

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

July 5th, 2023

CHI 2023 Spring Luncheon Fundraiser Celebrating Womanpower with Chandrika Tandon



After the long winter, Children's Hope India's annual luncheon fundraiser was the much-needed Spring Break for women from the tri-state area. Our Spring luncheon was a true celebration of color, love, and generosity! 350+ lovely ladies came together for an afternoon of laughter, joy, and shopping to support CHI's newest project, the 30/30 Education Initiative. Our new venue, Leonard's Palazzo sparkled with the colors and flowers of spring, as did our guests. A marketplace showcasing the products of several young women entrepreneurs created buzz and drew buyers for apparel, jewelry and desserts. From nosh to shopping, this event had it all!

"We are transforming not just lives, but generations."

- Chandrika Tandon

Our Woman of Distinction was the evergreen, supremely talented Chandrika Tandon who brought the audience together with her rousing speech. Tandon was particularly strong on her passions – women's emotional and economic well-being and music. Her music enchanted all of us. Hats off to CHI's Luncheon Benefit Committee; their creativity and tireless efforts made Luncheon 2023 an outstanding success, our biggest to date.

We thank YOU dear friends, for coming and supporting our 30/30 Education Initiative!



We are moving from the West Side to the East Side!

It's our Annual Gala and this year we're moving to
Guastavino's for a fabulous night of networking,
donating, and entertainment!



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

CHILDREN'S HOPE INDIA
Annual Gala

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

6:00pm

Guastavino's

409 E 59th St, New York, NY 10022



childrenshopeindia.org

Coming up...

CH₃ Carwash, July 8th

Annual Gala, October 10th

CH₃ Walkathon, TBD

CH₃ - Summer Means Camp!

Imagine not being able to swim, play football, basketball, hang out with friends during the best time of the year.... Thanks to our wonderful CH₃ group of enterprising high schoolers, 35 children on Long Island don't have to miss out on the joys of summer. CH₃ have worked hard to raise money and continued their tradition of sending their peers in need to enjoy their holidays. Our CH₃ youngsters held basketball tournaments, car washes, and continued their food drives around the holidays. We thank them for caring.

If you would like to support them, keep a look out for the next car wash on the 8th of July!

Follow this link to learn more!





Sweet Success: Our Winners' Circle

Summer in India– Mangoes, scorching sunshine, and final exams. Tough, grueling final exams in blistering heat. Our students from Bhopal, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, and Kolkata beat the heat and brought home the laurels. Our centers have surpassed the national average.

In Bhopal, our girls from Children's Hope India Girls School (CHIGS) have made us all very proud. Our newest school graduates scored high and made it to the merit list at the District level.

We congratulate all 200 students for their tremendous success and wish them well as they continue on their path to fulfill their dreams of higher education! On behalf of each and every one of these students, CHI thanks you, our supporters for your role in their success, and your commitment to helping them accomplish their dreams.

Our Winners



ARHANA FAZLATH
98%



R. MALLIKARJUN
98%



M. SIVA SURYA
86.88%



BHUMIKA JAT
97.4%

2023 Pass Rates

Our Average

State Average

96%

84%

Karnataka

100%

86%

Telangana



Reflections on Prerana, Mumbai

by Milan Sani

Visiting Prerana and meeting with the organization's leader Priti Patkar was truly an eye-opening experience. Priti is a trailblazer with immense empathy, passion, and fortitude. I had the opportunity to discuss Prerna's mission and programming. Priti explained the realities of sex workers in Mumbai's red-light district, the complex web of dangerous and rampant trafficking in India, and the lack of support networks for sex workers and their children. She explained that the women who seek assistance from Prerana want their children to have better lives, lives outside of the red-light district, lives free of stigma, and importantly, lives of dignity.

Prerana provides this through their relentless outreach, dedicated staff, and night care center. Their comprehensive services include mental health counseling, life-skills training, and education. No child from the program entered lives in the red-light district, and each was given an opportunity for a better future that they worked towards and achieved.

