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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dear CRY America Supporter,

Every child has the potential to shine, and with your support, children have been empowered to reach their potential. Thank you for supporting CRY America and ensuring happier childhoods for children in India and the USA.

You have helped transform the lives of 695,077 children through your generous donations and dedicated volunteer support. 690,513 children are going to school, 211,726 children have been immunized, 116,026 births have been registered, 1,213 government schools have been activated and strengthened, 2,284 children's collectives strengthened and 2,428 villages and slums are child labor free today!

This booklet covers the story of several shining stars: Naveen who has won a national award for his science invention after being re-enrolled into school, Revathi influences other girls to go to school and has now become a role model for girls in her village, and Kazal who was rescued from child labor is a kungfu gold medalist and successfully studying in Grade 12!

It is stories like these that reinforce our faith in the power of collective action for children. The tireless efforts of our project partners, donors, volunteers, staff and media supporters have made hundreds of such stories come true.

It is YOUR support that gives us the strength to keep going in our endeavor of ensuring lasting change for children.

With faith and goodwill,

Shefali Sunderlal,
President, CRY America

WHO ARE WE AND WHAT WE DO

ABOUT CRY AMERICA

CRY America is a 501(c)(3) non-profit driven by its vision of a just world in which all children have an equal opportunity to develop to their full potential and realize their dreams. Your involvement and views are important to helping us ensure that the rights of underprivileged children are protected and honored. CRY America believes that it is possible to ensure lasting change for children and we ensure that children are restored their basic right to education, healthcare and are protected from child marriage and abuse.

CRY America supports projects that empower communities to ensure the best interests of the children in India and USA with the relentless support of our donors and volunteers.

VISION

A happy, healthy and creative child whose rights are protected and honored in a society that is built on respect for dignity, justice, and equity for all.

MISSION

To enable people to take responsibility for the situation of underprivileged children, especially Indian, and so motivate them to seek resolution through individual and collective action - thereby enabling children to realize their full potential, and people to discover their potential for action and change.







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births registered



211,726
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695,077
children impacted



2,428
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690,513
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into public schools



YOU'VE HELPED US MAKE THIS **IMPACT POSSIBLE**

(2004-2017)



2,284

children's groups
formed / strengthened



3,676

villages impacted



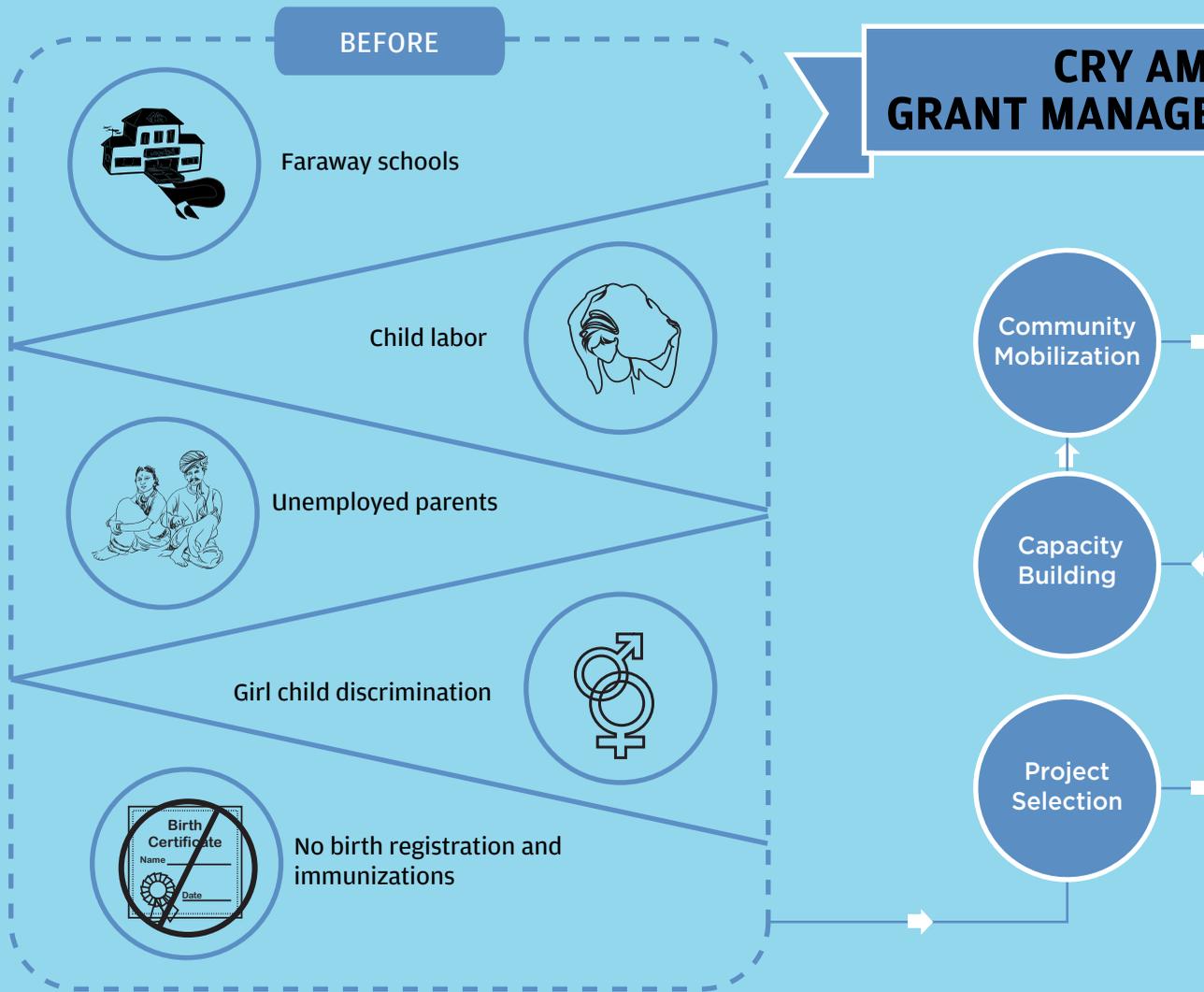
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government schools
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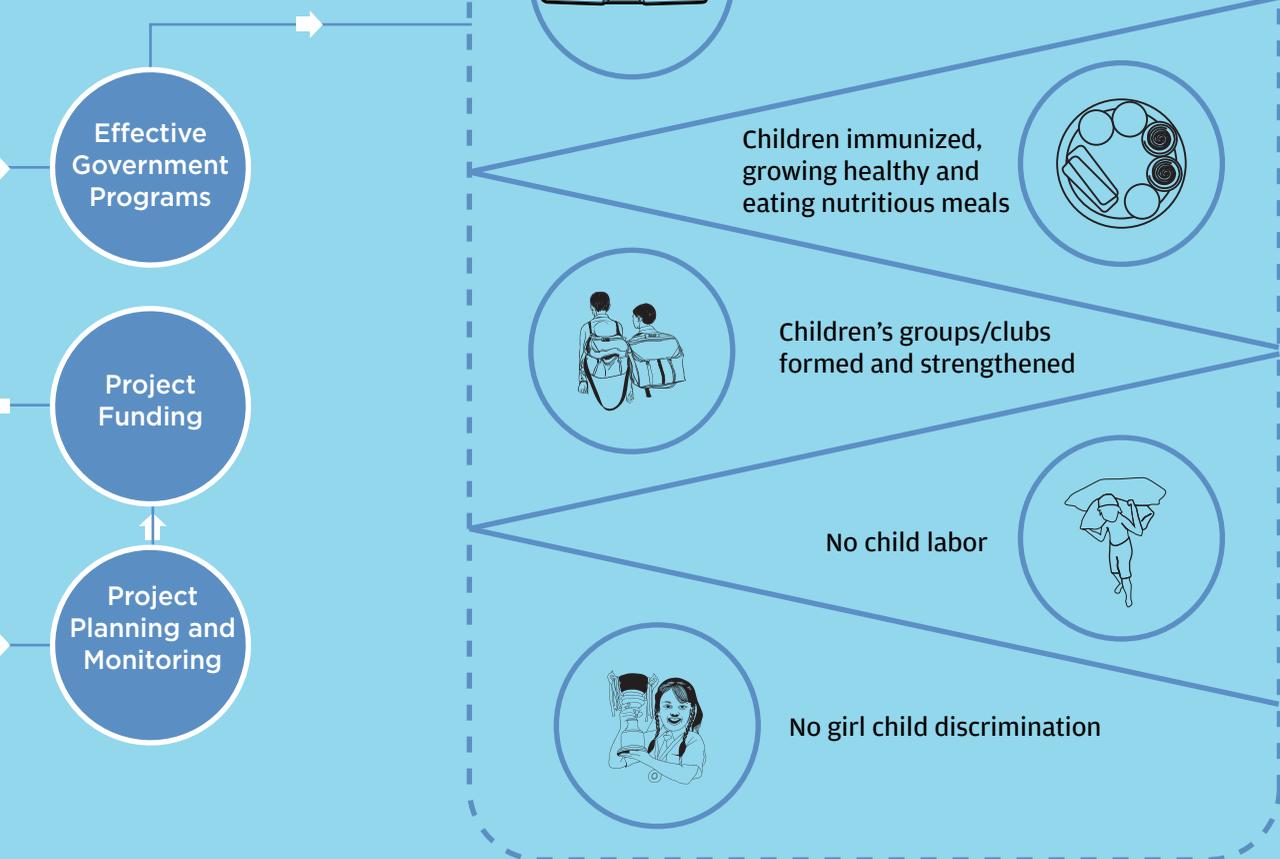
projects impacted



