



Dear Friends of **Hand in Hand**,

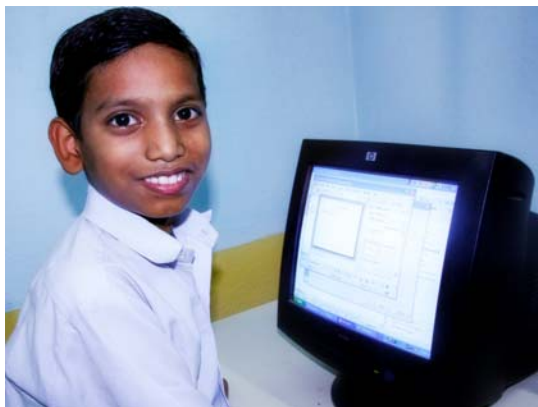
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We have always considered ourselves an organization, which helps destitute people to find a way to help themselves. It is our aim to assist those in need, in a thoughtful, conscientious and selfless manner. We take into consideration the causes and circumstances of their situation, with the goal of providing a long term positive support for them. It is within this framework that the **Balashram Residential School** and the **Health Centers** have been created, as long term and lasting projects.

The growing number of children - now 240 boys and girls who live, play and learn at the **Balashram Residential School** - have also increased our responsibilities.

Modern teaching, which relies on new and contemporary pedagogic knowledge, requires up-to-date learning tools. We do have, for example, a basic computer lab, but its equipment is not sufficient and adequate for the actual demands and requirements.

We urgently need new **computers and monitors, printers, wireless routers, network cards, an UPS system and consolidated chairs and desks designed to fit in the room.**



The Balashram Computer Lab

In order to devise and formulate more demonstrative and active classes and tuition, we are in need of the following teaching aids: one **overhead projector, anatomic models of the human body, geometry models and 3-dimensional maps.**

Educational resources, such as **learning charts**, are required for subjects like **environmental protection, health & hygiene, traffic systems, demography, geography and astronomy.** For the children of Nursery and Kindergarten, we also lack **educational toys and playing models.**

We are also facing new challenges in the field of medical care as a weekly visit by a doctor is not sufficient anymore to look after and care for all 240 children.

We are therefore happy to announce that a long-fostered plan will soon become reality: a small **Health Center** will open in one of Balashram's buildings! A nurse and a pharmacist will be available round the clock, while a pediatrician from the area will hold surgery at the center twice a week. It goes without saying that the creation and maintenance of such a medical establishment is associated with high costs.



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We kindly ask you for donations in order to acquire the above mentioned Teaching and Learning Aids and to maintain the running of the School-owned Health Center.

The growing number of patients, who have been treated free of charge, at our **Health Centers**, denote how important our **Health Projects** are for those people in that region. Between June and September alone, **14,069 patients** were treated medically; also they were given medicines!

At our **Jagatpur/Cuttack Health Center (HCHC)** a specialized doctor holds surgery once a week for **diabetics** only. The feedback and response to his service is extremely positive. It should be noted that every fourth diabetic is an Indian, which means, that approximately 40 million Indians - among which are many children - suffer from diabetes. The numbers are growing and most have no means to pay for the medication and doctors' visits.



Diabetic at our Health Center Jagatpur

We kindly ask you to continue supporting our Health Projects in order to enable us to continue providing medical care for destitute children and adults.

Dear Friends, a couple of days ago **Hand in Hand** was awarded once again the **Austrian Donation Certificate**, an official confirmation of the trustworthiness and transparency of our organization.

On behalf of **Hand in Hand** and our partner organization **Prajnana Mission**, I would like to thank you for your wonderful support!

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