

HOH ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24




HOME OF HOPE

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No act of
kindness,
no matter how
small,
is ever wasted

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My name is Rita Sharma and I serve with immense pride and deep gratitude as President of Home of Hope, an organization marking a quarter of a century of dedicated service, unwavering commitment, and profound impact.

We gathered to celebrate a truly remarkable milestone—our 25th anniversary in September. The vision of HOH has flourished beyond imagination. Transforming from a modest team into a thriving network of supporters, volunteers, and partners. Together, we have turned challenges into opportunities and dreams into realities, reaching and uplifting thousands of lives.

This year has been particularly significant, marked by several key milestones that underscore our ongoing growth and impact.

We proudly launched our Young Professionals Chapter. This initiative is designed to engage and empower the next generation, infusing Home of Hope with fresh perspectives and innovative ideas as they learn about our mission and continue our legacy of impact.

We are thrilled to announce the opening of our first Donor Advised Fund, thanks to the generosity of stocks received from JP Sethi. His contribution is funding a vocational skill center in the Himalayan foothills where he grew up, addressing the challenge of distressed migration and creating new opportunities for local communities.

We celebrate the exceptional academic achievements of several students from our projects who have been admitted to prestigious professional colleges for Law, Engineering, and Medicine. Their success is a testament to the transformative power of education.



Our success this year—and throughout our 25-year history—is not merely reflected in numbers but in the countless stories of lives transformed. Each achievement is a testament to the power of community and collective action. Whether through the programs we've implemented, the initiatives we've championed, or the partnerships we've forged, our impact is a direct result of your unwavering support.

As we celebrate this milestone, let us also look to the future with renewed hope and determination. The challenges ahead are met with opportunities to further our mission and expand our reach. Together, we will continue to build on our legacy, embracing new strategies and partnerships to achieve even greater heights.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you. Your belief in our mission and commitment to our cause have been the driving force behind our success. As we reflect on 25 years of accomplishments, let us also look forward to the next 25 years with optimism and unity, striving for a brighter future for all.

Sincerely
Rita Sharma
President



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Students from underprivileged backgrounds benefited from exceptional K-12 education and dedicated mentorship, unlocking new possibilities.

THE IMPACT OF GENEROUS HEARTS

2200

HOH continued support has positively impacted the lives of more than 2,200 girls and boys with disabilities, providing them with access to education and advocacy support.

Inclusive education initiatives provide access to quality learning for underprivileged girls and boys across the spectrum of disability. Advocacy and outreach efforts raise awareness, challenge stigma, and push for policy changes, ensuring that children with disabilities receive equal opportunities. Empowered through education, these individuals can break cycles of poverty, build confidence, and lead independent lives.

600

Through access to top-notch sports infrastructure and mentorship, 600 girls from rural areas broadened their horizons and developed uplifting social outlooks.

300

Girls had access to mental health counseling.

Mental health support plays a vital role in helping mentally, physically and sexually assaulted girls heal and recover. Therapy and counseling enable them to process their trauma, manage emotions, and develop coping strategies. This support also helps them rebuild self-esteem, regain a sense of control, and foster healthy relationships. Additionally, mental health services can mitigate long-term effects like anxiety, depression, and PTSD.

1800

Students had access to short term and long term vocational training courses.

Vocational training equips girls and boys with market-relevant skills, enhancing their employability and financial independence. This training bridges the gap between education and employment, enabling them to secure better-paying jobs and break the cycle of poverty. Vocational training also fosters entrepreneurship, innovation, and self-reliance.

25

Students could continue their professional courses and masters program. Higher education empowers young men and women to break the cycle of poverty, to pursue careers, financial independence, and personal growth. It enhances their critical thinking, problem-solving, and leadership skills, enabling them to make informed decisions. Education also boosts their confidence, self-esteem, and social status, leading to a more equitable society.

50000

Girls and boys had access to high quality books for reading.

The mobile library brings books and educational resources to remote rural areas, fostering a love for reading and learning among small children. This initiative helps bridge the educational gap, improves literacy rates, and expands the children's knowledge and imagination. It also provides a window to the world beyond their rural surroundings.

HIGHLIGHTS MOMENTS MILESTONES



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- Kailesh Karavadra, a new donor who joined us at
- last year's Gala, funded and inaugurated an IT center in Vadodara, Gujarat, in collaboration with our partner Udayan Care. This center will provide essential technology access and educational resources to the community.

- Kailesh also facilitated a \$20,000 grant from the College Futures Foundation for Eastside High School in Palo Alto, supporting first-generation college students. I am proud to add a \$5,000 grant from Farmers Insurance to this effort. Additionally, our Young Professionals Chapter will launch a mentorship program at Eastside, further supporting these students' journeys.

- Thanks to the generosity of one of our anonymous donors, we have funded the construction of a new
- girls' toilet block at a school in Coimbatore, ensuring better facilities and support for young girls in their education.

■ We celebrate the exceptional academic achievements of several students from our projects who have been admitted to prestigious professional colleges for Law, Engineering, and Medicine. Their success is a testament to the transformative power of education.

■ We held our first volunteer appreciation luncheon, bringing together our growing HOH family to celebrate and learn from one another. Your dedication is the heart of our organization, and we are deeply grateful.

■ Our participation at TieCon was a strategic step to build awareness of Home of Hope within the tech sector, expanding our reach and connecting with new supporters who share our vision.

■ We hosted our inaugural book launch event for our partner Dr. Sunitha Krishnan, in collaboration with South Asian Literature and Arts. A special thank you to Shailaja Dixit, Director at Narika, for facilitating this inspiring talk.



The Hope Vanam near Coimbatore



The TumTum that takes Abhyudaya kids for historical sights, science exhibitions and fun activities!



PEHL



Khushi from Abhyudaya Ashram at her medical school white coat ceremony. Her tuition is being funded by HOH Ashwin Bhavnani Fund

- The opening of the Arryaman Center of Dental Excellence in Lucknow, India, in partnership with
- Manovikas Charitable Society, represents a significant advancement in providing essential dental care to underserved communities.

- Our advisory board member, Sukhi Singh, visited all five of our Delhi projects. Beyond her generous
- donations, she will be imparting her skills in commercial food preparation during her next visit to India, further enhancing our projects.

Dr. Nilima Sabharwal was honored with a lifetime achievement award by the American Physicians of Indian Origin at their Gala for her outstanding contributions.



Celebrations



FINANCIALS

January - December 2023

REVENUE

General Funds	\$301,906.52
Restricted Funds	\$594,987.35

TOTAL REVENUE	\$896,893.87
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COST & EXPENSE

Fundraising	\$28,575.50
Operations	\$8,702.53
Projects	\$570,050.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$607,328.03
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Net Income	\$289,565.84
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■ Projects Funded



Center for Cross Cultural Communication	\$ 19000.00
Children's Home of Hope	\$ 20000
Manovikas Charitable Society	\$ 92,050.00
Mijwan Welfare Society	\$ 20800.00
PEHL	\$ 13,000.00
Pingalwara Welfare Society	\$ 10,000.00
Prajwala	\$ 25,000.00
Slruthuli	\$ 50,000.00
Saidham	\$ 93,100.00
Sunder Sewak Sabha - SSS	\$ 27,400.00
Udayan Care	\$ 85,700.00
VAMSF	\$ 6000.00
Vanasthali Rural Development	\$ 5000.00
NAB	\$ 23,000.00

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THANK YOU!

