

# World's Children

# **Annual Report**

July 2011



### **World's Children Mission**

Children are often the helpless and overlooked victims of poverty and disaster and yet they will shape our collective future. World's Children believes all children deserve a chance to realize their full potential. Through the provision of food, shelter, healthcare, education, safety and love, we strive to effect lasting changes in the quality of life for orphaned, abandoned, and abused children, children affected by HIV/AIDS, and girls from poor families who are not loved or wanted simply because they are girls.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your kind and generous support!

## **Our Most Important Work**

World's Children Sponsorship Program is still our highest priority. The most important work we do is to ensure that at-risk children living in the orphanages we support will receive nutritious food, clean and warm clothes, medical care, a good education and perhaps most important—a safe and loving environment in which to grow up.

Orphanages & hostels supported: 48

Number of children sponsored: 1,216

Number of countries: 5

### Support sent overseas:

Child Sponsorship: 274,273
Scholarships: 33,899
Monthly Needs: 9,471
Birthdays: 19,045
Christmas: 19,753
Improvements: 145,595 (see p.2)

**Grand Total:** \$501,996

### 2010 Scholarships at a Glance

#### What are they studying?

- ♦ Nursing
- **♦ Operating Room Technology**
- **Engineering**
- **♦ Business Administration**
- ♦ Microbiology
- **♦** Accounting
- Teaching
- Computer Science
- ♦ and more

### What are they saying?

"I am very grateful to you and I am very thankful to you...I got selected in Tata Consultancy Services which has 142 branches in 42 countries. Because of your blessings, I am able to complete my studies." — Maneesha Nelanti, 2011 Engineering Graduate

Nursing student Shobha John Wesley Algarda has been sponsored since she was 8 years old.

Scholarship students supported in 2010: 54
Scholarship Students Continuing in 2011: 36
Scholarship Students New in 2011: 18
Scholarship students Graduating in 2011: 15



# **Special Needs Met**



**Ushagram** well



Rat catchers become students



St. Joseph's Home kitchen



Well for Happy Home



**Bethel Computer Lab** 



Van for St. Elizabeth's



Sewing Center

Home	Special Projects 2010	\$ Amt
Assunta Asha Nilayam	HIV/AIDS tests and water filter	929
Balavikasitha Orphanage	Land purchase for orphanage	35,500
Bethel Orphanage	5 computers, 2 printers for computer lab,	8,892
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Bishop Ensley Hostel	Computer, printer, internet	830
Casa Hogar	Storage cabinets	1,150
Нарру Ноте	Well and cover	7,279
Home of Joy	Books, special medicines	1,678
Infant Jesus Mission Home	Computer, printer, beds, chairs, carpets	3,060
Kolar Girls' Hostel	Water filter, TV, UPS, beds, fans	4,373
Little Flower	Borewell & pump	3,100
Lucile Colony Girls' Hostel	Playground equipment	688
Marian Orphanage	Well	4,166
Mary Immaculate Home	Water pump, pipes and wiring	914
Methodist Boarding Home	Shoes, socks, sweaters, blankets	2,447
Methodist Boys' Hostel	Toilet and laptop	4,685
Methodist Girls' Hostel	Well cover, propane pipes, computer	1,100
Miriam Boarding	Diesel generator, water storage tank	3,400
Nithya Sahaya Matha	Books, uniforms, floor repair, two doors	1,365
Raichur Methodist Boys'	Water tank	5,555
Shanti-Sadan Girls' Hostel	Kitchen floor repair, water tank, uniforms,	2,514
	school fees, books, shoes, socks,	
	mattresses, cooking pots	
Sherman Girls' Hostel	Blankets, sweaters, water purifier,	1,600
	emergency lights, painting of hostel	
Sisters of the Sacred Heart	Tailoring Center	4,500
St. Anthony's	2 computers, printer, UPS, uniforms,	4,697
	notebooks, book bags, storage trunks,	
	sewing fees, math calculators, sandals, shoes, 2 cows	
St. Elizabeth's	Van	3,265
St. Joseph's Boys' Home	Washing machine, beds, cupboards,	1,140
	mattresses	
St. Joseph's Home	Kitchen remodel, toilet, roof repair	29,565
St. Teresa's Orphanage	Clothing	512
Ushagram Girls' Hostel	Borewell, computer, printer, internet	3,330
William Moon's Hostel	New Gate	686
Various Homes	Misc. campaign disbursements to homes	2,675
Total		\$145,595

### Board of Directors and Key Staff



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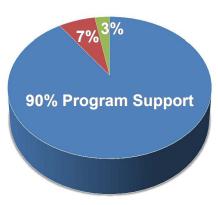


Joan Dixon-Board Member



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# **Financial Snapshot 2010**



	Program Support	\$563,096	90%
	Overseas Disbursements	501,996	80%
	Additional Program Services	61,100	10%
	Supporting Expenses	\$60,163	10%
	Admin/Operations	42,600	7%
	Fundraising	17,563	3%
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$623,259	100%

Income \$604,706
Endowment Funds \$236,283
Employee Earnings \$62,390
Net Assets \$445,817

World's Children sends 80% of your donations overseas for the children.

