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Girls' Home Sweet Home Rededication

By Todd Becker, HOINA President and Managing Trustee

On September 3, 2024, our HOINA girls finally were able to move out of their temporary home in the Vocational Building and back into their permanent home on campus.

The girls' home roof project outcome is spectacular! The roof preparation work, crack sealing, water sealing, and finally the protective layer of special cement infused with water sealing chemicals was completed with precision and according to specification. What is even better is that the slopes / pitches on the roof are correct encouraging the

rain water to flow away to one of the many drain pipes in the outer wall. The water does not pool anywhere on the roof which will extend the life of the cement structure.

You might be wondering how we know the roof is truly sealed? At several stages in the process, "pools" of water were created in known areas of significant damage. The pools remained in place for several days to ensure no seepage into the ceiling and walls inside the structure. Additional repairs were performed and the testing repeated until no

more seepage was detected. At the very end, the drains on the roof were closed and the entire roof was flooded for two weeks. The roof did not leak.



Ribbon cutting for rededication ceremony (left to right) Sushmita, PooJitha, NiHarika, and house-mother Vimala.

The roof work took a few extra weeks to complete due to India's extreme heat this year, which limited some of the work days in May and June; but the delay was worth it. The materials and workmanship are warranted for seven years. Minor chipping and resealing is

required at times as with any flat roof structure in a tropical climate. We are hoping it will be another decade before significant work is required again on the girls' home.

Your incredible generosity allowed us to not only replace the roof and repair the inside water damage, but also scrape and paint the ceilings and walls; add new art to each of the five dormitory rooms; handle electrical issues by replacing bad wiring, damaged lights and ceiling fans; and perform

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a deep cleaning of the entire residence. While the roof work was done by an external contractor specializing in water proofing, the inside work was handled by the local mason and electrician. The scraping, painting, wall art, cleaning, and restoration of each room was handled by HOINA's gardeners and boys.

What I have not mentioned is the enormous contribution and thanks due to HOINA's India Trustees and campus management team in making the roof project successful. Our Trustees focused on project scope, budgets, and bid selection while our employees Bujji, Jani, Shadrach, and Durga Prasad, specifically, worked together to ensure all contractual duties were met.

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Workmen chipping concrete down to the mother slab.



Roof contractor Kranthi and HOINA Trustee Krishna inspect the slope guides prior to pouring the final cement slab on top of the waterproof coating.



Mason using mallet and chisel to remove water-damaged concrete from wall.



Happy girls entering their refurbished home for the first time in five months.



Fully repaired and painted girls' dormitory room with wall art in progress (in the background).

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HOINA Friends Sponsor Meals

While HOINA provides three daily meals and snacks for our children, sometimes we are blessed by outsiders who want to provide a lunch or dinner, which stretches our budget. For the safety of our children, we do not allow outside food to be catered, but we do accept donations to cover the cost of feeding our kids for a particular meal. Much as we Americans might go to a homeless shelter, serving food to others makes people feel good.

Frequently, a meal is sponsored and served by a family to celebrate a special anniversary or someone's birthday with the children. If I am in country, I am a part of the celebration, which includes a formal cake-cutting ceremony, following the singing of "Happy Birthday." Traditionally, the celebrant then feeds me cake by hand, and I, them.



Left to right are Kalyan, Sharath, Lakshmi, and Sravani, who is celebrating her 21st birthday! Our guests say that it gives them "joy" and makes them "feel good" to help and serve the orphaned and abandoned kids at HOINA.



Lekshitha feeding HOINA President Todd Becker a piece of celebratory cake.

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Our housemother Vimala managed the girls as the project timeline lengthened. Hers and the girls' flexibility allowed the management team to focus on quality over a hard deadline. The girls carried containers of fresh, filtered drinking water from the boys' home to the vocational center, where they were living, ate in the parking garage among the vehicles, and made due with fewer comforts.

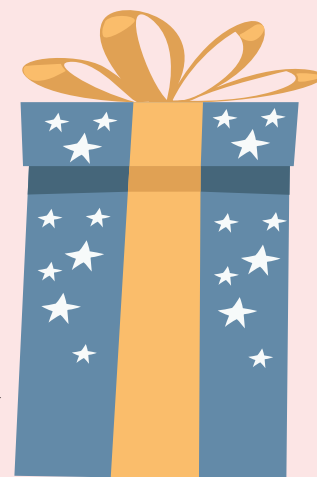
Finally, I must thank one of our graduates, M. Vijay Sekhar, an engineer who provided drawings and offered his and his friends' vast construction experience and wisdom to solve problems as they arose. He contributed untold hours of his personal time in assisting HOINA with the best choices at every turn. I cannot thank each of those involved enough for their selfless sacrifice for the project's duration.

Christmas Needs

Would you consider helping us provide a Christmas celebration for our children and staff?

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