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Hope & Help for Orphans in India

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Join Us for Our 2nd Annual Fundraiser Dinner!

Please join us for our 2nd annual fundraising dinner. Last year's was a success and everyone enjoyed themselves. The event will be held Saturday September 29th from 5:30 to 8:30 at Rancho Cordova City Hall (2729 Prospect Park Drive). There will be buffet style dinner (Indian and American food, veg and non-veg), music and silent auction.

Tickets are only \$30 each. Sponsorships for reserved tables of six are \$180. If you would like to help sponsor the event we have a silver sponsorship \$400 (reserved table - 6 tickets; ½ page ad in program) or a gold sponsorship \$600 (reserved table - 6 tickets; full page ad in program + inclusion in multimedia display). Or do you want to support the dinner, but can not attend? For information on any of these options click [here](#). 100% of the net proceeds of this event will go to orphans in India—just like the children above!

California's Prop 35 to Stop Human Trafficking

This November Californians will have an opportunity to vote on Proposition 35 - Californians Against Sexual Exploitation Act—which will strengthen penalties against human trafficking and improve Megan's Law against online predators. It is a joint partnership of California Against Slavery and the Safer California Foundation.



In California, many vulnerable women and young girls are held against their will and forced to sell their bodies. The victims are often girls as young as 12 who are sexually exploited for the financial gain of human traffickers. They are afraid for their lives and abused – sexually, physically, and mentally.

Human trafficking is said to be one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises in the world with three cities in California – San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego – recognized by the FBI as high intensity child sex trafficking areas. In addition, a recent national study by a victims' rights group gave California an "F" grade for its weak laws dealing with child sex trafficking.

Human trafficking, and outright slavery are still major issues in many parts of the world. It is our hope that passage of this proposition will raise awareness, in the U.S. and around the world, that horrors like this still exist and there is still much work to be done.

University of Washington Student Association Donates Funds

The South Asian Student Association at the University of Washington, Seattle held a series of small fundraisers to benefit Hope Abides. Over \$200 was raised. The money will be sent to Saraswati Anath Shikshan Ashram in Pune and will be used to purchase food. Gagan Khinda, Prasad Bhosale, Jahnvi Ramanathan, Manisha Thuparani and all others who contributed time and money.



California Statewide Interfaith Conference

This October 16th and 17th join faith and community leaders in Sacramento for an open discussion about important issues facing our communities and to create understanding between faiths. <http://www.californiainterfaithconference.org/>

Hope Abides is a U.S. based multi-faith organization whose mission is to provide help and hope to orphaned and destitute children in India. We help children regardless of their gender or religious background and seek participation from all regardless of nationality or faith.



Sphoorti Foundation Honored

Hyderabad, AP— Our partner orphanage Sphoorti is recognized for its work during a felicitation program by a local organization called Valmiki Foundation. Sphoorti reached its 6th anniversary July 16th. It has been an exciting journey from 3 children six years ago to 161 kids currently. Pictured in the middle is Sphoorti's Executive Director, Srivyal Vuyyuri.

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Sponsor a Child

To sponsor Monit Moses whose family is too poor to care for him, click [here](#). Only \$25/mth can help him towards a more secure future.

To sponsor other children or supplies click [here](#).

One time donation to our general fund click [here](#).