

# 2019 annual report



## 2019 was a very successful year

for our humble charity. We saw revenue growth of over 30% from the previous year thanks to continued support from individual donors, substantial donations from a few large donors and our best year ever in grants received from foundations and corporations.

Our 2019 fundraiser dinner drew approximately 110 people. Although attendance was down a bit from some previous years, it was still a profitable event, raising money for our general fund, and through our needs based auction, funds for our featured partner Kuriakose Elias Service Society (KESS).

Total grants from foundations and corporations totaled over \$23,000, a generous amount for which we are truly thankful. Individual donors contributed approximately \$90,000; total revenue was just shy of \$125,000. Some studies show that over 90% of U.S. charitable giving is targeted to domestic causes, both local and national, with less than 10% of charitable giving going to international causes. Supporting children half a world away is tough even during good times, and we appreciate the significance of this generosity.

Our mission to provide support, especially educational opportunity, to some of the most at-risk children in the world, to fundamentally change the trajectory of their lives, is bearing fruit. As we enter our 10th year of operation, hundreds of lives are being touched and each year dozens of our older children are pursuing secondary education and entering adulthood and careers.

A sincere **THANK YOU** to all our supporters!

*Audited financial statements will be available late May 2020.*

*We can do no great things,*

*only small things*

*with great love."*

*Mother Teresa*





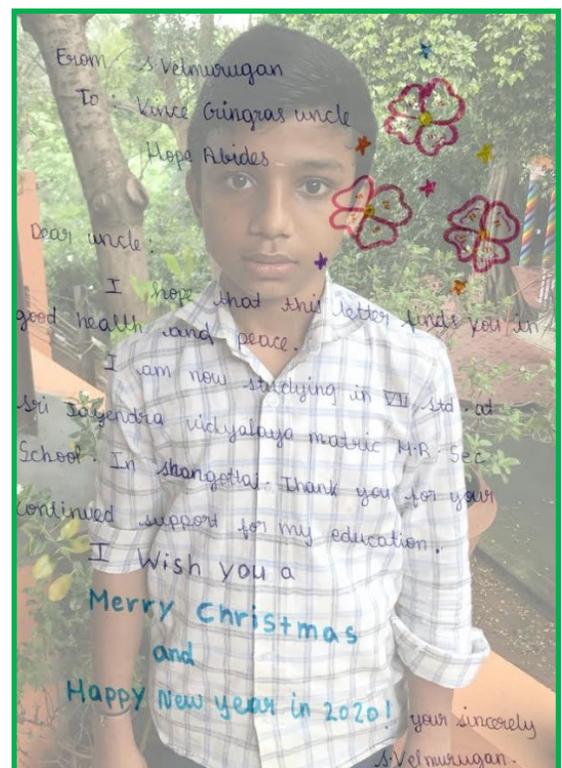
In 2019 we continued to strengthen our partnership with

## Aum Pranava Ashram.

Hope Abides first partnered with APA in 2015 after a site visit conducted in 2014.

They are a mature, well established operation, but did need help in providing better educational opportunities for their kids.

Hope Abides was able to provide tuition for nearly two dozen of their children, monthly sponsorships for ten and, with the aid of a generous donor, provide \$5,000 to their general fund.



## Sphoorti Foundation

Located in the city of Hyderabad Sphoorti is a long time, and best practices, partner.

During 2019, approximately 40 of their 200 children were sponsored through Hope Abides.

Their oldest children are now in university and even entering the work force.



**Jayasree** came to our attention when she was in 8th grade and living at our partner orphanage, **Precious Children**, located in Kerala.

She and her younger brother had been placed in the orphanage as their widowed mother was unable to feed them. Since that time Jayasree has been studying diligently, and with scholarships from Hope Abides, is in the final year of study and will obtain her Bachelor's of Science in Nursing in 2020.

## Saraswati Anath Shikshan Ashram

Located in a slum area of Pune, SASA cares for about 30 boys. We are proud we were able to contribute thirty percent of the cost of the new dining hall.



Also, we are happy to report that two of their older boys are now enrolled in engineering programs at Polytechnic colleges.



Working with **KESS**, Hope Abides funded educational costs for children whose families have been impacted by cancer, HIV and floods.

And, in partnership with For One Another Foundation, we helped to bring clean water to an area in the drought stricken region of Jalgaon.

## Mission for the Rural People

With the generosity of a few major donors, a new dormitory was built for the boys of MRP.

Additionally, scholarships were provided to two dozen college students and two medical students; plus monthly sponsorships for more than thirty children.



**Prem Dham** cares for several dozen severely disabled boys and men in the state of Uttar Pradesh. More than half of their residents are bed-ridden and have weakened immune system. Cleanliness is critical.

A visiting medical team suggested they acquire an autoclave.



Autoclaves are used to sterilize clothes and bedding by subjecting them to pressurized saturated steam at 121 °C (249 °F) for 10–15 minutes.

Hope Abides was able to purchase the autoclave they required.



**Other Grants** - Hope Abides also provided for staff and supplies at **Sakhi for Girls Education** in Mumbai; education and sponsorships at **Moparru Orphanage** in Andhra Pradesh and tuition for orphans at **Asha Kuteer** in Telangana.

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## Grants Received

As mentioned elsewhere in this report, Hope Abides had a very good year with grants received totaling over \$23,000. We would like to thank:

**Avery Dennison Foundation**  
**Good Works Institute**  
**Guru Krupa Foundation**  
**MGN Foundation**

As of the publishing date of this document, the world is dealing with the Coronavirus and its impact. How this will affect our work in 2020 and beyond is uncertain. We hope and pray for the health and safety of all concerned, as well as hope that our supporters will continue to think of our kids and the difference they are making in their lives.

Thank you to all of our volunteers and supporters. We hope that this 2019 Annual Report has explained how much your generosity is helping change the life trajectory of our kids. Also, a huge thank you to the leaders at each of our partners in India. You do the hard work on a daily basis. We are proud to be a small part of the good work you do.