For many children in India the reality of childhood is very different. CRY America's work in restoring healthcare becomes a reality, addressing the issue of child labor, preventing child marriage and child

CRY America's Grant Process	Project Selection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Sound vision and commitment to underprivileged children ➔ Social justice rather than more charity ➔ Holistic approach 	Project Planning and Monitoring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Detailed planning and budget support ➔ Project visits by professionals to assess progress against plans ➔ Annual evaluation, plans and budgets for the next grant period 	Project Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Financial support basis plans and community needs
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AMERICA'S IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS



The rights of underprivileged children ranges from making schools function better, ensuring trafficking and giving girls equal opportunities.



Capacity Building

- ➔ Perspective building on child rights
- ➔ Program development, training and information support

Community Mobilization

- ➔ Community awareness and action to collectively address their issues

Effective Government Programs

- ➔ Pressurize government agencies to implement effective programs

Access to education and community health services such as maternal and child health

WE ARE NOW GUIDESTAR PLATINUM!



CRY America had a great start to the year and is happy to share that we have earned the 2018 Platinum Seal of Transparency on @GuideStarUSA.

GuideStar is the world's largest platform for information on nonprofit organization. It helps people make decisions about nonprofits and the work they do.

GuideStar gathers, organizes, and distributes information about US nonprofits. They rate organizations beyond just the financials and looks at issues like transparency, accountability, strategies and the impact the organization is making in the field.

CRY APPEARING IN ICSE & CBSE SCHOOL BOOKS



Child Rights and You (CRY) is an organization that believes that children are citizens and they have their own rights. At CRY, they do not believe in charity. Nor do they run schools or orphanages. Instead, they partner some basic level organisations working for children, their parents and communities. CRY's role is that of a bridge between child developmental organisations and people working for marginalised children. They gather the support, money and time of the Indians around the world and thousands of field workers across India who struggle to enrich the lives of children. CRY has freed more than 1 lakh children from hunger, exploitation and illiteracy in more than 13000 villages and slums. The organization has successfully prevented child labour in 648 villages across the nation and liberated 1152 villages from child marriages. It also has 21,676 out of school children in its account who have now joined schools. These children are into their childhood with all due opportunities of life.

We are so happy to share with you that CRY has been mentioned in the Grade 8 history book of ICSE & Grade 6 Social Science book for CBSE in the school system of India.

OUR PARTNER

CRY INDIA HONORED

The Elders, a global organization founded by Nelson Mandela, celebrated CRY's inspirational work by featuring CRY as one of their 100 Sparks of Hope in their #WalkTogether campaign.

CRY America supported Project Kotra Adivasi Sansthan from Rajasthan was featured on their website to celebrate the spirit of global change and Nelson Mandela's 100th anniversary.

Thanks to the support of our donors and volunteers we have achieved numerous milestones this year, but there is still a long way to go.



CRY AMERICA PROJECT - PRAYATN SANSTHAN

PROJECT PRAYATN IMPACT

- 5,837 children impacted
- 30 children's group formed/strengthened
- 577 birth registrations
- 225 children immunized



CRY America supported project - Prayatn Sansthan was founded in 1992 by Malay Kumar. Prayatn is an organization that is committed to working not only on issues of women and children empowerment but also on community development as a whole.

Prayatn is recognized as a leading organization working on child rights issues with a special focus on health and nutrition. The Project covers 30 villages under Shahabad block of Baran district in Rajasthan, India. Baran is the only district in Rajasthan which has majority of Saharia population (a primitive vulnerable tribal group), where the child health and nutrition scenario in the intervention areas is abysmally very poor.

CRY America supports Prayatn to address health, education and nutrition related issues of children through community meetings, awareness drives and formation of community member committees to monitor services. Prayatn also works directly at the grassroots conducting research, networking with stakeholders and lobbying and advocacy with government.

YOU have given Ama a healthy start to life!

Two-year-old Ama was severely malnourished but her parents were totally unaware about her situation or the effect, that malnourishment has on a child's overall development.

It was only when Mukesh, Ama's father, attended one of the community meetings organized by CRY America supported Project Prayatn on the various issues of health and nutrition, did he realize that his daughter was severely malnourished.

The community members along with the team of Prayatn then advised him to take Ama to the malnutrition treatment center, followed by regular home visit to monitor her growth. Ama is now receiving proper care and nutrition at the malnutrition centre. She is on her way to living a happy and healthy life.

Ama's father has now become an active member of the community collective and often shares his experience with others so that they realize the importance of addressing the issue of malnutrition amongst children early on.

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We Walk, Children Progress! CRY Walk 2018 in Houston

Published: October 4, 2018

CRY Walk 2018 was a successful event in Houston, Texas, with over 2,000 participants. The event was organized by CRY America and supported by the Indo American News community. The walk was held in support of children's rights and awareness.

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Bayou City Shows its Big Heart for Children's Rights in India

Bayou City, Texas, recently held a fundraising event in support of children's rights in India. The event, titled 'Bayou City Shows its Big Heart for Children's Rights in India', was a success, raising funds for the organization's initiatives.



THE REPORTER

2,000 attend Holi Festival in Bellevue | Photos

Funds received from the event will send underserved children in India to school.

Approximately 2,000 attended the Holi festival in Bellevue this year.

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THE COMMUNITY FIRST

CRY'S BOLLYWOOD BASH TO RAISE FUNDS FOR KIDS

CRY Chicago's Bollywood Bash & Socials held on the premises of Lincoln City of Winnetka on April 13, in its fundraising event, raised over \$100,000 for the organization's initiatives.