I sat in on an evening study class about hygiene that CHI helps to fund. Each child was completely engaged in learning and was able to recall information and specifics from prior lessons that connected to the one being taught. I was able to chat with them and witness their keenness to learn, to connect with other people, and their intelligence. I was so moved to see that each child in the center was receiving the support and help they would not otherwise get.

I am so glad that Children's Hope is funding Prerana's educational programming.



Milan Sani is a founding member of CH3. She attended Harvard College and will be starting at NYU Law School in the fall. She is looking forward to getting involved with CH2.

30/30 Education Initiative

There's a new buzz in the air - 30/30. CHI launched a new Education Initiative to mark our 30 years of pioneering work in education. 30/30 Education Initiative brings together 30 years of work with our network of niche programs and partners, emphasizing CHI's multi-pronged Whole Child approach from Cradle to Career.



What is 30/30?

CHI pledged to have a 30-strong network of old and new partners on a proven path to children's success. Using our 30 years of experience in formal and non formal education this initiative addresses key components necessary to ensure school preparedness beginning with Early Childhood Education for 3 to 6 year-olds, concept learning in primary and middle school and prevent drop outs with special focus on the girl child.

Besides ensuring an empowering education, the 30/30 Education Initiative emphasizes elements essential for success:

- Digital learning: computer education, smart boards in class
- Career Counseling: career planning, exposure to professions, college prep
- Health and Nutrition: medical checkups, health milestones, nutrition
- Mental health: athletics, art, music, dance, yoga

From Cradle to Career, CHI is there.

In the Spotlight:

Ravi Kanth Ganti

is the Chief Operating Officer of CHI-Ekalavya Schools and the Team Lead for CHI 's 30/30 Education Initiative in India. He was a Non-Formal Education (NFE) expert for 'World Education' on a FAO-UN project.



"Education is a great leveler and is the best tool for achieving economic and social mobility, inclusion, and equity."

What made you become an educator?

I started teaching when I was 17 as a part-time tutor. After completing my Masters in microbiology, I realized India did not have enough opportunities for biology graduates. I liked teaching, which helped me move to the only job opportunity available to me.

What do you like best about your job?

I get an opportunity to inspire and guide young students - the most important task if India wants to develop. This is what I love about my job.

What would you change?

I would love to change rote learning in a classroom. Children should focus on conceptual learning through projects, experiments, and discussion. Currently, 99% of the Indian schools are NOT doing this. I don't blame them since many schools lack the infrastructure and competent human resources to do this well.

What is your idea of an ideal school?

Excellent infrastructure, qualified & competent human resources, citizenship education, arts & music, experiential science facilities, and the ability to realize the innate capabilities of each child & steer them towards the livelihood that best suits them.

Meet Our Team

Celebrating 10 years
with CHI!

Aarti Doshi, our Accounts Manager & Project Coordinator celebrates 10 years of being a valued member of our team. Aarti is our archivist, the go-to person, and always present to lend support whether it's an event, accounts, or anecdotal information on our partners. Aarti, we thank you and appreciate your unwavering commitment to CHI!



We're new here!

Kailey Cashen, Operations & Administrative Assistant, our newest member, comes to us with a background in design and art. Kailey has done fundraising for political campaigns, worked in the fields of social media and commercial design. Watch out for CHI's presence in social media, we've got Kailey in the house!

Ujwala Samant, our new Executive Director, has a long history of working with international and local nonprofits. A teacher and counselor, she has set up education and food security programs in the US and Asia.



2023 Achievements

Thanks to your steadfast support, CHI has been able to provide



Education

3,138 students



Nutrition

96,544 meals



Medical Care

7,608 visits and services



Mental Health

5,002 hours counseling, yoga, art



Career Building

Average salary is INR 17,500

Have a great summer!

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