4	8	3	3	2	9	29	51	165	70	92	67	289	734	12.25	20.8	23.3	26.6	30.5	27.6		25.31	P. Raju					

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25-9-19	-	2	3	5	1	9	9	8	2	39	-	35	96	110	35	150	235	200	69	928	175	32.0	22.0	35.0	16	62.5	25.0	34.0	23.79	A. Perumal	Sh	
12-9-20	-	2	3	5	1	9	9	8	2	39	-	41	105	163	17	181	367	220	75	1120	21.9	39.0	32.4	27.0	15.11	34.1	27.5	27.0	28.71	A. Perumal	Sh	

Periodic assessment and Progress Track Sheet

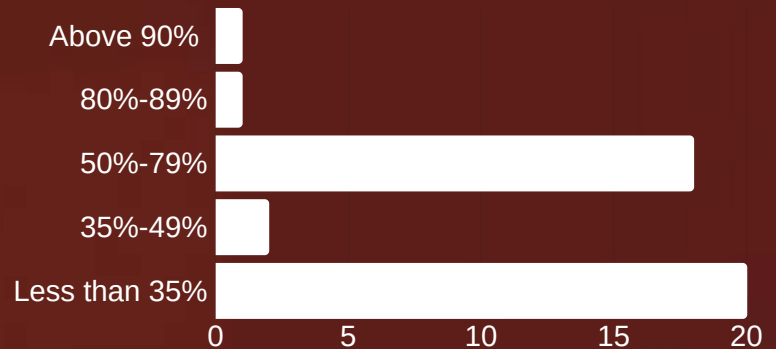
# SSC Marks

Toppers in SaC supported learning centers

S.NO	STATE	STUDENT NAME	LEARNING CENTRE NAME	MARKS
01	Telangana	Rishi Nalli	Samaka Balura Avasam, Tadvai	A+
02	Telangana	Vamsi Bonthu	Saraswathi Sishu Mandir School, Bhadrachalam	A+
03	Madhya Pradesh	Pradeep Kanel	Nirmal Sagadev Boys Hostel, Bhopal	91%
04	Madhya Pradesh	Prakash Barela	Nirmal Sagadev Boys Hostel, Bhopal	90%
05	Karnataka	Sathvik SR	National School, Bangalore	90%

## SSC 2019 Marks Distribution In Karnataka

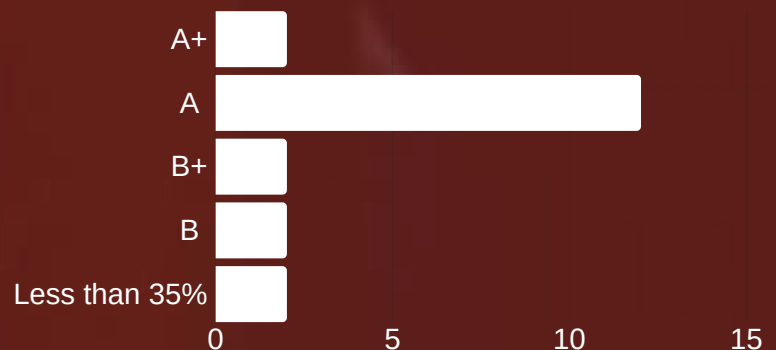
CATEGORY	NO.OF STUDENTS
Above 90%	1
80%-89%	1
50%-79%	18
35%-49%	2
Less than 35%	20



## SSC 2019 Marks Distribution In Telangana

Total number of students appeared for class 10: 20

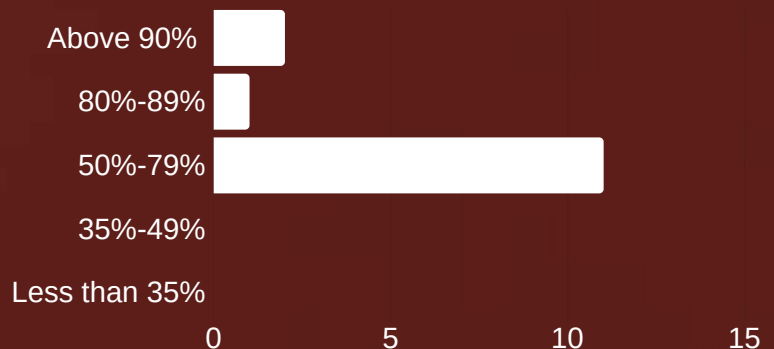
CATEGORY	NO.OF STUDENTS
A+	2
A	12
B+	2
B	2
Fail	2



## SSC 2019 Marks Distribution In Madhya Pradesh

Total number of students appeared for class 10: 14

CATEGORY	NO.OF STUDENTS
Above 90%	2
80%-89%	1
50%-79%	11
35%-49%	0
Less than 35%	0






# Fundraising Events


**Sports4Sewa:** New York, New Jersey Sewa chapters organizes cricket tournament to raise funds. Every year, over 100 children from Telangana are supported by these chapters.