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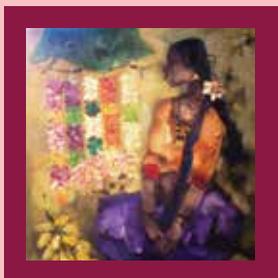
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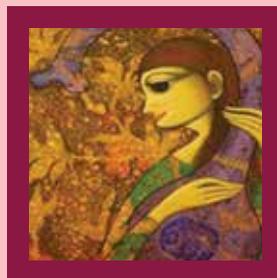
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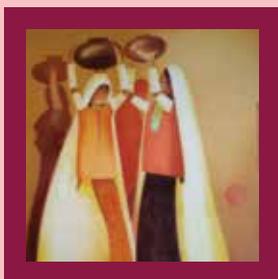
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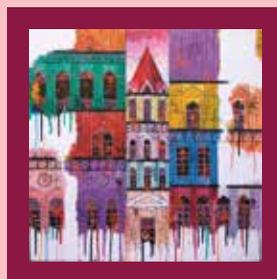
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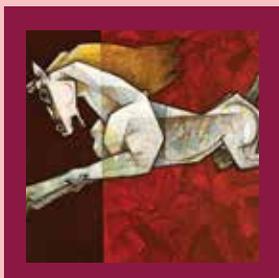
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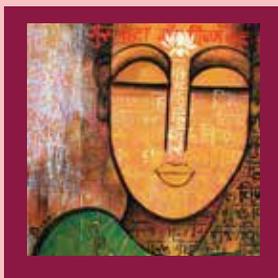
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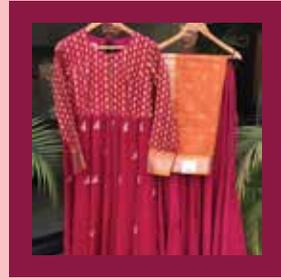
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SAN DIEGO VOYAGER TALKS TO CRY VOLUNTEERS ABOUT VOLUNTEERING

San Diego Voyager, March 8th

So, before we jump into specific questions about the business, why don't you give us some details about you and your story?

Karishma, Action Center Lead, CRY San Diego: I moved to San Diego in 2012. I heard about CRY Holi, a color festival, that happens in March and tagged along with my sister to the event. There, I was in awe of the event which very few volunteers managed to beautifully execute. An event where I had absolute fun, where the San Diego community came together, where selfless volunteers spent hours of their time ensuring the event goes smoothly, was ultimately about raising funds for child rights! I joined immediately. Through CRY, I am able to set aside time to do real work that helps others as well as interact with motivated volunteers, create partnerships with helpful businesses and organize grand events!

Edward, Director, Volunteer Action, CRY America: Well, it all started at an event organized by volunteers to raise funds for CRY America. Children who are born into conditions that keep them from realizing their full potential is such an injustice.

The reputation of the nonprofit that works for the underprivileged children, the logistics of how they implement sustainable change, and my own interest in doing something fun and useful outside of my regular work, fueled me to start the San Diego action center. Now we are a thriving action center that raises \$50,000 to \$70,000 every year for Child Rights by holding events in the community.

Overall, has it been relatively smooth? If not, what were some of the struggles along the way?

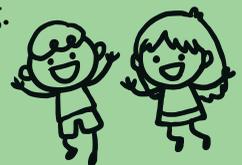
Volunteering is time spent doing work voluntarily. We get a mix of volunteers some with an intrinsic desire to better society, some to meet and socialize with others and some that are interested in planning events. The common denominator between all of us; however, is that in some way, we are taking a step forward to aid



underprivileged children who need our help. That being said, as this is purely voluntary, it does come with some hiccups. We have had moments when it was just a few of us standing wondering what we can do if we should just give up. And there are times when on the day of an event, something goes drastically wrong but the manpower wasn't there to clean things up. But through all this, we have persevered and focused on building back the volunteer teams.

We take pride in putting together well-organized events which has gained a reputation in the community as the events to go to. Our popular events in San Diego are the Kite Festival, Holi (Color Festival), Cricket Tournament, Volleyball Tournament and the Walk/Run for Child Rights.

In a fully volunteer-run organization, volunteer churn is to be expected. Volunteers are beholden by their personal commitment, and accountability and nothing else. But life happens. Volunteers decide to take a break for various reasons. If a volunteer leader stops doing what they are doing, then someone else who is standing back has to pick that work up, to keep things functioning.



CRY GALA DINNERS 2018

CRY Gala Dinner @ Seattle: Uphaar 2018



Uphaar 2018 was organized on the 75th floor of the exquisite Columbia Towers on March 24th in Seattle it was a grand event with a turnout of 150 guests who donated generously and raised \$175,000 for happier childhoods! The evening included speakers Dona Sarkar and CRY Project Partner Malay Kumar; a magic show and an auction with beautiful paintings, designer outfits and jewellery.

A big thank you goes out to our Seattle event sponsors, donors and volunteers: Jigar Thakkar and Sangeeta Mudnal, Usha and Prakash Rao, Anu and Naveen Jain, Rajesh and Prachi Munshi, Raja Venugopal and Madhu Gadde, Gurdeep Singh, Jigar Shah, Hemant and Geeta Vyas, Sunil and Nehal Shah, Shammi and Shahina Banthanavasi, Akhtar and Alka Badshah, Vijay and Sita Vashee, Murali and Mythli Narayanan, Nitya Gupta and Sachit Muckaden, Yogita Manghnani and Paresh Mundade.

CRY Gala Dinner @ New Jersey: Pledge 2018

Our New Jersey Gala Dinner, Pledge 2018 was hosted for the very first time on March 16th at Crystal Plaza in Livingston, New Jersey. The evening was attended by 210 guests. The Speakers for the evening included Hoboken Mayor Ravi Bhalla, CRY America President Shefali Sunderlal and CRY Project Prayatn Partner Malay Kumar. The event featured an exciting fashion show called “Walking the Ramp for Child Rights” in which 8 couples walked the ramp in traditional costumes of India which was a huge success! The auction items that were popular included paintings donated by noted Indian artists Ramkumar, JMS Mani, Badri Narayan and jewelry donated by Rosentique, Kareena Nahar and Amrapali. The event raised \$108,000 that will be directed to Projects for underprivileged children!



A big thank you goes out to our CRY NJ Dinner Committee, donors and event sponsors: Rupal and Harsh Patil, Satwant Narula, Roopam and Sanjeev Jain, Anita and Ajay Agarwal, Shefali and Sumit Salwan, Reena and Samir Mathur, Prafulla and Supriya Nabar, Sunil Bagaria, Jayshree and Roger Sawhney, Kajal and Mahesh Sinkar, Sumit Ganghuli, Natasha and Mayur Somaiya, Shikha and Mohit Bhatia, Prathi Reddy, Joyee Deb, Puneeta Kalra, Jayen and Sonia Palekar, Archana and Dr. Sanjiv Sharma of AMRINJ, Kamal and Kiran Arora of Arora Hospitality, Tamara Harris, Scott and Wendy Newman, Anupam Yadav, Sandeep and Nilima Jain, Seema Jagtiani and Farmers Insurance, BCB/Indus American Bank, Raj Jewels, DJ Sunny Patel, and Sessions with Ravi.

CRY Young Professionals' Mixer @ New York

CRY America held its 1st Young Professionals Mixer on May 1st at Aroqa in New York City. The 30 guests mingled and made bids for some exciting auction items. The guests met with Project Dr. Shambhunath Singh Research Foundation's (SRF), Director Dr Rolee Singh. In small groups, they learned about the work being done in the field with children in child labor, marriage and prostitution. The guests were also treated to scrumptious snacks at Aroqa and danced the night away to the tantalizing beats of the ever popular DJ Sharad! A big thank you goes out to Gaurav Anand of Aroqa, Radhika Chinai of 321 Chillz and Neeti Desai.



CRY Gala Dinner @ Bay Area: Pledge 2018

Pledge 2018, CRY America's 2nd gala dinner in the Bay Area was held on May 5th at the Crowne Plaza, Milpitas. The event was attended by 100 guests and raised \$90,000! Speakers included celebrity Abhay Deol, CRY America President Shefali Sunderlal and Project SSRF Director (Dr. Shambhunath Singh Research tFoundation) Dr Rolee Singh. The evening included cocktails, auctions, music, dancing, and dinner catered by Amber India, NKD Arts and DJ Manj entertained the guests with lively Bollywood music and dancing.



