

# SPONSOR A CHILD



## ANNUAL REPORT

2020



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# Vision Mission

## Vision

Educating the underserved to build a better world

## Mission

- Partner with like minded individuals and organizations
- Identify and support needy learning centers
- Establish programs, resources, and instructional facilities that strengthen education
- Focus on the holistic development of children

## Values

**Trust**

**Transparency**

**Transform**

# DIRECTOR'S NOTE

*Ravi Chandra Chakinala*  
*Program Director, Sponsor A Child*



Warm greetings and wishes for a wonderful 2021 filled with hope, promise, and growth ahead!

Even though 2020 was a challenging year for us all, it has given us an opportunity to witness extraordinary works of generosity and benevolence from our partners, volunteers, beneficiaries and most importantly, donors!

I sincerely thank all SaC Supporters for their recurring donations during a very challenging 2020.

Here is a short summary of the year and what is in store for the future of SaC.

**Sponsorships:** As I welcome and thank the new corporate supporters, such as Smiling Rocks, NJ and Telugu Association of Memphis, TN, I also extend my warm gratitude to 27th Investments and Paramount Software for their continued support. Special thanks to our super donors who are supporting more than 10 children for the past few years and the Sewa USA chapters for their annual fund raising events. Additionally, we were fortunate to have new donors who are committed to donating to the program on a recurring basis. These new donors were enthused and inspired by the stories shared by our existing supporters.





**COVID-19 Impact:** The pandemic highlighted the power of digital learning. Many learning centers have begun offering online classes and the rest are also adjusting to the new norm. As we welcome the new decade, we believe that all our centers will be digitally connected, thus enabling greater visibility into program implementation. Also, we are happy to report that during the pandemic our grassroots partners showed extraordinary generosity. They raised funds locally to help jobless stranded laborers, and low-wage workers.

**Geographic Presence:** This year, we added three new learning centers – one each in Arunachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana. Now, our program presence in Arunachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Telangana.

**SaaS Website:** Starting the fourth quarter of 2020, we have a new SaaS platform for our website, which offers increased fidelity, robustness, and additional features. Specifically, we hope that our supporters will benefit from greater transparency and use the "Campaign" feature to create their own personal fundraising goals which can be shared with friends and family.

As a 501(c) (3) charitable nonprofit service organization, Sewa International serves without discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, gender or national origin.

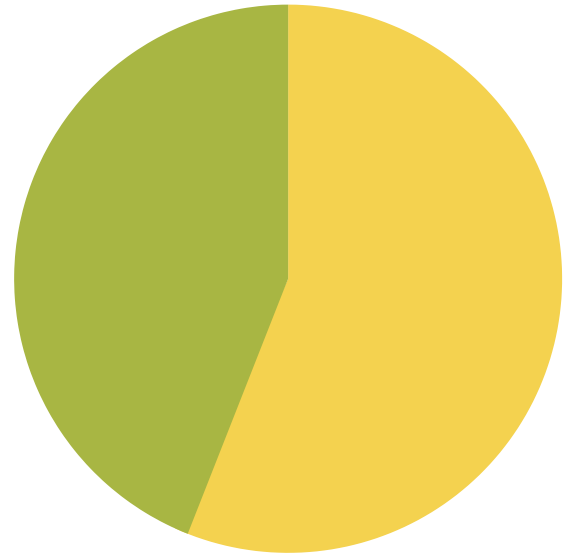
Once again, my sincere thanks to all our generous donors who continue to inspire us with their support and glowing testimonials. During 2021, we look forward to continuing our mission of eradicating childhood illiteracy with increased energy and optimism. Thank you for believing in us and for supporting Sponsor A Child.

*- Ravi chandra!*

# ANNUAL SPONSORSHIP

In 2020, we supported over 1,500 students, among whom were 56% are boys and 44% are girls

