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Hope & Help for Orphans in India

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Where are they now?

The goal of Hope Abides is to help orphans and impoverished children in India. We do this primarily through the funding of not only food and shelter, but primarily education.

As Hope Abides enters its 15th year, we are happy to report that many of the Hope Abides children have left the care of the orphanages and are now adults with successful jobs and families. We thought we would devote 2025 to sharing some of their stories.

Through the years, we have helped a variety of orphanages throughout India – from Uttar Pradesh in the north, to Kerala in the south, Maharashtra in the west and West Bengal in the east, as well as regions in between. They exist in urban areas, rural areas and slums. The leadership at the various orphanages hail from a wide range of educational and vocational backgrounds, as well as personal (often inspirational) life stories. All these factors influence the opportunities available to the children as they journey into adulthood.

We hope you find their stories inspirational and THANK YOU to our loyal supporters for their generosity and compassion.

Arjun's Story

provided by Srivyal Vuyyuri
Founder
Sphoorti Foundation

Arjun's village was a place where education was a distant dream. But when Sphoorti, a beacon of opportunity, arrived, his eyes sparkled with the hope of learning. This bright boy harbored a secret ambition – to study in an English medium school.

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His stay at Sphoorti and the residents instilled in Arjun the value of helping others, regardless of caste or creed. His genuine nature earned him friends and a deeper understanding of life, where education was the key to unlocking his potential.

In 2011, when Hope Abides chose Sphoorti as one of their partner organizations for sponsorship of orphan children, Arjun was amongst those who were sponsored by its generous donors. This source of support ensured that Arjun could pursue his dreams without any worries.

Soon after he completed STD XII, he had to face the first hurdle. Arjun scored well in STD XII, but his score wasn't enough to secure a seat in his dream college. Disappointment threatened to engulf him. His mentors saw the fire in Arjun's eyes and suggested another college, emphasizing that quality education could be found anywhere.

Arjun, however, saw this as a challenge. He dug deep, fueled by his unwavering determination. His hard work paid off, and he earned a coveted spot in the Bhavan's Degree college. Everyone was in awe of his grit. However, a new obstacle emerged – the admission fees. (cont'd on right).

Gangadhar's Story

provided by Pastor Ratnam Pallikonda
Founder
Mission for the Rural People

Gangadhar's journey has been very encouraging and inspiring. Gangadhar lost both his parents at a very young age and was left on the streets with no one to take care of him.

One day a beggar rescued him from the streets brought him to the orphanage and left him here. He didn't have proper clothes on him and was very young at age 7. The pastor helped him to enroll in school and decided to educate him. Then he introduced him to Hope Abides which supported him throughout his education and also supported him in many ways.

Through Hope Abides he was able to complete his education and is currently doing a job in a steel plant as an industrial worker (bolt fitter) He was able to stand on his own and decided to help the other children who are in need. He is also very thankful for the people who made him what he is today.

Looking back on his journey it is very inspiring to see how a small help or support can have a big impact in the lives of children like him.

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(Cont'd) Thankfully, financial support from Hope Abides and the unwavering support system around him, stepped in once more, offering financial and moral support. This act of kindness cemented Arjun's gratitude for Sphoorti and Srivyal

The college opened doors to a new world. Arjun embraced the diverse environment and diligently learned English, a skill that would prove invaluable.

During his stay at Sphoorti, Arjun not only equipped himself with knowledge but also honed his social skills which instilled in him the value of patience. Now, a successful professional himself, Arjun returned to Sphoorti, not as a student, but as a mentor. He shared his life lessons and the crucial skills needed to become a software professional, inspiring a new generation of Sphoorti dreamers. Arjun's message: Embrace life's challenges with a smile, for hard work always pays off. Never stop striving for knowledge and success.

This story is a testament to the transformative power of education, unwavering support, and the unwavering human spirit that refuses to be daunted by obstacles. It's a story that will inspire underprivileged students and anyone facing challenges on their own paths to success.