A big Thank you goes out to our event sponsors and donors K.D. Jewelry, TV Asia, India West, Arti Kulkarni and Ketan Duvedi, Sujay Saha and Sushmita Pilaka, Pooja and Vinod Rajani, Nisha Darmani and Sid Yenamandra, Revathy and Amit Duvedi, Kiran Mantripragada and Murthy Pappu , Renu and Chaitanya Upadhyay, Vaishali Kartik & Kartik Paramasivam, Kavitha and Sunder Raman, Anuya and Prasad Reddy, Shashank Shekhar, Sarika and Ameya Limaye, Meghana and Vinay Patwardhan, Mohini Borgaonkar, Dr. Vijaya Tangella and Dr. Madhu Kris from The Kris Foundation

CRY Gala Dinner @ San Diego: Utsav 2018



Utsav 2018, CRY America's 1st gala dinner in San Diego was held on May 6th at the San Diego Marriott in La Jolla. Guests were treated to Odissi dance performances by Sri Rajesh Kumar Palai and Laboni Patnaik and songs by classical vocalist Sailsi Oak. Speakers included Celebrity Abhay Deol, CRY America President Shefali Sunderlal and Project SSRF Director (Dr. Shambhunath Singh Research Foundation) Dr Rolee Singh. Over 120 guests attended and raised \$60,000 for child rights!

A big thank you to our event donors and supporters: Bob and Coco Barnum, Percy Presswala, Laura Vasquez, Edward and Jyoti Remias, Susmita Thukral and Guru Chinnabhandar, Leana Ahmed, Manali Holankar, Sonali Soni, Alka Rao, Mamta Chinnappa, Raj Malli, Rashmi Char, Meenakshi Jain, Dolly Bakshai, Hetal Hosalkar, Sanjay Singhal, Arvinda Kunduru, Ruchika Pandey, Neera Grover, Mansi Shah, Anna and Zubin Fitter, Govind Shah, Manoj Chawla, Amit and Meenal Chakradeo.

CRY Gala Dinner @ Houston: Pledge 2018



Pledge 2018 at Houston was held at Sweetwater Country Club on May 4th. Speakers included celebrity Abhay Deol, CRY America President Shefali Sunderlal and Project SSRF (Dr. Shambhunath Singh Research Foundation), Dr Rolee Singh. The auction was a big hit, highlighted by outfits donated by Abu Jani-Sandeep Khosla and Deepali Shah, jewelry donated by Aquamarine & Isharya, a guitar signed by Paul McCartney and a Darth Vader helmet signed by the cast of Star Wars! The 180 guests were treated to a live musical and dance performances by Oliver Rajamani and a flamenco dancer! The event raised \$85,000 for the benefit of children.

A big Thank you to our event sponsors and major gift donors, Juuhi and Prakash Ahuja, Lalitha and Nidhi Trehan, Dharam and Priya Bali, Hasu Patel, Dr. Dominic Sreshta, Rick Pal, Chetan Patel, Dina Patel, Dr. Tina Pariani, Geeta and Bala Balachandran, Anish Chavda, Swapnil Agarwal, Jagat Kamdar, Abiya Malhotra, Aji Varghese, Rekha Nair, Shawn Karande, Preet Munday, Mahesh Puducheri, Govind and Narain Kamnani, Bal Sareen, Anand and Dr. Ashima Chauhan, Paul Likhari, Murali Santhana Photography, Meena Datt Radio, Pradeep Gokhale, Minu Bali, Radio Dabang, Vantive Inc, Wise Men, Object Win, Amit Jain and Asheeth Yagnik of Wells Fargo Advisors.



CRY AMERICA PROJECT- PEOPLES ORGANISATION FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (PORD)

PROJECT PORD IMPACT

- 7,071 children impacted
- 49 birth registrations
- 79 children's group formed/strengthened
- 28 children removed from labor



CRY America supported project - PORD was founded in 1992 by Mrs. J. Lalithamma. PORD is an organization with an objective to build awareness among dalits and to work for sustainable development, with a key focus on education.

Project PORD's activities are spread across Thamballapalle Mandal, in the Chittoor district in Andhra Pradesh, which is an underdeveloped area and The situation of dalits and tribals (especially women and children) is extremely poor.

CRY America supports PORD to effectively promote child rights in the rural and urban areas of the two blocks. The PORD team strategically uses cultural events as a medium in sensitization of community and parents, to bring changes in behaviour, attitude, and practices in stakeholders.

PORD also has a strong focus on advocacy and it has developed a rapport with many district level government departments / committees CWC (Child Welfare Committee), District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Police Department, Judiciary Department and Labor Department for the protection of the rights of children in the community.

YOU have empowered Revathi to become a fierce Child Rights Ambassador!

Revathi and her sister came to Madanapalle town from Divitivaripalle village in the neighbouring Mandal, in Andhra Pradesh, to live with their grandparents and continue secondary education as their village did not have a secondary school.

Revathi was in class 8 when she learnt about CRY America supported project, PORD (People's Organisation for Rural Development). As part of their door-to-door campaign, they invited her to join the children's collective in the colony too. Though her grandparents were reluctant to let her join the children's collective, they eventually agreed.

Once she joined the collective Revathi said, "I made sure I participated in every possible activity of the child collective. I found my calling when I learnt about child rights. It gave me a means to deal with the problem of child rights abuse which was all around me in the slum. I now had a tool to act on it. The vulnerability and innocence of children moved me. I thus decided to spread awareness about child rights and mechanisms to protect them."

Her enthusiasm for learning gave her great success. In two years, she started participating in capacity building programs and with confidence, she started spreading the message of child rights. Looking at her involvement and potential, she was made the Secretary of the Child Collective. She then started visiting several schools to speak about child rights.

Revathi has a special spark in her and is extremely motivated to work for children. She has now become a role model in the community. As an ambassador of child rights, she is an inspiration for several other children too.

CRY HOLI 2018

CRY Holi @ Seattle

On a beautiful sunny day on March 3 at the Bellevue Downtown Park, our Seattle AC once again pulled off an amazing Holi event with over 2,200 participants. The event raised \$25,000 in revenue! People of all ages came together to celebrate a colorful event with lots of dancing, fun, games food, and a live DJ. The excitement continued for many hours with the DJ music. A big thank you to our Seattle donors and event sponsors. Full Circle, Sunayna Real Estate Agent for putting in such good energy and making this event so great year after year!



CRY Holi @ San Diego

San Diego Action Center organized an amazing Holi this year on March 3 at the Hourglass Field, Miramar College! With an amazing turnout and skies that cleared up after the morning rain, 2,500 event attendees had a fun time with colors, dancing and food. The event raised \$29,000 in revenue! We thank all our event attendees and sponsors C2 Financial Corporation, Joseph Chacko, Malaika Boutique, Dakshin Indian Restaurant, Soft Clouds, KPBS, Rasraj, Annapurna Indian Cuisine, Varanda Flavors of India, JK Pillai



Realtor and Transamerica Financial Advisors. This hugely successful event would not have been possible without the hard work of our awesome CRY San Diego volunteer team led by Bharath and Karishma, to whom we are ever grateful!



CRY Holi @ San Antonio

San Antonio AC organized their first Holi event on February 18 at the IASA Community Center which was a huge success, with 130 participants and \$4,720 in revenues, the event spread a lot of cheer around with kids activities, T-shirt painting, D-I-Y crafts, CRY Champion Wall and Photo Booth, playing with colors, and yummy snacks from our food vendors. Our San Antonio AC team under the leadership of Sudha Sundaram spearheaded an amazing Holi event for the community! A huge thank you to our event participants and sponsors, Kalalaya Indian Performing Arts, H-E-B, Guru Dr. Sreedhara Akkihebbalu and Usha Bulusu (Kaveri Natya Yoga), Dr. Rajam Ramamurthy (Arathi School of Dance), Himalayan Bazar, Alibaba International Food Market Inc., Mustafa Grocery, KnockerBall 210, Altitude Trampoline Park, D-I-Y and Crafts, Dr. Venkat Srinivasan, San Antonio Tamil Sangam & Royal Cuisine for their support. A shout out to our volunteers who did a wonderful job organizing this event!



