

**Title of Project:**

Support an Orphanage in India

**Summary of Project**

This project will feed, clothe and educate 100 children in Orissa, India. The children live in an orphanage since they have lost their parents or because the destitute parents cannot provide the basic necessities for their children. They are members of the Scheduled Tribes or Scheduled Castes (formerly “untouchables”) and come from a socio-economic class that is despised and lives in abject poverty.

**Project Need**

Children of the Scheduled Casts and Scheduled Tribes who are homeless are easy targets and victims. They are sometimes sold and are often exploited by the unscrupulous who force them to work with no chance of receiving schooling or even a square meal a day. Many never reach their teens and those who do tend to turn to crime and prostitution.

The project, located in Bhubaneswar, will take in such children, who come mainly from small rural villages and provide them with food, clothing and a good education. It will provide a homelike and family environment in which the youngsters can grow up and thrive in an atmosphere of love and acceptance. They will be taught skills to help them in their future lives when they are of an age to support themselves. Sexually exploited children will be counseled and rehabilitated. Good moral values and good manners will be imparted to the youngsters. They will be helped to grow up into good, decent and responsible citizens. Not only will the children benefit but society in general will benefit.

Some comments made by children of DAYA:

“I come from a tribal village. I didn't know a single letter of the alphabet and I had a horrible life. Now I am in DAYA Orphanage and I am happy. DAYA guides me to be a good student and a good citizen. I became first in my school last year and I was also chosen to sit for a scholarship exam.” (Kalpana, age 11)

“I am a boy and orphan and when I came to the orphanage was very little. DAYA guided me to be a good boy and taught me to go to school. I get all the good care and love that any child would wish.” (Diganta, age 11)

**Project Activities**

Creating a homelike environment of belonging for the SC/ST children in distress by providing a permanent shelter facility, ensuring their good health, providing an education and vocational training, rehabilitating those who have been sexually abused.

**Donation Options:**

1. \$30 will provide food, clothing, shelter and education to an orphan for a month.
2. \$80 will provide new clothing (dresses/pants and shirts) for 10 children.
3. \$100 will provide nutritious food to 5 orphans for a month.
4. \$300 will provide food, clean water, shelter, clothing and education to 10 orphans for a month.

**Potential Long Term Impact**

The proposed project will benefit 100 orphaned and destitute children of the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes by providing them with proper food and shelter in homelike accommodations, a good education, vocational training and skills, good health care and teaching them good moral values so that they can become good solid citizens, thereby bettering themselves and becoming an asset to society. □

Project Funding Requested: 36,000

**Budget for DAYA Orphanage for one year (2010-2011) in USD**

Boarding (food, education and shelter) 36,000

Emergency Medical Expenses 500

Clothing 1000

Construction of Sleeping Hall 5000

Electric Bill600

Vocational Training1000

Miscellaneous Expenses (like hair cuts, repairs, laundry supplies, etc.)400