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Healthy Children Equal Healthy Lives

By Glory Janes, Executive Director

We all know that good health—physical, mental, emotional and social—is vital for the holistic development of children. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness and availability in these areas contribute to one of the biggest challenges that children in rural India face. HOINA has always been a home in its true sense, focusing on just this—the overall health of every child.

Did you know that WHO

(World Health Organization) announced Feb 10th as the National De-worming Day in India? (While this term is something that readers in the U.S. may not be aware of, it is of vital necessity in tropical nations.) Of course, all the HOINA children are de-wormed annually.

Our General Manager Anand was able to organize a medical camp for all the children recently. We had a team of ophthalmologists, dentists, a general physician, and support staff come from the

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HOINA teenagers with the ophthalmologists Dr. Madhavi and Dr. Harsha and team.



Dr. Divya - General Physician having a conversation while checking V. Harika.

Healthy Children (continued)



Ophthalmologists Dr. Madhavi and Dr. Harsha both at work.



More kiddos getting their eyes checked,



L. Narendra chooses not to watch while his blood is being drawn.

renowned Visakha Eye Hospital. Basic health screenings were completed and blood samples taken. We are waiting on the results for the samples. We have four children who were shortlisted for a detailed eye examination and will possibly need eyeglasses. Most of the children are in fine health. We have a couple of girls who were advised to get ultrasound scans. One of them might have a gynecological issue, and another is struggling with stomach issues. They are being kept under close observation, with changes in her diet and hydration hoping to heal the one girl's digestive trouble. Hopefully, these are just fixable issues and nothing more than that. HOINA is grateful to the team of doctors who came and did this camp, and all the staff who helped with this project.

You can be sure that if children are involved issues of some kind always crop up. Life is not always a bed of roses, but as long as the environment is stable most things can be worked out. A good home is a blessing, and so is the unparalleled gift of good health. HOINA gives that gift to our children, so they can have a healthy lifestyle. A healthy child is a happy child. Thank you, for partnering with HOINA to raise healthy, happy HOINA kids.

It costs about \$500 to provide vaccinations and a basic health camp for 200 children. If this is an area that you feel passionate about, you can always designate your donation towards our ongoing medical work.

Adandoned Siblings Find Family at HOINA

We are so glad to be able to offer you the opportunity to make a huge difference in a child's life. This month's feature children are a set of siblings, P. Yashwanth (left) and P. Sahithya, (right), who came to HOINA during the pandemic. Their father worked as a helper to a truck driver. Around 2018, both the children's parents started to have multiple health issues as a result of HIV. Eventually, the children were sent to their aunt's place. Since she was unable to care for her own, let alone adding her sister's children to her burden, she had to find some help.



Yashwanth and Sahithya's journey with the HOINA family began when their aunt brought them to us. Today Yashwanth is 10 and Sahithya, 12. They have weathered the pandemic on our campus, together, with their new HOINA brothers and sisters.

No matter how many medical camps we do, we all know HIV is one hard-to-beat virus, affecting not just the carrier but their entire family. Imagine how many more siblings are out there, being victimized because of HIV and having no place to go. What if there were no HOINA, what would have happened to these siblings? Thankfully, HOINA exists and has room for yet another child. Would you be interested in partnering with either or both of these kids to be their sponsor family? If so, please send your first monthly gift of \$35 to our office or go online to www.HOINA.org.



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Thank you for Mom's Birthday Wishes

Thank you so much for remembering HOINA Founder, Darlene Large's birthday with your thoughtful notes and cards. She was so happy to hear from all of you. As she has spent her life dedicated to this HOINA work, she considers so many of you her dear friends. As HOINA's Mom, she sends Happy Mother's Day wishes this month!



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Kids waiting their turn with Dr. Divya.