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Will You Help by Becoming a Sponsor?



B. Sindhu

Sindhu came to HOINA in May of 2007. She was born in June of 1996. Her parents were married in 1995. In addition to Sindhu, they had a son, Aun Kumar. There was conflict in the family, between the mother and mother-in-law. Sindhu's mother finally could no longer tolerate the physical and mental abuse and burnt herself in 2003. Since the father and his family did not care for the children, they were sent to live with the maternal grandmother. Although she worked as a sweeper in a meal center, her income was quite low. The grandmother asked the minister of her church for help, and he recommended that she approach HOINA for Sindhu's admission.

Sindhu is in 4th grade at St. Claret Matriculation School. She is friendly with others and is always willing to help. Her special interest is drawing; she loves to skip. In the future she hopes to become a teacher. ♿

Darlene Receives Lions Club Social Service Award

On August 15, 2008, the District Governor of Thiruvallur District of Greater Chennai Lions Club presented Darlene with its annual social service award. This is for the girls' home in Chennai.

The photo at right shows Darlene with the district governor.



HOINA Girls' Reflections

Introduction by Darlene Large, HOINA President

A couple of weeks ago as we were heading back to our girls' home from Chennai (Madras), we were slowed down by two young boys who were about 11 years old. One was in the front of a cycle cart, and one was in the back, pushing.

Exhaustion was written all over them.

In front of them was a school bus with nicely dressed, well fed, smiling boys and girls. They spoke the same language as the two little boys riding behind them on the cycle cart. The two groups live in two different worlds. Children like the two little boys are the sort of children HOINA rescues. We take them from a life of pushing carts, and living and toileting in the streets to a life where they ride a bus to school, wear nice clothing, and have three good meals a day. I've wondered what our HOINA children think of all this. I asked the girls last week, "Why should you live in HOINA? How can you make it better?"

In the following letters are some of their answers.

Darlene

“ I am Ponarasi. My life is good because I live in HOINA. My age is now 17. I am in 10 plus 2 [12th grade]. I came to HOINA May 3, 1998. HOINA is providing everything for me and my sister. Before I came here, there was no food to eat, place to live in, or dress to wear for me, my sister, and my mother. HOINA reached its hand and lifted us. If it is not so, we will be somewhere without education, and even we may have died. With the grace of God and Mom's help, now we are getting princesses' life. God gave pure, humble, love heart to Mom. I, too,



Themozhi (known to us as Honey)

am asking that kind of heart from God. I hope that He will show me my plan for my life.

My ambition is to become an engineer, but I don't know about God's plan. If I reach a good position, I will surely help HOINA. I will always be thankful to God.

HOINA is providing food, shelter, dresses, love, affection and care to me, but there are many without this. I am thankful to Mom, her family and friends. People say after death, we will go to heaven; but now in this world I am living in the HOINA heaven. I will not waste my time. I will use this opportunity that God gave me, and I will become a good woman in this society. I will not tell it only in my words but in my actions.

Reflections...

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“ **I am Themozhi.** Everyone calls me Honey. Thanks for whatever you did for me.

I am so proud for stay in HOINA. Because all who staying in HOINA, they all Angels. So I, too, am Angel of HOINA. By God's grace, I will be angel for God in this world. I came from poor family. I have one elder sister and two younger ones. My father was drunkard and not with us. My mother was laborer. Every day in our home was a sorrowful life. My mother was not educated. I

came to HOINA when I was five years old. Now I am 18. Now I have good education, love, happiness, and kindness. Once again thanks. [Honey never mentions that she is in a wheel chair from the effects of polio.]

“ **My name is Viveka.** I am staying in HOINA because I have no mother and no father. I stay here to study and improve. In my home I would not study. If we talk softly, obey elders, show love, and take care of small children, we can make HOINA better.

“ **My name is Jenitha.** I am studying here in HOINA because I have no mother and no father and no proper care at home. If I stay in my home I would not study, I would go only to do some day work. But here I am studying in English medium school. If I was in my home, I would talk only the bad words. At home there is no money for school, food and clothes. We can make HOINA better by being disciplined and with love and kindness.

“ **My name is J. Gomathi.** In my home I don't have proper clothes, food or home. My mother is not educated. She has no money to educate me or my sister. I can achieve my aim in life through HOINA. I learned many things: how to behave with each other, how to love each other. My example is our HOINA sister Aruna. She graduated with a master's degree. She lives in good position. She is married and has one child. I also want to be the best in HOINA. In



J. Gomathi

HOINA I got more things to help me in my life. Because of the learning I am so happy.

“ **My name is Preethi.** I finished 10th standard. I can't say how much help I have gotten. In my home I didn't walk. When I came to HOINA, I tried to walk. And now even with polio I am walking well. When I came to HOINA I got more talent, and now I am even dancing. I am

thinking now I am living in heaven. If I didn't come to HOINA I would be missing my loving Mom and Papa Bruce. I got good life. God is good.

“ **My name is Mary.** I am a child of Mom. From age of three to now, (I am 14.) I am in HOINA. I caught many friends and sisters here in HOINA. I am very happy to be here. I could not catch this happy from anywhere. Jesus gave me everything through HOINA. He gave me clothes, food, nice shelter, dance, sports, and here I learned to respect my elders and how to treat youngers and how to show love to others. I am thankful.

“ **My name is Merlin Jenova.** I am studying nursing with The Bashore Scholarship. My twin sister is also studying nursing. I wrote this poem.

- Smile Makes your face have value.
- Talent Makes your mind's value.
- Love Makes your heart's value
- Prayer Makes your life's value.

After reading all of these letters I felt so blessed. Our boys and girls, like those working in the streets selling small items or pushing cycle carts, now have a good future. From a life of thorns and weeds, our children found a bed of roses because of our sponsors. God bless all of you. ♿

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Notecards for Sale

In an effort to promote HOINA and educate people on the work we do, we are selling batik note cards created by boys at HOINA. The front features an original batik, and the back provides a short description of HOINA and the work we do. We are selling them in sets of 8 for \$10 (shipping included).

To place an order, please send your check to the HOINA office at PO Box 636, Brownstown PA 17508. These cards make wonderful Christmas cards or thank you cards. Thanks for your support. ♿



Christmas at HOINA

Because of you, our sponsors, we are able to provide a Christmas celebration for our staff and children. Costs have risen terribly overseas just as they have here at home. If you have anything to share this year, we are asking you send it soon as we must send the designated funds to India in time for our staff to shop and prepare for the holiday.

The reasons we ask you to give to our Christmas Fund rather than sending a gift directly overseas:

1. Some gifts don't arrive safely in the mail.
2. Unless you pay a lot to ship them overseas, they take a long time to arrive. The money you spend for shipping could go directly to the Christmas Fund and provide an even bigger blessing to HOINA.
3. The children who don't have sponsors or whose sponsors don't send them something feel neglected.

Thank you for honoring our policy. ♿

Triathlon Update

On July 20, 2008, Gautam Ranji battled the strong currents and high heat to complete a triathlon in memory of his father Sampath Ranji and in support of HOINA. Thanks to Gautam and all who contributed to HOINA in support of him. More than \$8,800 was raised for HOINA and will be used toward general operating expanses and the construction at the boys' home. ♿

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