#### Note:

- Annual expenses exceed annual income because donations received during the 2009 fall fundraising campaign were not sent overseas until 2010.
- Endowment Funds are invested at the donors' request and we spend only the interest on these funds, keeping the principal in perpetuity.
- WC has 4 employees—2 full-time and 2 part-time, and also receives help from unpaid interns and volunteers.
- You can find our 990 IRS forms and annual reports on our website at: www.worldschildren.org or go to: www.guidestar.org.



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## **Balavikasitha Orphanage Update**

Several of our newsletters over the past year have mentioned the Balavikasitha Orphanage and how we are raising funds to build an orphanage for this children's home. Of the 48 orphanages we support only two do not have their own building, and must rent a house to serve as their orphanage. Balavikasitha is one of these.

In our May newsletter you read the very moving story written by Grenda David about her journey to visit Balavikasitha Orphanage, founded by Uttam and Shobha Kumar. We wanted to share with you the equally moving email response from Uttam and Shobha to Grenda.

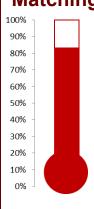
After reading the newsletter of World's Children we both wept and of course they were tears of joy. We never expected such overwhelming response you had given on behalf of us in your report. For the last 10 years we worked hard untiringly; sometimes depressed for lack of support; sometimes weary and exhausted thinking we cannot run the show anymore.

But all the time some voice from inside kept calling us gently and telling us to have patience. We endured snares from our near and dear ones when they felt that instead of saving [money] for ourselves and the future of our own biological children we kept spending all our earnings foolishly on these street kids. We knew what it was to feel hurt. Shobha had to cry many a times for the harsh words she would hear from them, but we never gave up.

We knew that inner strength and confidence was drawn from God and certainly God has spread smiles on our faces with World's Children. But you coming [to visit] was like a dream come true; was like hope being realized. Are you the same angel that Shobha had dreamt many years ago who God said He would send? Are you the same blessing to us in disguise that God had promised? —Uttam & Shobha Kumar

Indeed, every one of you who has donated toward the Balavikasitha project is the blessing, is the angel, that God promised to send to this loving couple if they would just follow their hearts and rescue children from the streets of India.

# **Matching Funds for Balavikasitha**



One of our generous donors has offered to match every donation dollar for dollar for the Balavikasitha Orphanage building project. And we are steadily moving toward that goal. Land has been purchased and construction is soon to begin. We have raised 83% of what is needed to complete this home. We still need \$35,933.

Would you like to join in helping Uttam and Shobha rescue street children? Donations of any size are welcome and will be matched dollar for dollar.

# The Future of World's Children

#### First and Foremost

No one can predict the future, of course. But we want to share with you the direction we plan to go in the coming years.

Everything we do revolves around the children's welfare. In the past we've shared our concern about the need for improvements in the orphanages and you responded with wonderful generosity. Many of the most pressing infrastructural needs have now been met. We still get requests for worthy projects and as funds allow we will try to meet those needs. But our greatest concern right now is to improve the health of our children. We have received reports of avoidable illnesses that have struck several of the homes over the past six months. In our September newsletter we will discuss a plan to correct this.

### Helping the Most Forsaken Children

From our time spent living in India and Bangladesh and visits we've made to Haiti, Guatemala and other developing countries we have personally witnessed heartbreaking situations and indescribable poverty. Consequently, we feel that World's Children should always seek to help the most desperate children—those whose very survival depends on our intervention.

That is why this past year we added two orphanages for children whose parents died of AIDS and who themselves are HIV-positive. Along with trafficked girls and homeless street children, these are the most forsaken children on the planet today. We will search for more struggling orphanages operated by caring and compassionate people who take in these kinds of children.

### **Recipe for Success**

We have written to many of you that we want to take a sad story and give it a happy ending. It is our belief that a truly successful outcome is one in which a child is educated to their fullest potential and can stand on their own feet as a confident and self-sufficient adult. We will continue to urge the orphanage administrators to help the children set educational and career goals.

To do our part, we must build a stronger scholarship program so we can assist all of our sponsored children who wish further education. As we begin to succeed in persuading children to reach beyond their current circumstances, we must provide the means to help them. For some of the children this will mean asking their sponsors to continue supporting them through college, perhaps increasing their support if they are able. For others it will mean giving a grant from our scholarship fund. This is how we can take many sad stories and give them happy endings.

After completion of my MBA in Business Administration, I want to find a good job...and also help poor and orphan children like me.—Yesu Raju, one of our graduate students