CRY Holi @ Orange County

A big thank you to our amazing Orange County AC volunteer team led by Percy Presswala for organizing a very successful and fun Holi event on March 4 at the Bolsa Chica Beach! It was a warm sunny day and everyone enjoyed good food, music, family, friends and color! The event raised \$4,000 in revenue! The 500 attendees truly enjoyed the CRY Holi event and danced the day away! We thank our event sponsors Fusion Sounds, Tandoori Garden and Urbanite Media for their support.



CRY Holi @ Atlanta

Atlanta Action Center led by father daughter duo, Anurag and Mehak Jain organized their 4th Holi event with 350 people on March 17 at the Shakerag Park! The fun of colors, dancing, food, auctions and games were a great success, despite some rain. The event raised \$7,000 in revenue! A shout out to Mehak for being the top student fundraiser at \$2,525! Thank you to our event participants, sponsors and donors for an awesome event! Thank you also goes out to our amazing student volunteers led by Mehak and Anurag Jain for organizing a very successful CRY Holi!



CRY Holi @ Austin

Austin AC's first CRY Holi and Kite event on March 17 led by Vijaya Vavilikolanu and Raga Chandra was filled with fun, laughter, games and lots of dancing along with kites and colors! A beautiful day with family and friends at the IMT Soccer Field proved to be a great avenue to spread awareness about CRY America among the 250 attendees who raised \$2,342 for children. We appreciate the efforts of all of our wonderful volunteers and donors for ensuring a successful event. A big thank you to our event sponsors Big Bazar, APNRT, DJ Kumar, Monsoon Dance, Camp Cyan, Trinity Texas Realty, Learning Star Academy and New York Life for their support.



CRY CRICKET 2018

CRYKET @ New York

New York AC hosted its 10th annual CRYket tournament on June 16 at the Van Cortlandt Park. To celebrate its 10th year, the 16 teams were joined by star players from the US Women's Cricket Team, an umpire from Mumbai Cricket Association and one of the eldest players from the NJ Cricket League. The final match was between Infosys and Hicksville Cricket Club. Congratulations to the HCC for winning the tournament. It was truly an amazing event where families, children and students came together for this one-day event. The event raised over \$10,000 for happier childhoods! We thank our event sponsors Infosys, DTCC, Capgemini, Birlasoft, Sol Trading and TV Asia for their support.



CRYKET @ San Antonio

CRYket 2018 in San Antonio spanned 5 days with 10 teams sweating it out at the Tom Slick Park on May 5th - raising \$4,734 to support happy childhoods. The theme for the event was "We are the change! We are CRYket champions!". Congratulations to Team Risers who won the trophy after a hard fought final match with Team Rebels. The first CRYket in San Antonio was supported by event sponsors Dr. Venkat Srinivasan, the San Antonio Tamil Sangam (SATS) and Royal Cuisine.



CRYKET @ San Diego



CRYket 2018 in San Diego was a truly spectacular tournament this year! It featured 19 teams with approximately 200 cricketers! This is the biggest number of teams ever hosted by San Diego. The final match between the Panthers and Makkar Boyz was exciting with the Panthers being the winning team! The event was held on June 23 at the Walker Wangenheim School Park. With the help of funds generated through registrations and sponsors, the event raised \$5,000 for children's rights. Thank you to our event sponsors Miramar Cash and Carry, Varanda Restaurant, SoftClouds, Minuteman Press (Carmel Mountain) and the San Diego Cricket Association (SDCA) for their support.



CRYKET @ Boston



Boston AC organized a very successful four day CRYket event on May 5, 6, 12 and 13 at the Nelson Park, Plymouth, MA. A total of 9 teams participated and each team created their own fundraising page to raise funds for child rights. The final match between Ravishing Willows and the Boston Blues was nail biting, with the Ravishing Willows being declared the winners! With their tremendous fundraising efforts and great energy for the game, a total of \$15,000 was raised for children's rights. Thank you to our event sponsors, New England Kids, Orange Leaf, Canton, Paradise Biryani, Cric Max New England, Sova K Sharma, Kumon Ashland and Vijaya Yelchuru, Real Estate Agent.



CRY WALK FOR CHILD RIGHTS 2018



The CRY Walk for Child Rights was held across 15 cities in the US. Thank you to our event sponsors TV Asia, Star TV, India West, Air India, Shani International, Anupam Yadav, Indus American Bank, Patel Brothers. A big thank you also goes out to our event donors, fundraisers and team leaders who played a vital role in making this event a success. A huge round of applause for our volunteers who spent countless hours organizing the on ground events and online fundraising efforts. Read about the event across each city!



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ORANGE COUNTY



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HOUSTON



AUSTIN



CRY Walk @ New York

New York Action Center held their CRY Walk on Saturday, September 8th along the Hudson River in beautiful Riverside Park. The event was attended by 50 participants and raised \$11,050, under the leadership of Kinnery Mehta and Chandni Gandhi. Thank you to the Bryant Park Jugglers, Kalyanji Entertainment and Bolly X and all our student volunteers for their support. Congratulations to Kinnery Mehta for being our top NY fundraiser at \$2,000. The event included a 5k run and walk, food, prizes and T-shirts for all participants! A big Thank you also goes out to Anupam Yadav for his generous donation of \$5,000.

CRY Walk @ New Jersey

New Jersey Action Center held their Walk on Sunday, September 16th at the Roosevelt Park in Edison. 40 participants enjoyed a beautiful day with a 5k walk around the lake and helped themselves to yummy snacks. Top fundraisers & kid participants received medals and trophies! Thank you to our media sponsor TV Asia for attending and providing coverage of the Walk. Our student volunteer, Ishaan Gunjati, raised \$300 for the event and shared his experience about CRY Project Margadarshi that he had recently visited in Belgaum, Karnataka. We thank our event sponsors BCB Indus American Bank and SecurView for their support. Congratulations to our top NJ fundraisers Monica Kharkar, Shikha Bhatia, Manish Agrawal and Patrick Bocco for going the extra mile to raise resources for children. The event raised \$20,250 under the leadership of our new AC Leader Manish Agrawal.

CRY Walk @ Chicago

After a 3 year break, the Chicago Action Center organized their CRY Walk event on September 15th at the Busse Woods. 50 participants attended the event which raised \$3,163 under the leadership of Avani Shah and Kushal Prajapati. The day consisted of a 5k walk along with food, t-shirts and fun activities such as henna, a watermelon eating contest, musical chairs and a lemon race. We thank our event sponsors, Patel Brothers, Kathryn Nash and Cognizant for their generous support.

CRY Walk @ Tamu

Our student volunteers organized the CRY Walk on campus at Texas A&M University on December 1st, 2018. The Walk Lead, Ambeka Rajvanshi, along with student volunteers planned for a holiday themed run and participants enjoyed hot cocoa, snacks, and t-shirts on the event day.

CRY Walk @ Boston

Boston AC organized the CRY Walk on September 16th at the Chestnut Hill Reservoir Trail on a beautiful sunny day. The team raised \$6,770 for child rights under the leadership of Sriram Narayan and Sanjay Yengul. The event included a 5k walk around the scenic lake, snacks and t-shirts for all participants. Congratulations to Ram Cherukuri, Harshita Deshpande and Sanjay Yengul for being our top Boston fundraisers. 7 year old Mihika and 9 year old Illari recruited new volunteers and raised \$260 through their onsite lemonade stand!

CRY Walk @ Orange County

The Orange County AC held their CRY Walk on September 23 at the Carbon Canyon Regional Park. The sunny day began with a yoga warm-up, followed by the 5k and 10k hike along the beautiful trail and ended with a relaxing game of volleyball and snacks. The student volunteers brought with them great energy. 25 participants and 4 fundraisers collected \$1,953 for the cause under the leadership of Laura Vasquez and Percy Presswala. Congratulations to Anna Fitter and Laura Vasquez for being our top fundraisers. Thank you to our event sponsors Tandoori Garden, Fusion Sounds and Urbanite Media.