**Hike for Sewa:** Youth Volunteers from North Phoenix organized hiking where more than 70 people participated and raised fund for SaC.

**Other Efforts:** Sewa chapters such as Phoenix, Washington DC, San diego organized events like Garba, Diwali Party, Family picnic to riase fund for SaC.



Organized by  
Youth  
Volunteers



Sponsor a Child


## Hike to Educate

Join us on Saturday Nov 23, 2019 @ 7:30 AM


Location: Thunderbird Conservation Park Ramada #6  
Address: 22800 N. 59th Ave, Glendale, AZ 85310

Snacks \* Water \* Refreshing Yoga \* Fun Game


Please Resgister : <https://tinyurl.com/Hike-to-educate>  
OR Call Himani(480) 398 5388, Mukta(214) 205 8533,  
Neha(510) 512 6820, Prasad (602) 427 8863




**Suggested Donation**  
\$10 per Adult, \$5 per Children



**FREE  
ADMISSION**



Beneficiaries are orphans, from low-income families with parents who are maid-servants, day laborers, janitors, taxi drivers, and roadside vendors.



\$20 a month, you can educate a child and enable a better future. Giving food to a person is a great deed, but giving vidyaa (education) is even better.







**\*\* 9th YEAR RUNNING \*\***

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CRICKET FOR CHARITY  
#Sports4Sewa

8  
OVERS

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TENNIS  
BALL

8  
PLAYERS  
TEAM

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 Register : <https://sports4sewa.eventbrite.com>

PROCEEDS WILL GO TO SPONSOR A CHILD PROGRAM <http://www.sewausa.org>



# Testimonials

“

We are pleased that we are able to sponsor Prakruti along with Aryan. We have been lucky to be part of the SaC program for the past few years and have been able to sponsor a child. We value the work the SaC program is doing while trying to improve the education and overall life of underprivileged children. We fully support the program and hope you get additional sponsors to cater to other children's education needs.

**Donor:** Ketan Thanki, Texas, Houston

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It was really a memorable experience for us to talk with our three sponsored children Shankar Geedam, Sanjay Kumar Purusanga and Ashish Bashetti from Ekalavya Avasam in Mancherial, Telangana.

When I called the Hostel in-charge, he told us that kids just finished their morning yoga which is a good way to start their day. I got to talk with all the three boys who are in 6th grade and each one of them has their individual goal of achieving their dreams. Incharge also explained how the kids schedule work and how the support from individual donors like us makes a big difference in the lives of these rural kids.

It gave me immense pleasure after talking with them and I am very thankful to the SaC team for coordinating this to happen.

**Donor:** Ramalakshmi, Texas, Houston

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# Testimonials

“

Sewa International has been supporting the education of 100 students in the Viveka Tribal Centre for Learning through the “Sponsor a Child Program.” It is with the support of partners like Sewa that SVYM is able to work with the children of the indigenous tribal groups of the Mysuru District. The support goes beyond mere financial aid and constantly explores the opportunities to cross-learn from other partners across the country. We look forward to working with Sewa for several years to come.

-Praveen Kumar S  
Deputy CEO & Head - Institutions  
Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement  
Mysuru  
(learning center)

”



# Video Calls

**Donor-Child Interaction'** through web calls is one of our most unique features of the SaC Program of Sewa. If the learning center is a hostel or a residential school, donors can talk to their sponsored child on the First Saturday evening/Sunday morning (India Time) of the month through a WhatsApp web call. This year many donors have spoken to their sponsored students.





# Children Development Activities

Our learning center children participate in both academic and non-academic activities. National festivals like Republic Day, Independence Day, and Gandhi Jayanthi are celebrated. Also, birthdays of important personalities like Subhash Chandra Bose, and Dr. APJ. Abdul Kalam are celebrated.

