

HOPE ABIDES

Hope and Help for Orphans in India

A U.S. Charity for India



Who Are We?

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[Hope Abides](#) is a U.S. based 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 help from all regardless of nationality or faith. We believe that an education is the best tool a child can have in order to escape poverty. However, before children are ready to learn they first need the necessities of life such as shelter and food. Hope Abides mission is to work with existing orphanages and organizations to make sure that these needs are provided.

Telugu Sankranti Festival

Folsom High School in California was the place to be on Saturday, January 22nd as The Telugu Association of Greater Sacramento (TAGS) held its seventh annual Sankranti Festival. The event was sold-out with more than 650 attendees from all over Northern California.

The goal of the organizers is to bring together the Telugu community for the opportunity to showcase Telugu culture and talent and where everyone can participate and benefit – and what talent there was. The event, which was scheduled for seven hours, had over 25 acts and presentations including modern and folk dances, songs, skits and awards. The acts were performed by both children and adults, and were all very entertaining. In addition to the entertainment, all attendees were able to enjoy great food. Snacks were available early in the day (including great chai) and then for dinner the cafeteria was filled to capacity as all 600+ people were served a very tasty, Telugu dinner which included ariselu and pakodi..

We had the opportunity to speak with many attendees about the mission and goal of Hope Abides and were fortunate to receive some donations of both cash and used cell phones for our fundraising drive. We also connected with local talent which we may persuade to perform at our fundraising dinner later in 2011. This was the first event at which Hope Abides had a presence and we found it to be a great opportunity to network with the community.

In addition to Hope Abides, several vendors and organizations had tables or booths. There were representatives from local robotics teams, travel agents, religious organizations and other area businesses. Additionally, there was a crafts table for the younger attendees. The table was doing a booming business as many children sat down to draw or make colorful kites. (cont'd next column)

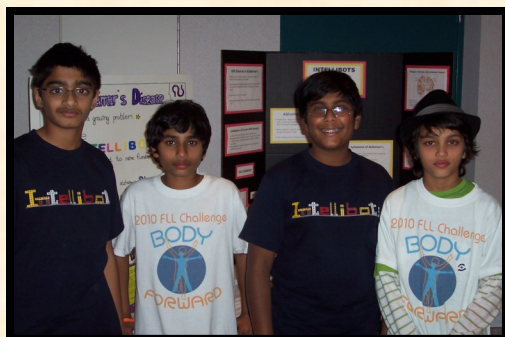


Young dancers from Sankranti Festival

TAGS (cont'd)

All and all, it was a very fun and rewarding day and we would encourage all in the Northern California area to make plans to attend the next TAGS Sankranti Festival in 2012.

Hope Abides wants to extend sincere, heartfelt thanks to TAGS for the opportunity to have a presence at the festival and for their enthusiastic support of our mission. Support like this is essential for our success in bringing hope and change to some of the most vulnerable children on the planet and is only possible when good people come together for a worthy cause.



Future robotic engineers

January Appearances

In addition to our presence at the Sankranti Festival, we were lucky enough to be featured in two newspapers. We thank India West and Seattle South Asian for spreading the word about our organization and our mission.

[Seattle South Asian Jan 2011 \(go to page 4\)](#)

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