CRY Walk @ Houston

The Houston AC held their CRY Walk on September 29 at the Lost Creek Park. Despite heavy rains in the morning, 125 participants showed up and the event raised over \$4,655 under the leadership of Dina Patel. Both adults and children engaged in fun activities such as a Bollywood warm up, music, games, dance performances, raffle prizes and more. Congratulations to Rekha Nair, Dina Patel and Dharam Bali for being our top Houston fundraisers. A big thank you to our event sponsors, the Gujarati Samaj of Houston, Wise Men, Vantive Inc, Indo-American News, Radio Dabang 99.5 FM, Meena Datt Radio, Sage Productions and Bollywood Shake. Yummy food was plentiful throughout the event which was donated by Deep Foods, Aling's Chinese Cuisine, Bhojan, Madras Pavilion, Great W'kana Cafe and Nirmanz Food Boutique. A special shout out also goes out to our dedicated volunteers, fundraisers and team leaders who have relentlessly worked to organize this successful event.



CRY Walk @ San Diego

The San Diego AC had their 10th Annual CRY Walk on September 30th at the Crown Point Park in Mission Bay. The event had 75 participants and raised \$10,741 led by Sachin Gupta. Congratulations to Sushmita Thukral, Edward Remias and Samyuktha Kashinath for being our top fundraisers! The event was enjoyed by both kids and adults with activities like a lemon race, watermelon eating contest, face painting, tug-of-war, photo booth, raffles and more. A huge thank you to our generous sponsors, Miramar Cash and Carry, SoftClouds LLC, Sweet Love Designs, Beauty by Dolly, Kumon, Krys Kreations, Reena Threading Center, Vivekananda Yoga, Alvarado Institute of Skin Care and eLiveLife.com. A shout out to all our volunteers for making this such a successful event for children's rights!

CRY Walk @ Raleigh

Our CRY Raleigh Student AC organised a fun walk on October 7th at the Morrisville Community Park led by Pavan Devarasetty. 70 participants enjoyed a 3k walk in the park along with a dance warm-up, soccer, yummy refreshments and CRY t-shirts. Congratulations to Radhika Pal for being our top fundraiser. Thank you to our walkers, fundraisers, donors and amazing student volunteers for organizing a successful event which raised \$2,481 for children's rights. Thank you to our sponsors, Bovenizer, Baker Orthodontics and Cici's Pizza for their support.

CRY Walk @ Atlanta

Our CRY Walk in Atlanta on October 20th was organized by our student volunteers at the Sims Lake Park led by father daughter duo Anurag and Mehak Jain. The event included a 3k Walk and a costume Walk for students along with face painting, henna, games and activities for the whole family! Congratulations to Mehak Jain for being our top fundraiser. The event raised \$2,277 with 110 participants. CRY America thanks our amazing student volunteers for their commitment to the cause! Thank you to our sponsors Express Wealth Group, redeFiNest, Farmers Insurance, EmPower Psychiatry and Sleep LLC, Cloud Kinesys, C2 Education, XL Academy, SAT World, Anuj Jain, and Lifetime Fitness. Everyone cheered to the Bollywood dance by Miss and Mrs Bharat Georgia who added excitement to the event.



CRY Walk @ Austin

Our Austin AC held their annual CRY Walk on November 3rd at the Devine Lake Park in which 15 participants enjoyed the 5k walk along with yoga, games, snacks, and refreshments. Congratulations to Team ATX for raising \$3,819! We thank our event sponsors, donors and amazing volunteers for putting in so much of effort to make this event a success.

CRY Walk @ Antelope Valley

Our volunteers organized a successful Walk in Antelope Valley on November 4th at the Forest Hull Park. 75 participants took part in the 5k walk, tug-of war, lemon and spoon race, and three-legged race. The event raised \$3,327 for the cause. Attendees enjoyed samosas and snacks prepared by mothers of the students. The community came together to support the students in their event and enjoyed a beautiful sunny day full of fun activities and speeches on the work that CRY does. A big thank You goes out to Dr. Anupama Kumar, Karina Patel, and our student volunteers for organizing this event for child rights in their community. Congratulations to Shruthi Kumar and Pranesh Kumar for being our top Antelope Valley fundraisers this year!

CRY Walk @ San Antonio

Our volunteers worked hard planning the CRY Walk in San Antonio for September 16 at the O.P. Schnabel Park for which 70 online participants registered and \$2,590 was raised. Unfortunately due to bad weather, the event had to be postponed to February 24, 2019. We apologise to all our event participants, sponsors and organizers for any inconvenience caused to anyone due to this postponement. A big thank you goes out to Sudha Sundaram and Prashant Nambisan, and our volunteers for tirelessly working on planning this event.

CRY Walk @ Bay Area

Our Bay Area AC organised a Halloween themed 5k Walk on October 27th at the Fremont Central Park. 20 participants enjoyed the scenic trail around Lake Elizabeth on a beautiful sunny day, along with snacks and breakfast. The dance warm up by Bombay Jam was enjoyed by all! Congratulations to Dilip for being the winner of the Adult 5k Run and to Aryan for being the winner of the Children's 5k Run! We thank our fundraisers, donors and wonderful volunteers for their support. Congratulations to Shilpi Sancheti, Asha Gogineni, and Manasa Peddineni for being our top Bay Area fundraisers. The event raised \$5,892 for children's rights.



OTHER ACTION CENTER EVENTS IN 2018

KITE FLYING FESTIVAL @ SAN DIEGO

San Diego's popular Kite Flying festival 'Color the Sky' was held on Jan 20th at the Coronado Tidelands Park, San Diego. It was a wonderful event with perfect weather to fly kites. With over 400 participants, the sky was a beautiful sight with an array of colorful kites. The event raised \$8,900 for child rights. Thank you to our volunteers and sponsors, Art of Problem Solving Academy, DJ G-Two, Dakshin Indian Restaurant and Curry and Kabob for making this event a huge success.



NAVARASA EVENT @ RALEIGH

NC State's premier classical Indian dance competition "Navarasa" took place on January 27th, 2018! The \$6,150 in proceeds from the event was donated to CRY America. 6 classical dance teams and 3 Bhangra teams participated in the event and team Rice Rasikas won the first prize, VCU Thandavam team won the 2nd prize and the W&M Griffin Bhangra Team got the Viewer's Choice award. We thank our Raleigh team for organizing this event.



CRY DANDIA @ SEATTLE

The CRY Seattle Dandia event was held on October 13th & 20th at the Microsoft Commons ground. The event was attended by over 2,500 people who raised \$31,000 and enjoyed the great music, dandia and the amazing food available. Thank you to our Seattle AC for organizing such a fun event.



CULTURAL EVENT @ AUSTIN

The Austin Culture Show held on May 20 at the Asian American Resource Center was a great success this year with 130 dance participants and 400 attendees raising over \$5,200 for children. There were a variety of performances ranging from classical dance to folk dance to modern dance, Bollywood and music. This fun cultural event was also educational about CRY as the volunteers had the opportunity to present CRY videos, talk about our work, and inform people on how to get involved.



CRY AMERICA ANNUAL VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE

CRY America held its 2018 Annual Volunteer Conference on April 7th and 8th at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Houston. The meeting was well attended by over 45 core group volunteers, Action Center leaders, CRY Staff and Board members from various cities across the US and India. It was an opportunity for volunteers to share their activities from the past year and discuss their plans for the upcoming year. National plans and reviews were highlighted by CRY India's Resource Mobilization Director Vatsala Mangain and CRY America's President Shefali Sunderlal.

Action Centers and individual volunteers were recognized for their efforts and presented with appreciation awards. All participants attended workshops on all aspects of CRY America's work such as the grant process, supported projects, resource generation, the CRY Walk, CRY Gala Dinners and information technology. Attendees got to know each other better by participating in bonding activities and a fun Saturday night outing!

