



**Uplift A Child  
International**

Helping the Poor and  
Needy Children

## **2016 Uplift a Child Annual Children Programs in India** *January 15<sup>th</sup> to February 7<sup>th</sup>*

*Dear Sponsors, Friends and Well-Wishers,*

*We had a wonderful trip to India in January along with our Uplift a Child India team. We travelled together to 14 locations and have met close to 2,000 of our children. We are delighted to share our experience after returning back to the USA on completion of our successful trip to India. At the outset, we thank God for rendering his blessings over the 16<sup>th</sup> successful year of our service to the underprivileged children in India, Nepal and the Philippines.*

*Uplift a Child annually awards all our children who stood outstanding with a best performance in their academics. Large congregations attend these public meetings with our children, their surviving parents, school staff, sponsors, Government executives, social workers, friends and well-wishers. Our special focus is to inspire and encourage the award recipients who achieved it without much of parental care and support. Our commitment is to “create future leaders with concrete human values”, so we inspire our children with practical speeches which are useful for developing their skills and abilities. These ceremonies create a festive environment and our children and parents cannot wait for such occasions every year. We personally visited 90% of our children in India. Each year we are nearing in achieving our goal of creating future leaders and better citizens of the country. Along with God’s blessing, we appreciate the steady and on going support of our sponsors and tireless efforts of our volunteers which is enabling us to move forward in serving humanity with the gift of education. We will be touching 4000 children this year (with an addition of 1000 new children). It is not our intention to keep increasing the numbers but unable to turn away the eligible children who lost a father or mother to death.*

*Our Board of Directors in India, President-, Mr. Sudhakar Kaligithi, Vice-President- Mr. Roy Prakash Thanukula, Treasurer- Mr. Krishna Kishore Parvathaneni, Joint Secretary- Mr. Rajashekar Chintamaneni, Uplift a Child Staff- Mrs. Kalpana Dharani Vadapalli (Manger), Naveen Dasari (Director - Public Relations, India Congo & Nepal), Rashmi Thota (Program Co-coordinator), Neelima Chowdary (Graphic designer) and our Volunteers- Mr. Raja Babu Phani, Mr. Immanuel Geddam, Mr. Swaroop Naidu participated in the tour.*

*We are thankful to Boggavarapu Foundation for awarding 294 cash awards and Challaplli awards 14 awards, Changa Foundation 102 awards and Bhargavi Trust awards 06.*

*Best Wishes  
Sam & Rena Vonumu  
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District Magistrate, New Delhi, Govt. of India

### ***January 15<sup>th</sup> 2016***

New Delhi

Mr. Vonumu landed in New Delhi on January 15<sup>th</sup> and spent his first day with our friend who is passionate on helping our children and he is our fan since 2011. We are thankful to Mr. Surender Naik for accepting our invitation to do our career counseling program in Vizag, AP for all of our 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students. Children from at least 20 locations will travel to Vizag as Uplift a Child India is planning a seminar for 8 hours along with many other resource specialists to help our children plan their career according to their interest. This is the second time we are doing this. Last year, we did this in Vijayawada and it was very successful. We will do whatever it takes so that our children would succeed for a better future.

### ***January 17<sup>th</sup> 2016***

Kokrajhar, Assam

Uplift a Child India team along with the founder Mr. Vonumu visited Assam to conduct the first annual children program. We have been supporting the children since 4 years and this is the first time we have done a grand program for our children and planning to continue every year. [More pictures of Assam](#)



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**January 24<sup>th</sup> 2016**  
Visakhapatnam, AP

Andhra University Registrar, Dr. Umamaheshwara Rao was our chief guest along with a number of local businessmen and dignitaries. A crowd of 1200 people were present for our event. We had 350 of our sponsored children from 7 different schools around Vizag.

[More pictures of Vizag](#)



**January 25<sup>th</sup> 2016**  
Bobbili, Vizianagaram Dist, AP

We have 80 children studying at this location and we have met all of them and their parents. It was a happy occasion to celebrate the children's success. But was also sad to miss one of our children who have departed from this world due to an accident few months ago. Met the mother of the child and expressed our feelings and shared her sadness. Jayanth Gollapalli was with us for 7 years.

