



Help-A-School Foundation

2018 Annual Report
Monday 29 October 2018

Objectives of the Help-A-School Foundation are:

- (a) To improve the lives of children in rural schools in India;
- (b) To provide resources, funding and in kind support for education programs & opportunities for children in rural areas of India;
- (c) To fundraise for the Help-a-school Foundation in order to support their charitable works;
- (d) To collect and transport books, computers, stationery, educational materials and other school resources to rural schools in India ;
- (e) To raise awareness about the work of Help-A-School Foundation;
- (f) At all times, act in the best interest of the beneficiaries of *Help-A-School Foundation*;
- (g) Act in accordance with the *Convention on the Rights of the Child* and with respect to its principles;
- (h) Promote and maintain total financial transparency at all times.
- (i) To raise awareness in Australia about poverty related issues in rural India such as child labour, gender inequality and child marriages.

Committee members 2017-2018

We would like to sincerely thank the following people for their roles and contributions on the HASF committee for 2017-18

President	Jan Carey
Secretary	Raj Bhatti
Treasurer	Julie Krassay
Committee members: Heidi Lomax, Sharyn Tompkins	

Fundraising Activities

Study Tour to India: As part of our study tour, 8 participants donated \$150 each towards school resources, stationery and sports equipment. We purchased and delivered these items while visiting the rural schools and the orphanage in Jan 2018.

Grant submission response from UCF: We were successful with a grant submission for \$2,000 from the Universal Charity Fund. This money will be used towards our new Dental Education project in the Jawathu Hills.

Sponsor donations: After the visit to the Karunalaya Orphanage in January with the study tour group, many more child sponsorships were begun. We now receive donations from sponsors to support about 20 children at the Karunalaya Children's Home. During the 2017-18 year over \$7,000 was raised for the Karunalaya Children's Home for child sponsorships.

Indian Charity Dinner: Our highly successful Indian Dinner Event was held in August 2017. Over 60 people attended the evening and we raised a total of \$2,374.



Outcomes / Projects in India

The Fundraising events plus additional donations from sponsors and supporters through the Help-A-School Foundation website saw the Help-A-School Foundation donate financial support towards its objectives and outcomes in India. Our targeted projects and support included:

Karunalaya Children's Home: Child sponsorships: During 2017-18, we sponsored approx 20 children at the orphanage – this varied from month to month depending on the payments from sponsors. The sponsorship money contributes to the children's education, food, medical and other care expenses.



Village schools supplies: desks and resources

During 2017-18, over \$5200 was spent to support schools in poor rural areas of Tamil Nadu. This included school desks, stationery, books, games, arts and sports equipment. During our study tour in January, teachers had the opportunity to give these items directly to the schools. It was an awesome, heart-warming experience.



Tribal Village Dental Education project: During 2017-18, we began a new project focus to support the tribal, remote village areas of the Jawathu Hills. Dental disease is extremely prevalent in the Jawathu Hills region. Education and dental hygiene supplies are needed.

Phase 1: Develop and distribute dental hygiene kits. The kits will include: toothpaste, toothbrush, a simple instruction card on step-by step brushing (in Tamil) in a small plastic zip lock bag

Phase 2: Develop and distribute education program/ resources for children/ schools/ teachers. With support/ advice from dental professionals, we aim to create an oral hygiene education program (based upon current programs already been used in developing countries), that can be delivered by: Study Tour Teachers on their visits to this region (January each year) and by local Jawathu Hills school teachers with their classes.

The year ahead

The Help-A-School Foundation committee has ongoing priorities for 2018-19 year.

1. Promotion:

- a. To promote Help-A-School Foundation and increase involvement from teachers and students in the fundraising and projects for India.
- b. Offer another Study Tour to India for educators.

2. Fundraising:

- a. To hold one major fundraising event for the 2018-19 year (possibly another dinner event)
- b. To encourage and support classes to continue their fundraising activities
- c. To continue to seek grant opportunities

3. Project outcomes:

- a. To continue to support:
 - i. Karunalaya Orphanage- sponsorships
 - ii. Village schools – desks, stationery, resources
 - iii. Tribal schools Dental Education Project

Financial Statements

Financial reports presented

I am honoured and proud to present this report to all the supporters of The Help-A-School Foundation. I look forward to our continued journey together to support the beautiful children in rural India.

As always, with much gratitude



Jan Carey
President
Help-A-School Foundation

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