

HOH ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22



HOME OF HOPE

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Too often we underestimate
the power of a touch, a smile,
a kind word, a listening ear,
an honest compliment, or the
smallest act of caring, all of
which have the potential to
turn a life around.

Leo Buscaglia

Dear Patrons,

My name is Rita Sharma and I am privileged to serve as President of Home of Hope this year.

This spirit of giving is at the heart of HOH. From the 100% volunteer Board Members, Project Co-ordinators and Committee to every single one of you and every single dollar that you give towards HOH. We are truly humbled.



While we have accomplished a lot and our plates are full, we never shy away from opportunities where we can truly make a difference responsibly. I would like to share the new major programs added in the last year that have delivered compelling results.

1. SAY SMILE was added to our Youth Chapter where the youth interact with senior citizens in the Bay Area, live or over Zoom, depending on COVID restrictions. They did activities together making cards, playing games, painting and crafts. This was a very lonely and dark time for those in senior homes and our youth volunteers brightened their spirits.

2. Tragically, thousands of Indian children were orphaned as the Delta strain of COVID-19 spread uncontrollably through India. Your generosity helped us to fund Project Sharan of PEHL in Mumbai that provides all education and health expenses to some of these Covid orphans

3. The total population of Blind Women in India is estimated 15 million. 99% of them have no access to education. The hardships they endure are unimaginable. During Covid, HOH established a distance learning program with NAB India Center for Blind Women & Disability Studies in Delhi and we are now funding all the trainers at this institute.

4. Climate calamities are being addressed in Coimbatore by our partner Siruthuli. 6000 more trees are being planted to enable the long term improvement of green cover of the region, to control soil erosion,

reduce air pollution, increase the oxygen content in the air and improve water retention in the region.

5. Our project Saidham established a Saidham Academy in Faridabad to prepare the graduating 12th class students for entrance exams to higher learning in different fields. We are so proud to sponsor the launch of this Academy.

Each and every one of our projects are doing exceedingly well and we invite you to visit our website and learn more about them. We also welcome you to visit them when you are in India next.

I assure you, it's one of the most gratifying experiences. Please feel free to contact us to connect you to the project coordinators.

We are proud to share that in 2022 Home of Hope Inc. earned GuidStar's Platinum seal of Transparency validating our processes, goals, strategies, capabilities, achievements and progress.

A tremendous round of applause to all of you for this milestone achievement. Along with the significant impact to those we help, this truly is a worthwhile reinforcement of our journey. Without you, we nor they have a chance for success. Thank you for your continued compassion and for believing in the spirit of HOH and all that we are trying to accomplish for those who need much more than just a helping hand. As President, it has been enlightening and extremely rewarding to be able to work with all these projects. Our efforts and your dollars create a sanctuary for our recipients that shelter them from the elements of hardship and give them a fighting chance.

It truly is a blessing to be a part of this organization and to have the level of support that all of you are providing. As you have seen and heard, these efforts are paying huge dividends every single day in the life of our recipients.

A big heartfelt thank you to our 100% volunteer based team. They truly are Priceless! Come join us. To ALL of our Donors: Thank you for sharing your blessings in life with all the recipients we serve at Home of Hope. The love truly shines through. Together we continue to deliver HOPE to the many who are counting on us. For this spirit of giving enshrined in each of you, HOH thanks you.

Rita Sharma
President



PROJECTS

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Children from weaker economic background to enable them to continue their higher education
Sponsoring school/college fees, medical support and to purchase stationary and books.

@PEHL - Project Sharan

HOH support to Education and Medical Support of Children who have lost one or both parents to COVID

100

HOH funded a residential school for 100 young girls who are victims of sex slavery and trafficking

@Prajwala

Challenges

The psychological trauma of the child is so deep and acute that complete recovery for a child takes many years.

Impact

The home has played a pivotal role in providing holistic rehabilitation to thousands of child victims.

It is the main source of support for the both the police and judiciary contributing to conviction of hundreds of traffickers and perpetrators.



