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Left to right (standing) Ranjini, Vennila, Madhavi, Iswarya, Yureiwon and Lalitha (sitting) Gayatri, Peggi, Kotaveni and Ammulu



Left to right: Yogitha, Ragi, Shalini, Hemalatha, Kumari, Ramanamma, Dhana and Megana

Tutors at HOINA conducted a general knowledge quiz. The winners of the girls' contest are pictured above. They were rewarded with ice cream. We will share the winners in the boys' category in the future.

## HOINA Students Pursue Careers in Nursing

Our HOINA students have developed such caring hearts. Some of it comes from their troubled backgrounds, where they lost loved ones or knew what it was like to go hungry. Some know the sadness of physical hardship either from their own illnesses or witnessing the suffering of their parents, who could not afford medical care. Such life lessons have led our HOINA girls to pursue careers in the field of nursing.

The costs for nursing education vary depending upon the type of degree program. GNM: General Nursing is a less advanced course than a Bachelors in Nursing (BSN). Right now we have three general nursing students whose studies cost just \$300 per year for tuition plus \$60 per month for their hostel fees for a total of \$1,020 per year per student.

A BSN costs \$735 per year for tuition + \$720 per year for hostel fees for a total of: \$1,455 per year in a government school versus \$2,000 per year at a private college.

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# Nursing Careers cont.

## **M. Karuna Prasanna • Nursing 2nd Year**

My name is M. Karuna Prasanna. I am studying Nursing 2nd year. I want to become a good nurse because I want to give free treatment to poor people. Near my school where I studied 10+2 [12th grade], I saw many people on road side with leprosy and handicapped people. When I saw them, I thought how I want to help them. After my graduation I want to help to HOINA, too. Before I coming to this hostel, I don't know how to give respect and how to show the love. I learned many more things in this hostel. Before I come to this hostel, my father was died; and I thought I don't have life. After coming to this hostel, I feel like I can reach my goal, and I love my HOINA and HOINA people because HOINA shared all my needs and sadness everything. Thank you.



## **P. Priyanka • Nursing 2nd Year**

I am P. Priyanka, studying General Nursing in Visakhapatnam. I joined in HOINA when I was 12 years. At that time my mother is suffering with heart problem, and my dad adopted to alcohol. No one was there to take care of my studies. I don't know what is going to happen in my life. By grace of Lord the doctor where my mother worked as nurse told my mom about HOINA. Then I came to HOINA. After some months both my mother and father died. When I came to HOINA, I came with simple hands, but now I have more than I want. I finished my 10+2. Now I am doing nursing 2nd year. I am so happy with this course. I never am going to forget this help in my life. I want to become a good nurse, and I want to share this love to everyone. Really HOINA gave me a new life. I am always thankful to HOINA.



## **G. Yashodha • Nursing 2nd Year**

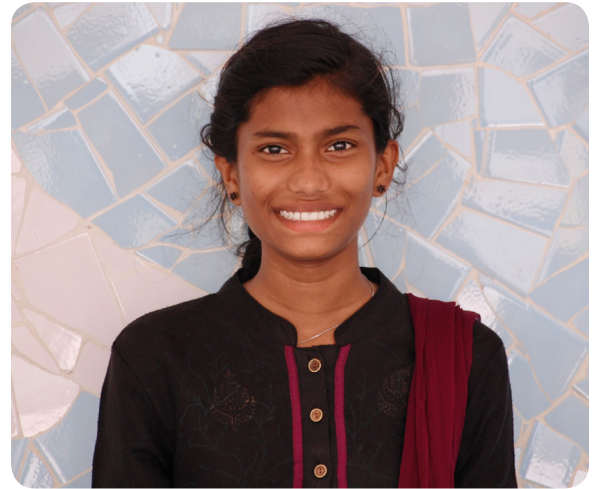
My name is G. Yashodha. I am studying nursing 2nd year. I want to become a good nurse because when I went outside for hospitals I saw the diseased people beside the roads, those who suffering and no one to taking care of them. I saw and I decided to help them and to serve them. It is my goal. Before I came to HOINA I suffered a lot for my studies. No one was taking care of me but my grandparents who can't support me financially. If I am still in my grandparent's home, I wouldn't study even to 10 standard [grade]. After my grandfather died, I didn't study for one year. After that I learned about HOINA and I joined. After I came to HOINA, they suggested me to study. All in HOINA encouraged me in my studies and my carrier [career]. I feel very happy in HOINA because of their encouragement to children to get a good life. They take care of me as parents, so I decided I want to be helpful to others.



# Nursing Careers cont.

## S. Swathi Roopa

Myself, S. Swathi Roopa have recently completed my 10+2. I am currently studying in Biology in university. My dream is to do B.S. in Nursing one day soon. I want to help poor people like me, who can't afford medical care. I have seen so many people in our town who are handicapped and unable to get proper treatment. When I see them, I feel very sad and want to do something to help them. Education is so important to me because I know it will help me to rise out of my family's history of poverty and achieve my dreams.



## Long-time HOINA Volunteer Retires

by Amy Mowbray

*[Editor's Note: With heavy hearts we say goodbye to a faithful volunteer of HOINA. Amy Mowbray has served HOINA for decades, as a HOINA board member, the board secretary and, most recently, the treasurer of the organization. She has managed our office in Pennsylvania and been your contact there for many years. We cannot thank her enough for her long years of dedicated service.]*



Amy Mowbray

While working with Bruce [HOINA President Darlene Large's husband] for a poultry company in the early 1980s, I met Darlene and learned about HOINA. I was impressed with Darlene's commitment and decided to sponsor a child myself. Soon after that Darlene asked me to serve on the HOINA Board. While taking an "Experiencing God" class, I was struck with something the book's author said: "Look where God is working and join in." That statement led me to volunteer in the office. I was privileged to make several trips to India to meet the children and staff and see first-hand the amazing things God can do when we are open to His will and trust Him.

As HOINA grew we were able to build new homes for both the boys and girls, to develop a website and offer credit card and direct deposit donations. I am honored to have played a small part in this amazing organization. I am stepping down to better manage my family responsibilities.

## Annual Statements

You should receive your annual giving statement from our HOINA office in Brownstown, PA, by the end of January. If yours does not arrive or if you spot an error, please alert our office immediately at 877.994.6462 (toll-free outside of PA) or 717.355.9494 so that we can correct it for you. Your generous support of our work makes all of this possible. Thank you!

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## Make This Sweet Pea's New Year Brighter

L. Kusuma, our January feature child is 5½ now. Her parents, Mr. Chinna Babu and Mrs. Krishana Kumari, got married in 2004. He had work as a watchman, and they waited nearly a decade for their dear baby girl. When she was just a year old, her father suddenly collapsed at the family's rented home. His wife rushed him to the hospital with the help of their neighbors. Sadly, Mr. Chinna Babu died en route. After her husband's death Mrs. Krishna Kumari's life became very difficult, so she began working as a house maid. She has no nearby family, and she, herself, has heart problems. Due to her health, she was unable to work every day and could not feed her daughter properly. After struggling for three years, she approached a village elder for help. He approached HOINA, requesting Kusuma's admission. If you would like to be this little girl's faraway friend, please send your first monthly gift of \$35 to help care for her with the coupon above. Thank you for making her new year brighter.