Girls  
44%



Boys  
56%



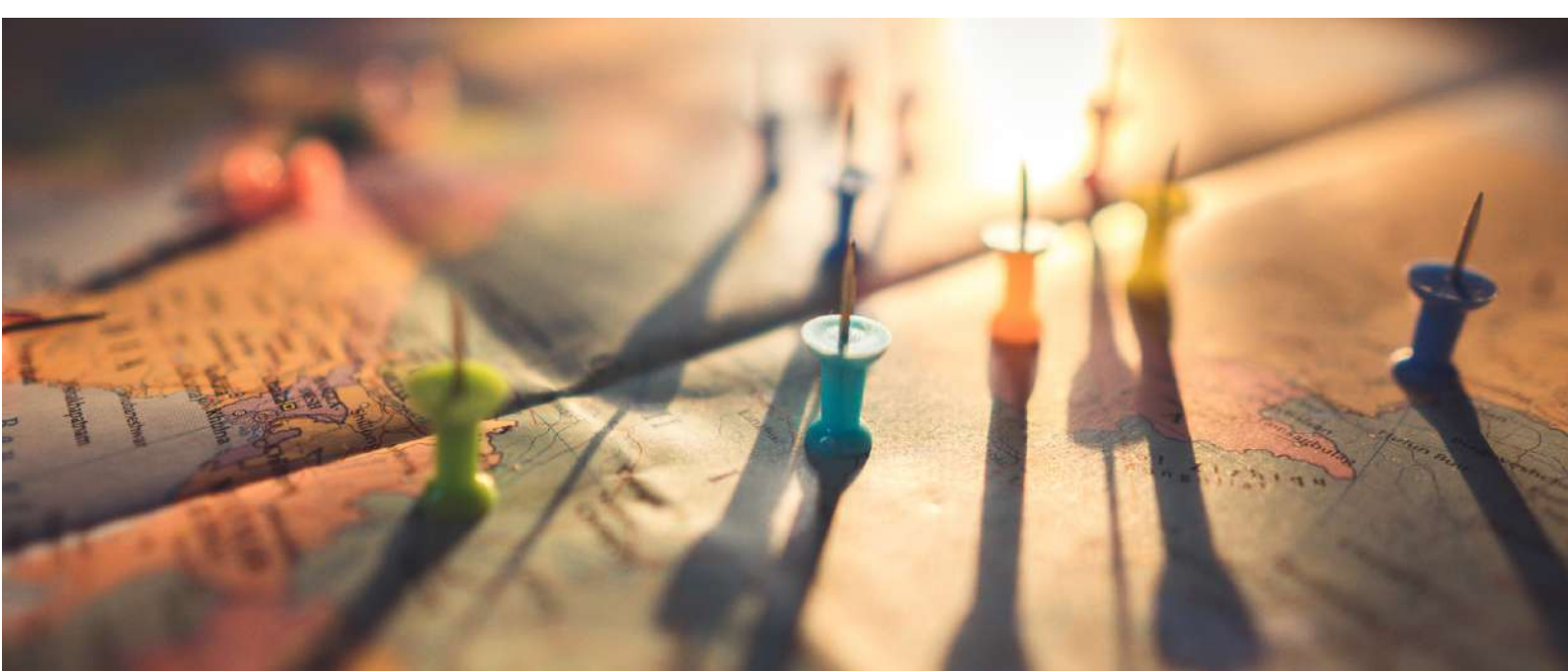
# OUR PRESENCE

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NUMBER OF STATES: 7

NUMBER OF LEARNING CENTERS: 29



Arunachal Pradesh  
Karnataka  
Maharashtra  
Telangana

Andhra Pradesh  
Madhya Pradesh  
Tamil Nadu

This year we started supporting a learning center in Arunachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.



# ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENT

In the last academic year (2019-20), we provided tutors trained by Vandemataram Foundation to the learning centers in Telangana. These tutors conducted evening classes, teaching Math.

Considerable improvement in the students' performance was seen due to this added effort.

To commemorate this, a closing ceremony was conducted in the last week of February 2020 in all the learning centers in Telangana.

## 44%

In two weeks we saw an  
amazing 44%  
improvement in the  
scores

CLASSES	STUDENTS PARTICIAPTED	BASELINE TEST AVERAGE	ASSESSMENT AFTER 2 MONTHS
2 - 5	176	4.75	6.85
6 - 9	292	11.73	16.78





To address math-phobia and induce interest in mathematics, Agresar Foundation, Nagpur, conducted a city-wide event titled Be-Ek-Be. In this event, the children from the under-resourced schools were encouraged to learn multiplication tables and recite them with speed and precision. As part of the event, Nagpur Railway station walls were painted with math formulae and expressions.



