



PHOTOS: AT CHILDRENS HOMES

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2019: a year of growth

As 2020 starts, the Hope Foundation team would like to thank you for your commitment to our mission throughout the past year, as we continue to focus on helping our people take steps along the path to being independent members of society who contribute to the community.

In addition to our work in child development and providing training to women, this year we have also been exploring a new area for engagement: providing assistance to help people start small scale businesses. We have also supported additional people through one time donations that have helped defray hospitalization costs and medical needs as well as providing school supplies for 61 children.

Children's Homes: We care for a total of fifty four (54) children at the end of 2019, with twenty nine (29) girls residing at Kolar Children's Home and twenty five (25) boys residing at Bangalore Children's Home. We continue to provide complete care for them and are staying focused on providing support till they become independent adults. As our children grow through their teen years into young adulthood, we are learning new lessons in how to motivate, discipline, educate and guide them to achieve their full potential. 2019 was an important year for us, with 17 new children added to our homes, including multiple children that have been placed in our care through government agencies looking for a safe place for these children.

Higher Education: Seven of our children are pursuing their undergraduate studies: two are doing Nursing, two are doing Accountancy and Commerce, one is studying Computer Science and two more are getting their Bachelor's degrees in the Arts. This year three girls will be appearing for their high school (12th grade) finals. All three of them are doing well in their studies and will need our assistance to pursue their undergraduate studies. Two of them want to do Nursing and one wants to study Bachelor's in Computer Applications. We are actively seeking sponsors for their higher education expenses and we strongly believe that a college degree is a valuable investment in our children's future so that they would be able to join the work force in a few years.

Community integration: Children who have reached 18 years are moved to a newly built second floor of the girl's home. They live under the care of the house warden, but have the opportunity to experience more independence and responsibility for their lives, including cooking their own meals and managing their time.

Kolar Girls Home: Six girls were newly admitted to the home this year. All our children study in a nearby school, where we have been given a substantial discount for fees. World Possible (offline educational tools) were provided this year to enhance their studies through computers.



Bangalore Boys Home: Eleven new boys joined us this year. We provide special tuition to improve their academic studies, as well as in music and computers. World Possible has also been deployed here to enhance their studies.





PHOTO: AT ONE OF OUR TAILORING CENTERS

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Women's Tailoring: In 2019 we touched the lives of about 100 poor women, by providing a sewing machine to 22 women and providing training to 80 women by teaching tailoring so they could make a living. As of today, we run 5 training centers in different locations. We believe that this training would be effective in helping poor women in rural areas establish a source of income that they can use to provide for their families.

New Programs: We are continuously looking for new ways we can provide help to the needy, and a potential area we are looking to enter is in providing assistance to people in start small businesses. Part of this has been an outgrowth of our women's tailoring program, as we have provided support to a small group of women to start a tailoring shop, which is working well. We will be looking at other potential small business areas, as we think they could also be opportunities for some of our children to find ways to become financially independent. We will be conducting more pilot projects in this area in 2020.

2020 Goals: We are excited to see what is in store for us in 2020. We know we will face challenges to overcome, have many joyful moments, and experience times when the work seems never-ending. Your efforts and support make a vital difference to us as a team, as well as the numerous lives that depend on your contributions. Once again, we would like to thank you for your partnership with us in this journey.

There are more orphans in India than in the combined populations of the top 15 cities in the US.

