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Hope and Help for Orphans in India

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Who Are We?

Hope Abides is a U.S. faith 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 participation from all regardless of nationality or faith.

Save The Date

2nd Annual Hope Abides Fundraiser Dinner
Saturday September 29th; 5:30 to 8:30
Rancho Cordova City Hall

Our New Projects

So far this year, Hope Abides has committed to fund the completion of a girls' room at an orphanage in Andhra Pradesh, completion of a boys' dormitory at an orphanage in Kerala, education costs for dozens of school age children and one nursing student at another children's home also in Kerala, and finally tuition and basic needs for approximately four dozen children in West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh. These projects are currently in progress and we will keep our supporters informed as they come to completion.



Bollywood Night Sacramento Waldorf School

Linden Hall
3750 Bannister Road
Fair Oaks, CA
Saturday, April 21 at 6 p.m

Proceeds from the evening will be split 50/50 between SWS' Junior Class and Hope Abides
Tickets on sale only until April 14th
Adults \$30 and Students \$20
Email syerramilli@sacwaldorf.org
or call Sandie: (916) 616-6343
Enjoy an Indian dinner, a fashion show, live music, and dancing to Bollywood music.

Special thanks to California Telugu Samithi

for the opportunity to raise awareness of Hope Abide at their Ullasamga Ustahamga event February 26,2012. Click on the picture below for photos from the event.



Statewide Interfaith Conference and Exposition

This first annual interfaith conference will be held at the Double Tree Inn in Sacramento on Tuesday, October 16, and Wednesday, October 17.

- The conference will include twelve 2-hour sessions such as:
- o Strengthening Interfaith
 - o Our Environment
 - o Homelessness

plus many opportunities to network with other people of faith.

Education is Key

A key tenet of Hope Abides is that education is the greatest tool that a child can have for a productive and independent future. As we work with our partner orphanages, our ultimate goal is to enable children to attend and complete school so that they are prepared to enter the work force and be part of India's growing economy.

However, schools are not always available for children in some remote areas or may lack access to teachers or tutors in vital subject areas. Realizing this, one young man left a lucrative career as a hedge fund analyst and turned his part-time tutoring work and passion for education into one of the world's most innovative education delivery systems - The Khan Academy. We wish to highlight the mission of the Khan Academy and the help it provides in to learners around the globe.

The Khan Academy

The Khan Academy is a non-profit educational organization, created in 2006 by Salman Khan, a graduate of MIT (not the famous Bollywood actor). The mission of the Academy is to provide a free world-class education to anyone, anywhere.

Mini-lectures are delivered free online via YouTube and cover a variety of subjects. The emphasis is on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), but also covers subjects such as economics, history, finance and American civics plus many other topics. Additionally they offer help for various tests such as the SAT and GMAT. To-date they have over 3,000 lectures available on-line and have delivered almost 140,000,000 lessons.

The Academy was founded by Salman Khan of New Orleans, Louisiana. After earning three degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (a BS in mathematics, a BS in electrical engineering and computer science, and an MS in electrical engineering and computer science), he pursued an MBA from Harvard Business School. In late 2004, Khan began tutoring his cousin Nadia in mathematics using Yahoo!'s Doodle notepad. When other relatives and friends sought similar help, he decided it would be more practical to distribute the tutorials on YouTube. Their popularity and the testimonials of appreciative students prompted Khan to quit his job in finance as a hedge fund analyst in 2009, and focus on the tutorials full-time.

All of the site's resources are available to anyone. It doesn't matter if you are a student, teacher, home-schooler, principal, or an adult returning to the classroom after 20 years. The Khan Academy's materials and resources are available to you completely free of charge.

How it works for students

Students can make use of an extensive video library, interactive challenges, and assessments from any computer with access to the web.
Complete custom self-paced learning tool
A dynamic system for getting help
A custom profile, points, and badges to measure progress

Coaches, parents, and teachers

Coaches, parents, and teachers have unprecedented visibility into what their students are learning and doing on the Khan Academy.
Ability to see any student in detail
A real-time class report for all students
Better intelligence for doing targeted interventions

Over 3000 videos

Their library of videos covers K-12 math, science topics such as biology, chemistry, and physics, and even reaches into the humanities with playlists on finance and history. Each video is a digestible chunk, approximately 10 minutes long, and especially purposed for viewing on the computer.

"I teach the way that I wish I was taught. The lectures are coming from me, an actual human being who is fascinated by the world around him" says Salman.

For example, you can practice math at your own pace with their adaptive assessment environment. You can start at 1+1 and work your way into calculus or jump right into whatever topic needs some brushing up.

Each problem is randomly generated, so you never run out of practice material. If you need a hint, every single problem can be broken down, step-by-step, with one click. If you need more help, you can always watch a related video.

Your stats, instantly

Every time you work on a problem or watch a video, the Khan Academy remembers what you've learned and where you're spending your time. All data is kept private, but statistics are delivered to each user and their coaches. You get at-a-glance information about everything you've been learning and whether or not you've been hitting your goals.

You can drill all the way down from a bird's-eye view of your profile into each and every skill practice problem that you've ever worked on. You can see hard data about your increasing mastery of math.

A map of knowledge

The knowledge map shows all of their challenges, skills, and concepts. You can zoom in and out and pan around all the different skills and challenges, just like on a normal map. You can start working anywhere on the map, and the Khan Academy will suggest the best skills for you to work on. They can even remind you when you need a review.

As you zoom out of the knowledge map, you'll find our challenges, which combine the concepts from multiple smaller skills. Zooming all the way out of the map and completing all of our challenges is a sign of math mastery.

Your classroom data...finally

Teachers and coaches can access all of their students' data. You can get a summary of class performance as a whole or dive into a particular student's profile to figure out exactly which topics are problematic. The class profile lets coaches glance at their dashboard and quickly figure out how to best spend their time teaching.

The Khan Academy empowers teachers by giving them access to the data they should've had for years. You'll know instantly if a student is struggling in multiplying fractions...or if she hit a streak and is now far ahead of the class.

Badges worth bragging about

The Academy is full of game mechanics. As soon as you login, you'll start earning badges and points for learning. The more you challenge yourself, the more bragging rights you'll get.

There have been students who spend hour after hour watching physics videos and 5th graders relentlessly tackling college-level math to earn Khan Academy badges. Some of the smaller badges are very easy, but the most legendary badges might require years of work.



Leadership

In addition to the leadership provided by founder and Executive Director, Salman Khan, there are several other's committed to the mission of the Academy. While most of them focus on the technical aspects of operating Khan Academy, they are fortunate enough to have the insight and help of the Khan Academy's Director or Wellness (pictured to the left). Toby works closely with everyone at Khan Academy to make sure they get daily doses of companionship and stress-relief. He makes this happen by standing closely to people and quietly requesting body hugs and face smushing.

In his previous life, Toby roughed animal shelters and even a gunshot before earning a doctoral degree in human-animal connection and finding his home with fellow team member Maureen. He enjoys being surrounded by very soft things.

Director of Wellness
Toby

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