The weekend also included the CRY America face to face Board meeting on April 6, a Donor Meet and Greet event on April 8 at the W'Kana Cafe, and meetings with several local media houses. A big thank you to Juuhi and Prakash Ahuja for hosting the conference at their hotel at discounted rates and to the Houston volunteers for supporting the event.





CRY AMERICA PROJECT-SANLAAP

PROJECT SANLAAP IMPACT

- 1,643 children impacted
- 1,233 children in school
- 145 children enrolled in children's groups
- 36 child marriages prevented



SANLAAP was formally registered in 1989 and is now known internationally for its work related to changing situations of many children and young women who were trafficked within their own country and beyond borders for commercial sexual abuse and violence. Initially, its main focus was to work for girl children and women exploited by the sex trafficking industry. In coming years, SANLAAP also decided to involve itself in advocacy initiatives. Child protection is the prominent aim of the project. SANLAAP has four core areas of work, and accordingly designed its program to address four different issues: prevention of trafficking and sexual exploitation; prevention of second generation prostitution; reintegration of survivors; advocacy related to rights of the child.

The Red Lights Couldn't Stop Kazal Moving Forward

“I am on cloud nine right now. So many people are telling me that I am an inspiration for many. But when I look back, it was not easy.” Says Kazal Khatun, a resident of Nilmoni Mitra Street which is at the heart of one of Asia's largest red-light districts, Sonagachi.

When Kazal was young she lived in Barasat, West Bengal, and used to regularly go to school. However, when her father died her family's fortune took a dramatic turn. Her mother had to choose prostitution just to make ends meet. They then shifted to Sonagachi, which had a devastating impact on Kazal. She had to leave her school, was forced into child labor, and though she had nothing to do with her mother's profession, she would be judged and taunted by those around her. It was around this time that Sanlaap, a CRY America supported project in Kolkata, found out about the young girl and helped her pave her way to a better future.

Sanlaap worked to help remove the influence of the red-light district she lived in and provide an avenue to a better future through education. With counseling and assistance from the project, Kazal soon left child labor, rejoined school, and is now a 12th grader making strides towards her future. She also recently studied hotel management at the EDUSOL Hotel Management Institute, and has even won a championship gold medal in her life-passion of Kun Fu!

Kazal's story is evidence that, with the right support, children can rise above some of the most difficult challenges and build better futures for themselves. She is now an inspiration to many children like her.

ACTION CENTERS AT A GLANCE 2018



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ACTION CENTER APPRECIATION AWARDS 2017



**Action Center
of the Year 2017
SEATTLE**



**CRY Walk
of the Year 2017
NEW YORK**



**New Action Center
of the Year 2017
SAN ANTONIO**



**Student Action Center
of the Year 2017
ATLANTA**



**Best Outreach
of the Year 2017
NEW YORK**



TOP 5 FUNDRAISERS OF THE YEAR 2017



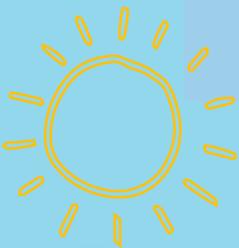
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Edward Remias
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Shilpi Sancheti
Bay Area



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Karishma Shah
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INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AWARDS 2017



Ria Puri
Atlanta



Ramasree Suraparaju
Detroit



Anupama Prasad
Bay Area



Kinnery Mehta
New York



Yash Dharmamer
Chicago



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Boston



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Triveni Patel
Antelope Valley



Haris Ahmad
Raleigh



Eshaani Isha
San Diego



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Texas A&M University



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University of Washington

DANCE/MUSIC SCHOOLS FOR CHILD RIGHTS



CRY America thanks the following dance/music schools for standing up for child rights:

Amrita Biswas and Aarohan Music for choosing CRY America as the beneficiary to their annual recital for the 3rd consecutive year. The event 'Kaarwaan' in Charlotte on March 17th raised \$4,000 for child rights.



Sushmita Gupta and the Bengali Association of Delaware Valley for choosing CRY America as a beneficiary to the musical fundraising event 'Mosaic' on March 24th, 2018 in Delaware and raised \$2,500 for children.

Supriya Venkata Kotnani, Ananya Sundararajan, Nakshatra Srinivasan and their Guru Charulatha Jayaraman, founder of Shrishti School of Performing Arts for choosing CRY America as the beneficiary to their Arangetrams & solo events and raised \$5,699 for underprivileged children.





Meenal Chakradeo and Meenal's Academy of Performing Arts for choosing CRY America as the beneficiary for their annual kathak recital "Kathak Rang 2018" on June 16 in SD which raised \$1,200 for the cause.

Antara Datta and Anga Kala Kathak Academy for choosing CRY America as the beneficiary to their events 'DHUNDH' and 'Shaktirupeno' on May 6th and June 2nd in Ohio & Seattle which raised \$500 for the benefit of underprivileged children.

Lakshmi and Green Razzle for donating \$250, Guru & Swati Savale from Starzz Dance for their donation of \$200, Jaya Sharma and Dance Karishma for donating \$150, Palvi Malwar and BollyNaach for donating \$200 and Amna Mazin for donating \$100.



ONLINE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS 2018

Make Her Dreams Come True



Most of us cannot imagine going through life without going to school. Unfortunately, lack of education still a grim reality for many little girls across India. There are millions of girls who do not get access to proper education. They are forced to drop out of school to get married or to support sibling care and thus become extremely vulnerable to exploitation.

Thank you for supporting our Online Fundraising Campaign in the first half of the year entitled 'Make Her Dreams Come True' which ran from March 13 till May 8th. The campaign raised \$2,323 from our online donors which will ensure that many girls are able to lead the life they truly deserve.

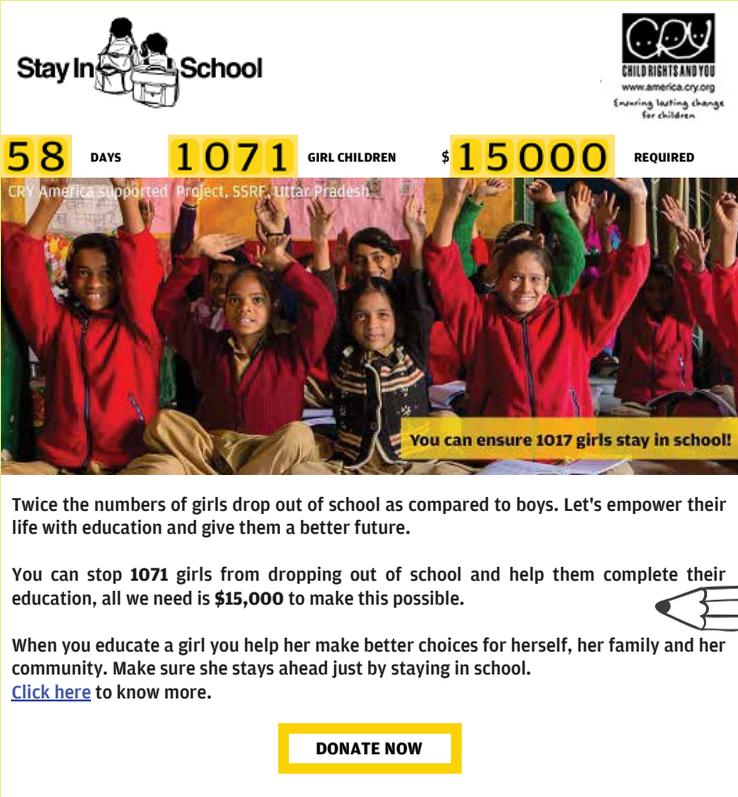
In the words of Dr. Adriana Rossiter Hofer, Associate Professor at the University of Arkansas's Sam A. Walton College of Business, "We were able to visit a CRY Project in Varanasi, supporting young women and children's education and providing them with means to earn a living and become independent. More importantly, the care and emotional support they receive from CRY, gives them the confidence and self esteem to fight for their lives and to be proud of the amazing human beings they are!"

