



LILY FOUNDATION

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Break the cycle of poverty through the gift of education

Education and Health programs in the Indian states of West Bengal | Jharkhand | Orissa | Karnataka | Uttar Pradesh

Notes from India...



Sayantan Basak ranks 8th in the West Bengal statewide secondary examinations

SMILE Scholars' Success

Our SMILE scholars continue to blaze a trail every year. Sayantan Basak from Gangarampur High School ranked 8th in the West Bengal state secondary board exam, scoring 97.5%. His father has a small shop. Sayantan wants to be doctor.

Over all the SMILE Scholars graduated with high first division scores.

We have supported 400 scholars this year!



33 Digi-tabs given to 3 high schools and 40 more digi-tabs to be added

AALO Study and Coaching Homes

Ghatsila AALO Homes' students have seen a significant improvement in their performance on key tests. All the students, despite their difficult circumstances, achieved a 1st division ranking in their secondary school board exam. While results are still coming in, there is a 97% or better pass rate in all high school coaching home centers.

We were able to support their learning by providing DigiTabs - computer tablets with pre-installed course and practice materials. Our sincere and motivated teachers Asit Baran Hui (Math) and Supriya Das (English) nurtured them. They are dedicated Lily volunteers.



Just added... 1 reading hall, 2 book banks, 1 science lab and 3 more soon

New Book Banks and Science Labs

We inaugurated Heera Moti Reading Hall in Dhulai, Bankura, This space will allow free access to reference books, CDs, seminars and has the capacity to accommodate 30 students.

We added a Science Lab and Book-bank at Jhanjhia High School, Balichak, Purba Midnapore. We thank Dr Meenakshi and Anirudh Maitra for sponsoring the lab, and Mousumi and Tuhin Chatterjee for the book bank.

We opened another book bank at Kashida, Ghatsila. Thanks to Anupriya and Ritesh Verma for their sponsorship. Three new labs at Ghatsila, Baharagora and Ganjam (Orissa) have been planned.



Ms. Sen, an alumni of the vocational training center starts a sewing business

Vocational & Computer Centers

We opened our 15th Computer Training Center at BDSL Mahila College in Ghatsila, Jharkhand. This is a girls' residential college for the underprivileged and the center will help train 150 students annually. We thank Sunandan Sen his sponsorship.

Two new centers at Homball (Karnataka) and Baharagora are set to open soon. We have added 3 sewing machines to our women's vocational center at Narrah, raising the total student strength to 17. Ms. Sen, an alumni of this program has started a small business from her home.



We supported the chemotherapy treatment for Sourav Bagdi

Medical and Healthcare Services

We have a number of programs to help with the medical needs of the communities living around our existing centers. The Nivedita Womens' Center at Narrah, holds regular clinics for womens' preventative care. This center also runs a mobile medical unit.

Dhulai DMS center campus organized blood donation and eye check-up camps:

- 132 people donated blood
- 320 patients had their eyes checked
- 100 glasses were distributed and
- some referred for cataract surgery

Another medical camp was held at Berhampore (Orissa) in partnership with Rotary club, 157 patients attended this camp.

Impact Snapshot- Total beneficiary families for each project

- AALO Study Homes: 65
- AALO Primary Coaching Homes: 115
- AALO High School Coaching Homes: 281
- Touch Computers: 71
- Computer Centers: 4138
- Digital Coaching: 121
- Book Banks: 1502
- Vocational Centers: 52
- SMILE Scholarships: 400
- Science Lab: 142
- Healthcare services: 771

Notes from the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex...



We had a record 182 participants!

Spelling Bee

The Spelling Bee competition was held at University of Texas at Dallas and was a grand success. We had 182 participants.

Lily would like to thank:

- Suma Kulkarni of the Indian Cultural Heritage Foundation
- Shailesh Shah of the India Association of North Texas (IANT)
- Shabnam Modgil, of Radio Caravan
- All the competition judges

The competition was held in 5 categories from kindergarten through 8th grade.



12 teams turned out for a friendly game of cricket

Cricket for a cause

The Lily cricket event was a lively afternoon of games, food and entertainment. The Gully Boys upset defending champs Toyota Stunners in an exciting finals game. Twelve teams played and we were entertained by a superb dance program by Nritya Dance Academy.

We thank our sponsors and partners- IANT for sponsoring the Trophies and the indoor venue. Red Hot Chili Peppers restaurant for the delicious food and gift coupons for all the winners, FunAsia radio – A big shout out to Navneeta and team for the awesome fun factor that they brought to the event.



Volunteers cooked and served close to 100 residents

Mother's Day Meal at the Union Gospel Mission Shelter, Fort Worth

Every year enthusiastic volunteers, guided by a guest chef, prepare and serve a hearty meal to the transitional residents of the shelter.

It is a great opportunity especially for our youth volunteers to actively engage in Lily Foundation outreach.

Lily Foundation has been partnering with Union Gospel Mission for the last 15 years.



We acknowledge the tireless effort of our team in Kolkata, India led by Subir Maitra

Other News...

- Congratulations to Anirudh Maitra for taking lead as the new president of Lily Foundation.
- Welcome, new members of the Board of Directors
- Interviews underway to select the next batch of SMILE Scholars
- Donations made to relief efforts in the aftermath of the flooding in the eastern state of Orissa and the southern state of Kerala
- Lily Foundation and Toyota to collaborate towards a Diwali fundraiser in October
- Annual Thanksgiving feast for the residents of the Union Gospel Mission Shelter in November

SAVE THE DATE

Lily Foundation Appreciation Gala and Fundraiser

Dinner | Presentation | Entertainment

Saturday September 7, 2019 . 6pm . Marriot at Legacy Town Center, Plano

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