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Hope & Help for Orphans in India

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## A Look at Hope and Tenacity



Sai pictured with his sponsor Marie Adams

Sai is a young man at one of the several orphanages helped by Hope Abides.

During the 2015/2016 school year. Sai was in 10th grade.

In India, 10th grade is a major milestone as year-end

exams determine if a child will go to a government university, and if so, what will be their career path – business, science, technical, etc.

Each weekday for 4 or 5 months during the school year Sai would return from school at about 4:00 p.m.

From 5:00 – 6:00 each evening he would take two buses to get into the city for his tutoring classes. These classes were to help him prepare for his 10th grade finals.

Tutoring classes started at 6:00 p.m. and would last until 9:00. He would then return to the orphanage, but one of the buses he needed did not run that late – so he would have to “catch a lift” (i.e. hitchhike) for at least part of the return back to the orphanage.

Sai did this every weekday for nearly five months in preparation for his March exams.

We are so proud of him for his tenacity and to see what he, and other children at our partner orphanages, can accomplish with the hope provided with sponsorship and other help from generous supporters.

On behalf of Sai and all the other children, thank you.

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**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, caste or religious background and seek participation from all.

## Construction at Sphoorti Orphanage



In October 2015 the Good Works Institute (GWI) of Sun Valley, Idaho agreed to award Hope Abides a \$5,000 grant

if we could raise a matching amount from donors. Thanks to many generous individuals we met our goal on December 31.



The \$5,000 GWI award, plus the \$5,980 that we raised, plus \$5,000 from the Hope Abides general fund

was forwarded to Sphoorti Foundation early this year.

During a 2014 visit by Hope Abides the compound walls had been built and the land graded. During our 2016 visit we toured the compound and saw the progress since 2014 - the foundation for the massive new dormitory has been laid and the ground floor and second story floor are complete.

With the help of the Hope Abides grant, they now have funds to finish the building They are targeting a mid-summer completion. All the children are excited about their new home. Thanks GWI and all the donors who made this possible.



## Will you be a sponsor?

Rohini (STD VI) is from ECIL, Hyderabad and studies at Sri Sai Model High School, Cherlapally. Her sister is also at Sphoorti Foundation. Their father is an auto driver. Their mother passed away in 2012 due to dengue fever.

When it became difficult for their father to look after his two daughters, he contacted Sphoorti Foundation.

If you would like to sponsor Rohini click [here](#).

To make a one-time or recurring donation or to see other children available for sponsorship click [here](#).