[More pictures of Bobbili](#)



**January 26<sup>th</sup> 2016**  
Anakapalli, Vizag Dist, AP

Our local volunteer Laxmi Rotta along with her team has planned a beautiful annual program. We are thankful to Dhadi Veerabhadra Rao (former MLA of Anakapalle) for giving us the venue free of cost so that we could have a successful children program there. All of our 150 children along with their parents were present for the event. [More pictures of Anakapalle](#)



**January 27<sup>th</sup> 2016**  
Tuni, East Godavari Dist, AP

We have 375 children with a total audience of 750 people at our Tuni Uplift a Child annual program. We started our program with honoring the flag of India and concluded with the national anthem. 52 children got ranks and were awarded Boggavarapu Foundation awards and Changa awards. [More pictures of Tuni](#)



**January 28<sup>th</sup> 2016**

Rajahmundry, East Godavari Dist, AP

Mr. CMJ Suvarna Raj, a retired president of a prestigious college was our chief guest. He has inspired our children with life time experiences. We are thankful to the Rotary Club of Rajahmundry for giving us their venue to conduct our annual program free of cost. During this trip, we have added 2 more schools as our partners. One in Rajahmundry and one in Kakinada.

[More pictures of Rajahmundry](#)



**January 29<sup>th</sup> 2016 @ 10am**

Mudinepalle, Krishna Dist, AP

This was our first time annual program in Mudinepalle. We have started with 50 children in 2015 and have increased to 100 children this year because of the good partnership of Vidyanjali School. All of the teachers there are very dedicated in serving less fortunate children for education and we all have felt it so much. Our children are doing very well there and 17 of them have got ranks.

[More pictures of Mudinepalli](#)



**January 29<sup>th</sup> 2016 @ 5pm**

Machilipatnam, Krishna Dist, AP

Dr. Udattu Srinivasa Rao along with his team has coordinated our children program for all of our children in the area at Little Flower School. We are saddened by the departure of the School owner who has been helping us for several years. We are happy to meet our children and their parents.

[More pictures of Machilipatnam](#)



**January 30<sup>th</sup> 2016**

Venkatapalem, Guntur Dist, AP

We are thankful to Mr. Appaji Mannava, the owner of the school who is very generous and compassionate to our 200 children. Mrs. Rani Paruchuri, CEO of Dreamtekis software from Bangalore was our chief guest. She has inspired our children with her true story and strengthened the faith of every girl child that they can do well and come up well in life. [More pictures of Venkatapalem](#)





**January 31<sup>st</sup> 2016**

Vijayawada, Krishna Dist, AP

We had a combined program for our children in 2 schools in the area. St. Thomas English Medium High School, Chittinagar, Vijayawada and New Kennedy English Medium High School, Mangalagiri, Amaravathi. Our event was sponsored by the Rotary Club in Vijayawada at Mamata Hotel. We had many touching experiences during our parents interaction. We also had one of our sponsor's families participate in our program. 12 Boggavarapu Foundation awards were awarded at the event. [More pictures of Vijayawada](#)



**February 1<sup>st</sup> 2016**

Chirala, Prakasham Dist, AP

Mandal Education Officer, Mrs. Visalakshi was our chief guest for our Chirala Uplift a Child annual program attended by 150 of our children and their parents. 24 students were awarded the Boggavarapu Awards who did well at School the previous year. Sonia Cherukuri along with the local volunteers has done a very successful program there.

[More pictures of Chirala](#)



**February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016**

Nizamapatnam, Guntur Dist, AP

Ex-Minister of Andhra Pradesh state, Shri. Mopidevi Venkataramana Rao was our chief guest for our event. Pr. Joseph Kalekuri along with his team has coordinated our program very well. They have celebrated 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Uplift a Child in Nizamapatnam. We have started with 20 children from the Tsunami disaster time and now we have close to 200 children there. Most of them are from fisherman community. We are supporting our children in 7 different schools in Nizamapatnam area. Dr. Heather & Dr. Chris from UK sponsored our event expenses that include food for 500 people and other program expenses. It was a blessed event. [More pictures of Nizamapatnam](#)





**February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016**

Pedalanka, Guntur Dist, AP

A beautiful village in Guntur district, green, clean with a lot of good and innocent people who depend on Agriculture. Most of our children there are agricultural laborers. This was our 9<sup>th</sup> year of our service there and our happy to see our children grow big each year. Swathi School was our partner there doing great service partnering with Uplift a Child. We thank them and thank our local volunteers Mr. Basava Purniah and Radhakrishna Mallepeddi families. [More pictures of Pedalanka](#)



**February 6<sup>th</sup> 2016**

Hyderabad, Telangana

Sandhya Guduri and her family from Hyderabad have completed one year of their service with Uplift a Child. We have started with just 9 children in 2015 at Bharathi Vidhyalaya School and all of them are doing very well with their help. From this year, we will be supporting 100 new children in Hyderabad area. We did not have an annual program but visited our 9 children in Kukatpalli area and inspired the children and parents to do well.