Stay in School

At CRY America we believe that when a girl is able to go to school, she sets off a cycle of positive change. An educated girl can stay away from early marriage, avoid exploitation at work and becomes strong and independent. As she grows, she is able to make better choices for herself. This transforms her present life, gives her a secure future and helps her to look out for her family too. Educated girls grow up to be empowered women and can influence the communities they live in, for good.

Thank you for supporting our second Online Fundraising Campaign in 2018 entitled "Stay in School" which ran from July 31 till September 25th raising \$9,926. Your support to 'Stay in School' has ensured that 1,071 girls will get the opportunity to go to school, make better choices for themselves, their families and their community, ensuring that girls stay ahead just by staying in school.

Rani Kale narrowly escaped being married off a week before her 16th birthday with the help of Sankalp Manav Vikas Sanstha (SMVS), a CRY America supported Project. Today Rani is not only continuing her education but also is an active advocate of child rights and dreams of one day becoming an IAS officer. To date, Project Sankalp Manav Vikas has prevented the marriages of 150 children who now have the chance to chase their dreams, like Rani.



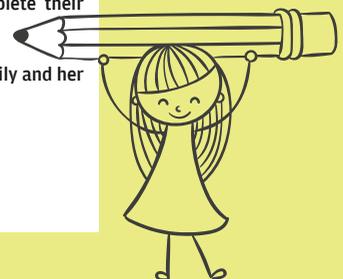
The banner features the "Stay in School" logo with a school bag icon, the CRY logo, and the text "CHILD RIGHTS AND YOU www.america.cry.org Ensuring lasting change for children". A progress bar shows "58 DAYS", "1071 GIRL CHILDREN", and "\$ 15000 REQUIRED". Below this is a photo of girls in a classroom with the text "CRY America supported Project, SSRF, Uttar Pradesh" and "You can ensure 1017 girls stay in school!".

Twice the numbers of girls drop out of school as compared to boys. Let's empower their life with education and give them a better future.

You can stop **1071** girls from dropping out of school and help them complete their education, all we need is **\$15,000** to make this possible.

When you educate a girl you help her make better choices for herself, her family and her community. Make sure she stays ahead just by staying in school. [Click here](#) to know more.

DONATE NOW



OTHER WAYS TO DONATE

DIRECT PROJECT FUNDING (DPF)

DPF is another way for an individual or corporate to support the cause. If you wish to donate \$5000 or more then we can help you find a CRY America-supported project to fund and support.

We will send you detailed project progress reports every 6 months so you know the impact you have enabled in the project area. You could also visit the project yourself.



CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS

Most companies match their employees' charitable contributions and some even contribute against volunteering time spent by their employees. Do consider increasing your donation to CRY America through your employer's Matching Gift program.



CRY DROPS

Join our Monthly Giving Program, a simple and cost-effective way to invest in the future of children. You can continue to make a difference in the lives of children while not letting it interfere with your busy lifestyle and demanding schedule.



PATRICK MEETS NAVEEN & REVATHI AT PROJECT PORD



It was such a pleasure to spend 4 days at Project PORD with their director Lalithamma and terrific staff. I visited many villages and witnessed firsthand the impact our work is making. Children are enrolled in schools and not working and also avoiding child marriage.

Children have become agents of change and are experiencing a childhood where they can learn and play. I saw how important it is to have all members of the community involved to ensure this lasting change. It was fun to meet Naveen who was once a child laborer. Through the efforts of Project PORD, he was enrolled back into school and went on to win a national award for his science invention. Like Naveen, all children's dreams can be made a reality through education! I also met Revathi who was shy and reserved. She started to participate in many activities after joining a children's collective and has now become a child rights ambassador!

GRANTS APPROVED BY THE CRY AMERICA BOARD IN 2018

PROJECT NAME	STATE	APPROVED Jan - Dec 2018
Comprehensive Health and Rural Development Society [CHARDS]	Bihar	19,784
Development Education and Environment Programme (DEEP)	Bihar	26,439
Samagra Seva	Bihar	18,277
Adarsh Seva Sansthan [ASES]	Jharkhand	23,335
Society for Advancement in Tribes, Health, Education, Environment (SATHEE)	Jharkhand	32,020
New Era Environmental & Dev Society (NEEDS)	Manipur	21,912
Chale Chalo	Odisha	18,846
Sadhana - Society for Action in Disability and Health Awareness	Odisha	18,188
Sikshasandhan	Odisha	21,322
Sanlaap	West Bengal	23,339
Diksha	West Bengal	15,361
Peoples Action for People in Need (PAPN)	Haryana	26,344
Vikas Samvad Samity	Madhya Pradesh	34,611
Kotra Adivasi Sansthan	Rajasthan	44,409
Prayatn Sansthan	Rajasthan	43,127
Doaba Vikas Evam Utthan Samiti	Uttar Pradesh	51,995

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Dr. Sambhunath Singh Research Foundation	Uttar Pradesh	33,195
Kriti Shodh Sansthan (KSS)	Uttar Pradesh	18,514
Compassionate Rural Association for Social Action (CRASA)	Andhra Pradesh	15,499
People's Organization for Rural Development (PORD)	Andhra Pradesh	39,240
Pragathi	Andhra Pradesh	39,565
Society for Rural Agriculturalists and Mass Awareness (SRAMA)	Andhra Pradesh	25,183
Empowering Girl Child (Margadarshi)	Karnataka	24,896
Rural Workers Development Society (RWDS)	Tamil Nadu	30,570
Shramik Vikas Kendram (SVK)	Telangana	44,784
Gram Mitra Samaj Sevi Sansthan (GMSSS)	Chattisgarh	17,508
Gramya Vikas Trust (GVT)	Gujarat	13,704
Sankalp Manav Vikas Sansthan (SMVS)	Maharashtra	18,267
CRY Grant for Capacity Building of Projects	National, India	38,012
Grant Management Support	National, India	76,023
Boys & Girls Clubs of America	National, USA	20,000
Children's Rights Inc	New York, USA	20,000
Child Welfare Leagues of America	New York, USA	20,000
Friends Of Youth	Seattle, USA	10,000



CRY PROJECT PARTNERS & VOLUNTEERS INSPIRE EACH OTHER



In the words of Edward Remias, San Diego:

One could not help but be moved and inspired by the sheer dedication and commitment from Prayatn Project Partner - Malay Kumar. I think I speak for each one who met him at the March 20 San Diego event, that his never-say-no attitude, very practical grounded approach, and just keep going even when it looks bleak, left us all speechless. '

You win some, you lose some', 'when it does not work, you try a different strategy' simple as that sounds, takes a whole new meaning hearing it from someone who is relentlessly committed to bringing about sustainable change.

Very proud to be associated with CRY - which supports projects like this. I had the privilege of hosting him after the volunteer meeting, and in his ever so humble demeanor he outlined how it was a learning experience for him to see the dedication of the volunteers - who after their day job, spend hours working for a cause. 'I have chosen this profession so I do it, but you guys have a profession and you do this for us on top. This inspires us, and is a message I want to take back to the people on the ground to share with them'. Malay Kumar - you have left us all humbled, and motivated. Thank you for what you do. And we continue to hope to do what we can - however much we can.

Check out the CRY Video about Project Prayatn's work with children in Rajasthan "I was moved to tears just listening to 'Bittu' explain the impact in the lives of children."



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TARA'S SONG

A ray of hope,
Each girl would be if just given the chance
Her laughter would echo ceaselessly
In her small eyes,
Big dreams would dance
She turns strangers into friends,
With a warm embrace
She has the courage to soar the skies,
And feel the sun on her face
If she can do all of these things,
Let's ask the question anew
Tell us what is it that the girl child cannot do?
In temples and places of worship,
We bow our heads before the Goddess
Why then do we refuse the gifts,
She herself bestows upon us?
Let's come together now,
And give voice to this great cause
In alleys and corners let's talk of it,
Without a moment's pause
Of the elders and the youth,
Let's ask the question anew
Tell us what is it that
The girl child cannot do?



By Swati Sachdev
CRY America Houston volunteer