Functions like Holi, Raksha Bandhan, Diwali, Ganesh Chaturthi, and other festivals are celebrated. For Ganesh Chaturthi, Ganesha idol is made using clay to inculcate the habit of using biodegradable products and understanding its impact on the environment.

Awareness camps like Health, Hygiene, and HIV Awareness, Personal and Public safety, and Career for Women in Armed Forces were conducted in schools that are supported by SaC.



Holi Celebration





Yoga Day



Rakhi made by children





Tuition classes after school hours.

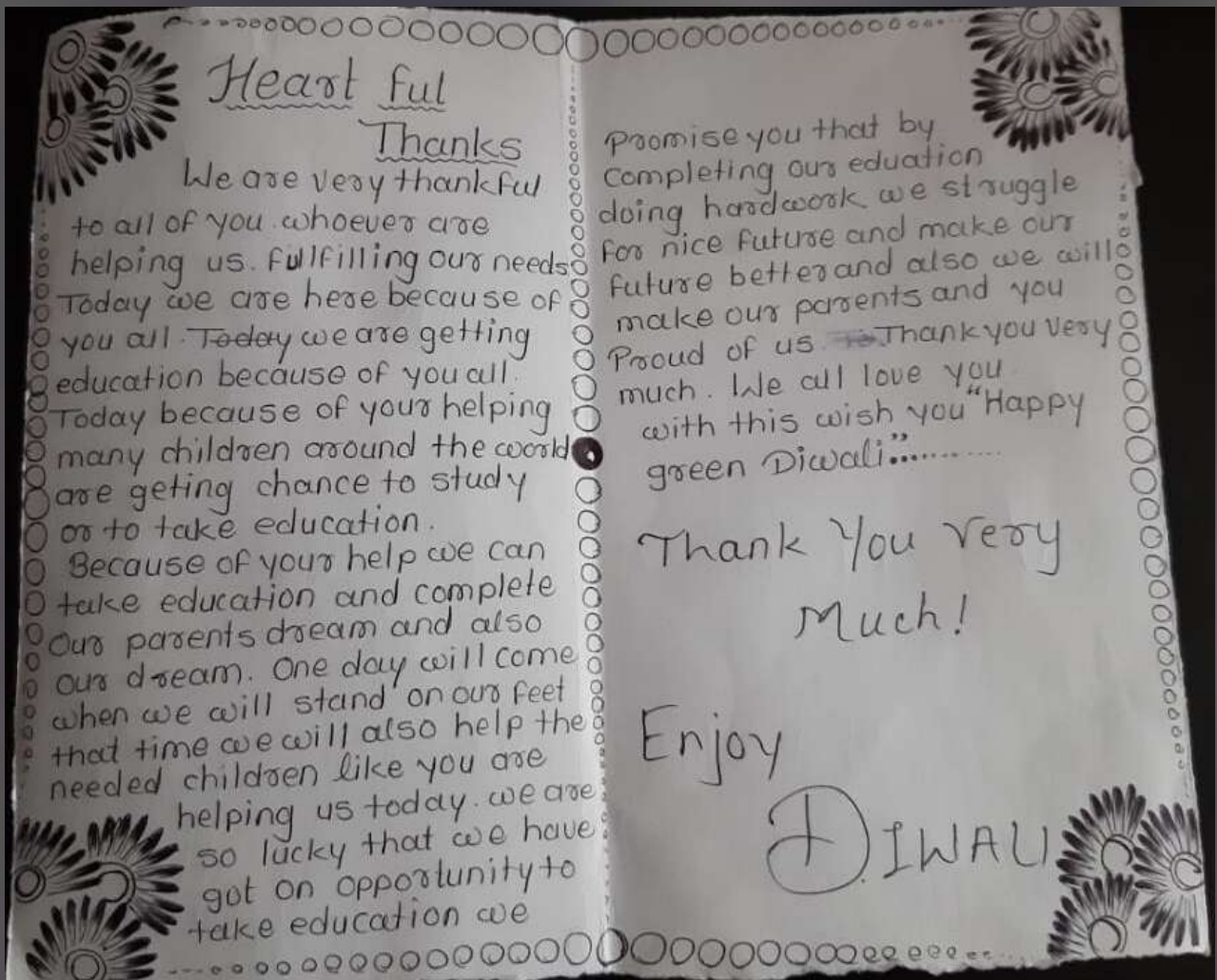


Clay Ganesha





Nutrition Rangoli



Thank you letter from a child





Students from Madhya Pradesh sent Greeting (hard copy) to donor in Atlanta







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