



World's Children 2014 Annual Campaign



It Just Takes a Spark

October 2014

***To learn to read is to light a fire;
every syllable that is spelled out is a spark. —Victor Hugo***

Together let's light a fire—it just takes a spark of interest inside the child. When provided with the proper environment at school, committed teachers, time to read, sufficient lighting at night, and supportive caretakers, that spark will burst into a flaming desire to learn. Our fundraising campaign this year is called "It Just Takes a Spark."

With your help we can transform an orphanage from a place where kids have to be, to a place where they want to be. Not only can it be home-like with security and comfort, it can nurture their desire to learn.

In this newsletter, the children and their caretakers explain in their own words exactly what your help can accomplish. The girls shown above are enjoying library books World's Children donors provided for their home, Assunta Asha Nilayam. Let's continue to kindle a spark in our children.



"We are very happy that you have helped us buy computers and we are sure the children will have a good time of learning. Your kind gesture has brought happiness onto the faces of the little ones we dearly serve."

—Uttam Kumar, Balavikasita Orphanage administrator

**Connect with us at: World's Children P.O. Box 2708 Corvallis, OR 97339 • 541-230-1191
info@worldschildren.org • www.worldschildren.org • www.facebook.com/WorldsChildren**

Libraries and Computers

World's Children has already funded libraries in eight orphanages. Our goal is to provide library books, encyclopedias and book shelves for all our homes, opening up a world of imagination for our sponsored children. We have 28 homes to go!

In addition to libraries, computers have become a basic necessity in today's world. Six homes have requested help purchasing computers and computer equipment for the children.



*This girl at Sister Seline's Home explores their library.
Right: Girls at Sneha Sadan use their new computer lab.*

"Wishes from Sister Shanthi, sisters and the children of Bethel Orphanage. We have requested you for the computers for our children for the following reasons:

Today computer has become an important part of education because we are using computers in every field and without the knowledge of computer we cannot get job and perform well in it. So computers can secure better jobs prospects. Knowledge about computer is must in this time...

We feel that our children who are marginalized by the society, who are in our institutions should be equally provided the chances apart from the formal education. They should be given chances to learn and use the computers, so that they can get better jobs and settle in life. This is very genuine request for the overall development of the unfortunate children who are in our Home. Really this will be the greatest opportunity for the children to make their learning creative and joyful.

May the good Lord bless your efforts for the benefit of the children. Thank you very much.

With love gratitude,
Sister Shanthi"

***"Thanks for giving library books. There are many books—dictionaries and all stories in English and Telugu. So really we feel very happy. Here in our library I am reading all Telugu stories and English books. But mostly I like Telugu stories. We are enjoying reading the books. Thank you so much. Praying for you.
Lovingly, Roshini"***

Roshini lives at Assunta Asha Nilayam.



Solar Lights and Generators

Over the last few years, World's Children has provided generators and solar lighting systems to several homes. This year the need continues. Seven homes have requested generators and four have requested solar lighting or alternate power sources.

Some homes need generators

"Raichur Girls' Hostel always has power cuts which causes lot of problem. It affects the studies of the children."

—Christina Paul, superintendent

"Children have to do a lot of assignments, particularly after school hours. When they sit down to do their homework, due to frequent power cuts, they are unable to complete their home assignments. If they don't complete them they are assigned with double portion of the work. Fearing the extra work, children seldom sleep at night and keep awake late in the nights to complete their home assignments on time. In order to improve this situation and give them a happy and peaceful living at Balavikasita Home we wish to provide them with an alternative source of energy."

—Uttam Kumar, administrator



Other homes need solar lighting or inverters

Swadhar Children's Home wants to install a solar power system throughout the orphanage. Sister Nirmala Allam, the administrator of the home writes:

"Regarding solar lights, installing them in our Swadhar Home is very necessary because we are facing lot of power cut and increasing electricity consumption bills. As you are aware, you had installed a solar light in front of our building. So far we have had no problem or maintenance. Sometimes all our children sit and enjoy dinner under this light and sometimes wild beasts would be killed with support of this light. We are well aware of solar system and its benefits. We thank you so much."

Update on Matching Scholarship Campaign

As we mentioned in our September letter and the Annual Report, we have been running a Matching Scholarship Campaign to fund 80 scholarships at the Sacred Heart Nursing College in India. An anonymous couple asked us to match their donation of \$24,000 to help all 80 scholarship applicants to attend Sacred Heart this year. We are delighted to announce that we have met the challenge and will fund all 80 young women. Your generosity inspires us.

We will continue our efforts to provide a college scholarship to every young person who has completed high school in good standing and needs our help. We are committed to fostering self-sufficiency for our children as they transition to adulthood. Thank you!



Covering the basics

Even as we turn our focus toward education, we also face the reality that infrastructure breaks down over time. Not all orphanages currently have sufficient potable water, beds, warm clothing, mosquito screens, tables, chairs, or working toilets. Some have crumbling buildings in need of repairs. We will always be asked to help cover some of the basics in addition to the monthly sponsorship support we provide. The children will stay healthy in a well-kept home. They will be better students and enjoy fuller, happier lives.

Right: Boys at Nambikkai Illam Orphanage show off their new calf. World's Children funded milk cows, chickens and the renovation of a shed to protect the animals from predators.



Requests from the administrators:

Water filter for Raichur Girls' Hostel:

"Raichur district water we get through corporation tap which is not pure hygienic. Sometime water color changes. Therefore to protect children from falling sick and maintain good health, we need to get a water purifier."

Playground for Swadhar Home:

"We are requesting you for playground equipment for our children. Being inside always they go into depression because they don't have any let out for their feelings, thoughts and views. But when they go out and play they can let out some of the negative attitude and benefit some positive attitude in order to enhance good relationship among one another."

Box room for St. Anthony's Orphanage:

"Box room is a small hall for the children to keep their bags, suitcases including the dresses and other necessary things. They will use the room for changing their dresses and keep the things safely. We will construct many shelf and cupboards around the walls and make the children to keep their things within the shelf around the wall.

"Now the government has given very strict rules in running orphanages. They are demanding us to show separate box room, dormitory, office room, sick room, library, study hall, recreation hall, counseling room etc. Hence we have to do some arrangements reconstructions and modifications in setting up rooms."

See the insert with a list of all the requests we recently received from the orphanages we support. Over the last six years, because of you, we have completed hundreds of projects like these to improve the lives of the children. Many of you give generously for these projects in addition to your monthly sponsorship support. We are so grateful. With your continued help we can conquer these projects one at a time until our children's needs are met.



Some of our children are amazing young artists. This peacock was painted by Anindita, a 13 year-old girl at Ushagram Girls' Hostel.

Dear Parents,
If you have shortage of funds please we do not want. If you are able then only provide for us. Otherwise we can adjust. —Divya

Divya is a 13-year-old girl at St. Anthony's Orphanage.

Thank you. It just takes a spark. You can be that spark.