@ Manovikas School for Inclusion (MSI) provides school education to

275 students currently. 67 Universal Design of Learning modules helping students.

70 workshops were conducted for parents and others to increase enrollment in inclusive education

Aryaman Center for Excellence (ACE) Lab has had remarkable achievements in the last year in supporting employable skills development

53 Candidates completed their training and got the certificate. 177 got employment and earning approximately

Rs. 7000/ per month. 17 new employers were connected. 6 Industrial exposure visits. 41 trainees participated in On-the-job- training.

*Trainee, Sachin, got National Award from the President of India. *

"Think College" is an inclusive higher education project for the students with intellectual and developmental disabilities in India, and this is shaping a big movement with The University Grant Commission (UGC):

40 Universities, colleges and Higher education institutions are in-network and ready to provide admission and education to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. 16 students with disabilities are doing Bachelor's degree. 3 are in Diploma Courses. 8 are in Certificate courses and 105 are in skill training at Manovikas Institute for Higher Education

SMILE (Special Minds In Loving Environment) project started with 220 Smiles in 2019 and reached about 20,000 with the support of HOH YC (HOH YOUTH CHAPTER) and Manbhavan, Friendship Circle of Joyful Learning.

9 Smile Volunteers from HOH YC conducted 278 Sessions with 65 SMILE students and 18070 Smiles collected so far

SHUCHITA, Skilling for Happiness, Unique Choice, Hope, Inclusion, Training & Abilities for Women with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (Divyangjan) (WIDD)

18 WIDD are stakeholders of this program

3 Make My choice modules helped 200 students 4 Sexuality and Reproductive Health Care Training 3 Self-care Training and 5 Family Empowerment program helping to grow with dignity and pride.



In the last 22 yrs, Manovikas received around 1 million USD support from Home of Hope Inc. (HOH) was nurturing a significant self-advocacy movement for persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (Divyangjan) (IDD) in India. HOH continuously supports Education, Care and brings policy-level changes for persons with IDD for the various projects of Manovikas. The results have magnificently impacted millions of people. The right to education and skills, as well as a 1% job reservation in employment, were given to persons with IDD under the Rights of Persons with Disability Act 2016 by the advocacy movement of Manovikas.

Thanks to the University Grant Commission (UGC), the Government of India for providing Accessibility Guidelines and Standard and accepting the need for "Think College", an inclusive higher education project run by Manovikas with the support of HOH.

The SMILEs are in huge to count, but this is the beginning. A group of 26 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities have formed a Self-Advocacy group to speak up about what they want, not just what they need. This group has given its name 'Manbhavan Friendship Circle.' They decided together and objectively worked. They share feelings and desires with trust and confidentiality. Many Self-Advocates are ready to help others financially. They say meeting together is fun and entertainment.

These self-advocates were the Resource persons in the National Workshop on Sexual Self Advocacy and the International Workshop on Cognitively Accessible "Easy Read". In addition, more than 400 rehabilitation professionals, parents and government officials have asked many questions, and each answer indicates how they are aware of their human rights.