# CHILD DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

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The Republic Day of India, celebrating the adoption of the Indian Constitution, was celebrated in all the learning centers on Jan 26, 2020, by flag hoisting ceremonies and motivational speeches by invited guests

**Festival of Colors** - Holi was celebrated in all the learning centers. Student hostels (dorms) celebrated Holi starting with Holika Dahan on March 9, and Holi on the following day (March 10) with the sprinkling of colors.





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Member of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Prajna Parande, and Member of the State Commission, Shobha Rani, visited Sri Vivekananda Avasam, Bhainsa, in Telangana. They came for a formal inspection of the program and facilities and interacted with the management and students about “Child Rights in a Learning Center”

Children at the Bhakta Kanappa Gurukulam, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh went for a one-day picnic to the Belum Caves, the largest and longest cave system on the Indian subcontinent, known for its speleothems, such as stalactite and stalagmite formations.





# COVID 19 AND ACADEMIC YEAR 2020

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On 24 March 2020, the Government of India ordered a nationwide lockdown for 21 days. It was extended in four phases till May 31. In this lockdown period, all our learning centers were completely closed. The students were safely sent back to their homes. Very few learning centers that support orphans were allowed to retain the children in their centers after obtaining the necessary permission. The food and health needs of these children are being taken care of. As the lockdown was announced during the vacation period, students did not have a major impact. However, Grade 10 exams were affected. In most of the states, all Grade 10 students were declared passed and promoted to the next grade.

For the academic year 2020–21, the schools were supposed to open by the second week of June 2020. But the government did not give permission to open regular schools. By the first week of September 2020 the government permitted students to take online classes. When the online classes were started the learning centers faced many issues, such as the fact that teachers were not trained in conducting online classes; many students did not have smartphones; many places had internet issues; in places where they had internet facilities the student did not have enough mobile data to take the classes; and if everything was set, the children were not attending regularly or were not being attentive.

However, the schools addressed the issues as days progressed and adjusted to the new situation. Now, all the schools supported by SaC are successfully conducting online classes.



A teacher in the Shree Vivekananda Seva Kendra, Mangauli, recording classes to be sent via WhatsApp and other social media platforms



A Grade 10 student of Vivekananda Avasam, Bhainsa attending an online class



A teacher in Sri Vidhyaranya Avasavidyalaya, Hyderabad conducting an online class

# RESPONDING COVID 19 CRISIS

The panic and destruction caused by the Coronavirus have been unprecedented.

Pran Baldev Bhandari Seva Mandir, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh conducted a COVID-19 awareness health session in February 2020. The medical team explained COVID-19 symptoms, advised on precautions, food habits, and distributed pamphlets prepared by the local health department.







As the students were sent to their homes, Sri Vivekananda Seva Kendram, Mangauli, Karnataka provided food to the local police and health department staff.

Sewa Bharati, Madhya Pradesh provided groceries and food essentials (rice, dal, and one cooked meal) to migrant laborers



# TESTIMONIALS

**VIMAL KAPUR**  
**HONEYWELL**  
**ATLANTA**

I have been contributing to the Sponsor a Child Program since 2015. I always wanted to be associated with a program for education of children and Sewa International has been doing an outstanding job to run this program very diligently. The program is making an impact in the lives of many families which motivates me to keep supporting this program. The SAC team works selflessly and constantly keeps improving the program. I wish all the best to Sponsor a Child team.

**MRUNAL KORANNE**  
**PHOENIX**  
**ARIZONA**

I was doing the Goddess Lakshmi Vrata and pledged to donate some amount toward a good cause. I then came to know about this Sponsor A Child program. I decided to sponsor the education for a girl child as a symbol of worshipping a living Lakshmi. Thanks to Sewa International's Sponsor A Child team who gave me the opportunity to follow the principle of Service to Humanity is Service to Divinity in real life. It gave me immense satisfaction, and I have decided to continue to sponsor a child every year

**VENU KUKKADAPU**  
**KATY**  
**TEXAS**

I have been contributing to the Sponsor a Child program for the past four years. I feel very happy as this project serves underprivileged kids by providing quality education so that they can succeed in future. Even though I was not able to talk to our sponsored kids this year because of the pandemic, I am hoping that next year I will once again get a chance to see all their glowing faces. Thank you SAC team. You are the best!

## WEBSITE

We have changed the tool to manage our website. We will be using REACH. Now, you can search and sponsor a child easily, communicate with your sponsored child and the SaC team, do fundraising campaigns, and much more.