**We are thankful for the following people for their contribution for our annual programs.**

1. We appreciate the generosity of Mr. Sudhakar Kaligiti for sponsoring the complete event photography.
2. We thank Mr. Srihari Rao Bollina, Mr. Roy Prakash Thanukula, Krishna Kishore Parvathaneni, Dr. Ramakrishna Chellikani and Jagan Maddi for providing cars and vehicles for our trip.
3. Our heart-felt thanks to Mr. Krishna Kishore Parvathaneni, Dr. Ramakrishna Chellikani, Mr. Sudhakar Akurathi, Mr. Ramesh Chowdary, Rajashekar Chintamaneni for their generous contributions.
4. Thanks to Dr. Uma Maheswarao Rao (AU Registrar) for giving the Vizag venue free of cost.
5. Thanks to Dadi Veerabhadra Rao (Ex-MLA) for giving the Anakapalle venue free of cost.
6. We thank Mrs. Lakshmi Rotta and her team for coordinating our Anakapalli Annual program.
7. We appreciate the good work of James Immanuel in organizing a successful program at Bobbili along with Mr. Bhaskar Kesavapatnam
8. Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Kalpana Dharani, Mr. Swaroop, Mr. Hari Prasad, Mr. Dharani, Mr. Naveen Gandiboyina, Mr. David Raj Chigurupati, Dr. Lakshmi Kalpana Veerathu, Newton Gandiboyina and all the volunteers who made the Vizag Annual Program a great success.
9. Mr. Immanuel Geddum, Bangaru Laxmi and Mr. & Mrs. Raja Babu Phani for organizing a fantastic event at Tuni.
10. Mr. Naveen Dasari for tremendous job in organizing the Rajahmundry Annual Program
11. Mrs. Sonia Cherukuri and Mrs. Sumathi Yendrapati for coordinating Chirala Annual Program.
12. Pr. Joseph Kalekuri for celebrating 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Uplift a Child Nizamapatnam and thank Drs. Heather & Chris Holliday from UK for sponsoring the entire event.
13. Mr. Basava Purnaiah, Mr. & Mrs. Raja Mallepeddi and Swathi Model School staff for organizing and coordinating Pedalanka Annual Program and making it successful.
14. Mr. Adithya Neeli for bringing all our children from Araku to participate in Vizag Event.
15. Mr. Appaji Mannava, Mr. Naveen Dasari, and Global School Staff for conducting a memorable event at Venkatapalem.
16. Dr. Udattu Srinivas Rao and his team from Machilipatnam for coordinating our event successfully.
17. Mrs. Sandhya and team for organizing a get together at Hyderabad.
18. Thanks to our sponsors who sent gifts to their sponsored children and thanks to many sponsors who contributed towards the success of these programs.
19. Mr. Pattapagalu Venkata Rao & Rotary Club of Rajahmundry for giving Rotary Hall and Mr. Kishore for cooking food in the last minute.
20. Mr. Raju David of St. Thomas EM School, Vijayawada
21. Mrs. & Mr. Aswini Dutt of New Kennedy High School, Mangalagiri
22. Pastor P. David Raju, Volunteer for coordinating Vijayawada AAP.
23. Assam Schools – Thanks to our main coordinator Mrs. & Dr. Raymond - Good Samaritan Adventist English School, Mr. Bhamansing - Zion English School, Mr. Lakhiram - Baby Land English Medium School
24. We are thankful to many of our sponsors who have donated money to provide meals for our children during our Annual Children programs all over India. We had a need every year for 4000 meals. And some of you have donated 10, 100, 200, and 500 meals costing \$2.5 each. Thank you Phanindranath & Seetha Punji, Sudharshan and Prashanthi Chitre, Shally & Joshua Marcoe, Jitendra Kancharapalli, Vikram Madineni, Swetha Kasuba, Niharika Eranki, Shrayanthi Balaji and United Helping Hands





Our staff and volunteer team who travelled to all the locations along with the CEO during the tour  
Raju, Ravi, Neelima, Kalpana, Sam, Naveen, Rashmi, Rajubabu, Anoop, Sampath & Praveen

### OUR CURRENT NEED

**Walkathon 5K** - We are looking for volunteers and groups who can help us in planning and coordinating a Walkathon anywhere in US or other countries

### Education – Sponsor a Child

We have 1000 new children who are currently waiting for help on our website. We will be thankful to you if you can add one more child if your finances permit or introduce to some one who might like to help.

A warm welcome to those who would like to consider Uplift a Child as their favorite charity.

- To select a child: <http://www.upliftachild.org/children.asp>
- **Adopt a child program: To sponsor a child for life-time it costs only US \$3000.**
- It costs only US\$ 150-200 per child, per year (\$50 extra for a mid-day meal) in India, \$200 per child in Nepal and \$100 per child in the Philippines
- It costs only US \$ 600 per child for hostel.
- You are welcome to make one-time donation through our website.
- We are a 501(c) (3) tax exempt approved by IRS (US government)
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