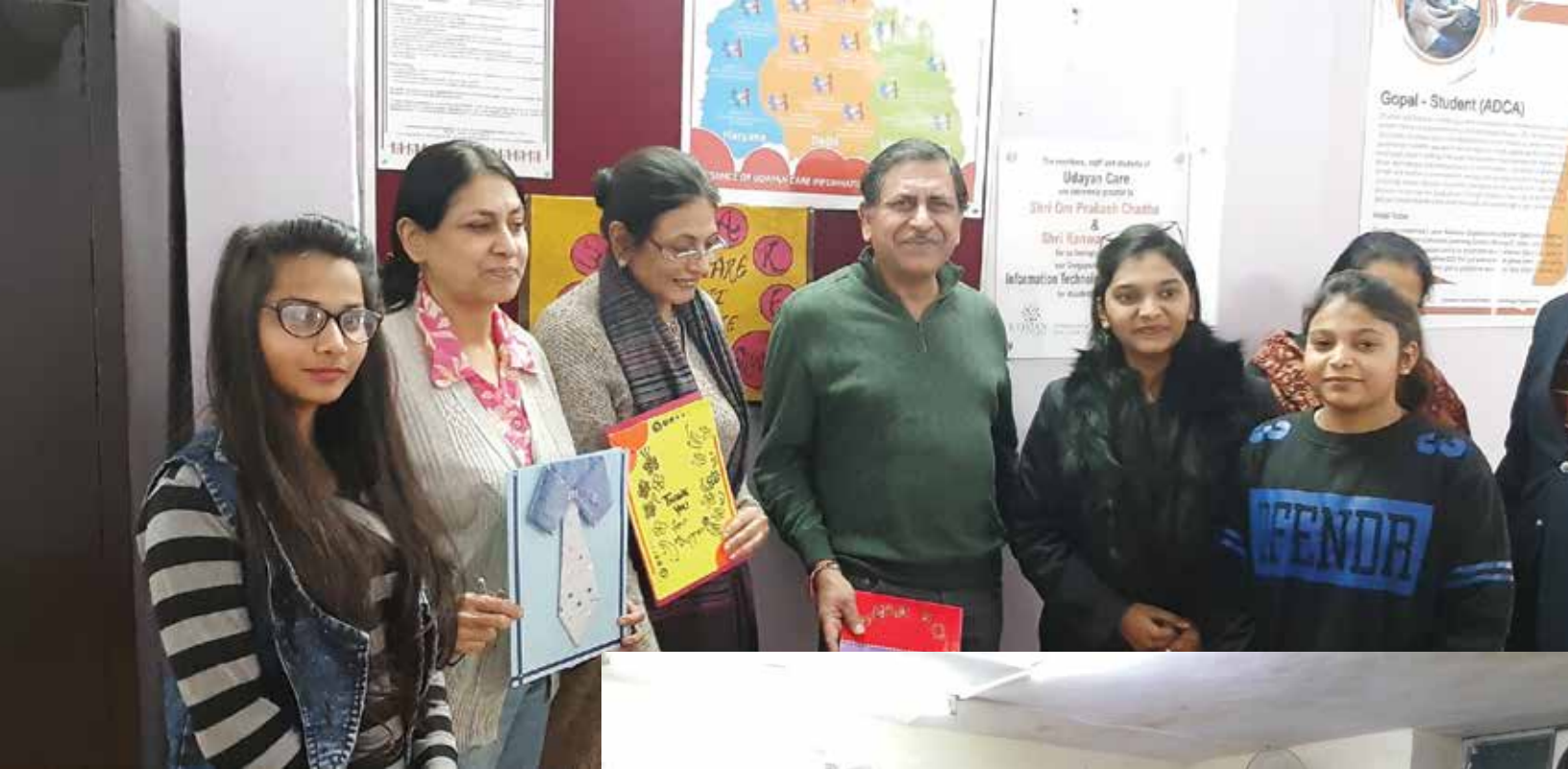


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@Koshish

Students were trained and placed in organizations like HCL, IBM, Wipro, Indira Gandhi airport, Apollo and Escorts Hospitals, Govt of Delhi etc, English and Math teachers for senior school students and uniforms for 200 children.





@UdayanCare

695



Total number of beneficiaries.

Mental Health Program across all Chapters.

Udayan Shalini Fellowship Programme- Continue to Support 50 girls from weaker economic background and enable them to continue their higher education.

Mr. Kanwar Chadha, through HOH, supports 2 IT Centres- Manesar and Nangloi to enhance the employability of underprivileged youth, women and girls.

Skill Development Centre in Greater Noida and Pauri.

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@CHILDRENS HOME OF HOPE

Meeting the Primary, Higher Secondary and Higher Education needs of the girls in CHOH. Supporting Spoken English, Career Counseling and Campus Interview training programs for girls doing Higher Education.