**01****SIMPLE**

Simplified donor page. Access all information easily.

**02****TRACK DONATIONS**

View the donation history including matching grants, download the contribution statements.

**03****PEER-PEER CAMPAIGN**

Run a campaign to give away on an occasion.

**04****VISIBLE SOCIALLY**

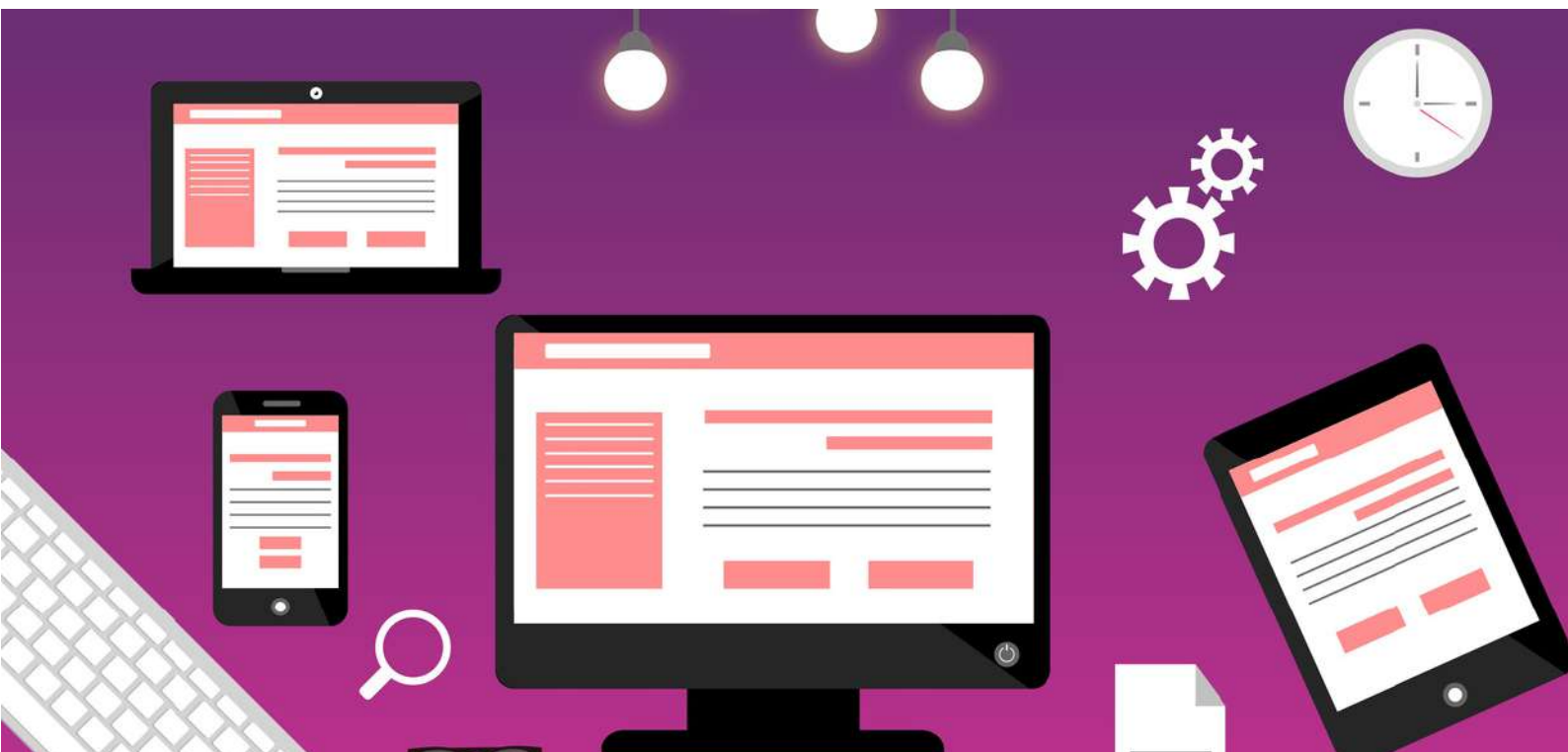
Share your sponsorship on any platform easily.

**05****EASY TO UPDATE**

Update, modify, and/or cancel the payment details.

**06****BE CONNECTED**

Start conversations and message the children or SaC team.







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YOU



For your generous support in  
transforming many lives...



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