507

@Sunder Shewak Sabha

Social and economically backward students had opportunity for higher education and dignity

367

Subsidies to patient at hospital for various procedures like eye operations, Dialysis etc.

64

@Pingalwara

Hearing impaired benefited from outreach program started in 2016 and is now successfully implemented due to help and support from HoH. 4 outreach schools onboarded.



@Mijwan

140

Boys and Girls benefited
and had access to the HOH
funded Badminton court



Impact

- Development of leadership quality among students.
- Understanding of creativity and innovation especially through drama program/life skill program.
- Improved working in teams or collective working especially through sports program.
- Improved physical and mental wellness
- Gender equality and understanding among students.
- Training young athletes for international participation.

90

Girls participated and
learned to act or had
opportunity to participate in
Drama and Theater
program



@Saidham

369

Students from impoverished villages and rural areas, children of day laborers, had access to state of the art pre-school and K-12 education at Saidham.



13 yr old Navya(name changed to protect confidentiality) is an orphan. Brought up by her grandmother she had no interest in education and dropped out of school in VI Std. Influenced by some of her cousins she ran away from home. Her cousin groomed her into believing that prostitution will solve her economic problems and she would instantly become rich. Manipulated to believe sex slavery was the right option Navya was inducted into prostitution. Under the supervisor of the traffickers, she was moved to several places. In the mean-time the grandmother had lodged a missing complaint but the police could not trace her as she was being moved from place to place.

Finally, after 6 months Navya was rescued at a lodge near a railway station. On rescue, she refused to accept she was a minor or that she was trafficked.

Suffering from Stockholm syndrome she believed her traffickers were her saviors and was resistant to naming any of them. After more than 6 months of trauma care and support Navya starting healing and recovering from her ordeal. She took the courageous step to identify her traffickers and seek for justice. The District Collector extended interim financial relief of Rs 25,000/-. She resumed her education through Open School and completed her X std.

Today she is in 2nd year Intermediate and planning to become a police officer. She is confident to testify against her traffickers and has become a beacon of hope for her grandmother.

SUCCESS STORY



Say Smile partnered with Home of Hope to assist low-income senior centers by fundraising, organizing events, and sending messages. Together, HOH and Say Smile hosted a Paint Night in hopes of raising funds for devices and technology, such as chrome books and smart robots, for underprivileged senior centers and homes, effectively increasing the mental and physical wellbeing of our seniors. Through this event, we raised over \$1500.

We are using this money to create sensory kits for the seniors, such as art kits, tech kits, poetry/story kits, and more. However, we hope to allocate a majority of our funds towards providing technology for these centers, such as tablets, robots, and other communication devices. Many senior centers do not have the resources to purchase this technology for themselves and through our fundraising, we hope to give them the opportunity to do so.

YOUTH CHAPTER

FINANCIALS

January - December 2021

REVENUE

General Funds	\$235,733.48
Restricted Funds	\$507,311.42

TOTAL REVENUE	\$743,044.90
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COST & EXPENSE

Fundraising	\$2293.97
Operations	\$7223.37
Projects	\$596,810.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$609,561.24
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Net Income	\$133,483.66
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■ Projects Funded



Center for Cross Cultural Communication	\$28,772.00
Children's Home of Hope	\$53,000.00
Manovikas Charitable Society	\$91,000.00
Mijwan Welfare Society	\$40,300.00
PEHL	\$20,000.00
Pingalwara Welfare Society	\$16,520.00
Prajwala	\$30,000.00
Slruthuli	\$27,640.00
Saidham	\$50,000.00
Sunder Sewak Sabha - SSS	\$64,578.00
Udayan Care	\$84,150.00
VAMSF	\$ 4,000.00

OUR TEAM

Nilima Sabharwal

Rita Sharma

Annie Dandavati

Neeti Sandhu

Neelam Bhavnani

Sangeeta Relan

Rajesh Relan

Simmi Bhargava

Renuka Pandit

Poongodi Subramanyam

Pat Kumar

THANK YOU FOR
YOUR COMPASSION,
KINDNESS AND
GENEROSITY