

Good News

SONOMA ASHRAM

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Quarterly news about our charitable initiatives in Varanasi, India

Thanks to the generosity of our friends over the years, Anjali School has been providing exceptional education to underserved children in local communities at little to no cost.



Anjali students at home with their family.

Widespread poverty and a highly competitive application process for a seat in government-run classrooms deny nearly 25 percent of youth in India access to education. Child labor also keeps half of 6-to-14-year-olds from attending. Anjali School was born out of this enormous need for resources for the poor.

Anjali School

Educating children for a bright and hopeful future



We founded Anjali School in 2005 to provide high quality education free or on a generous sliding scale. Besides following a traditional curriculum, specially trained teachers use innovative techniques that foster self-respect and independent thinking, and empower students.

Helping with more than education. In addition to free uniforms and books, we distribute food staples to our students' families and arrange medical attention. An ashram school offers the added benefits of nurturing spiritual growth and encouraging selfless service while cultivating trust among students and teachers. Parents appreciate that their children are given an opportunity to create a better life than the one they were born into.



With your support, Anjali students and their families have persevered through multiple pandemic shutdowns and seasonal floods.

Happy New Year





"I was 5 when I started at Anjali. I go to school every day and learn new things, like how to study well and be kind to others. Sometimes people from other countries come and teach us. That's fun and exciting. My parents work very hard. I get my courage from them. I will never give up my studies. In 10 years, I dream of being an engineer."



"The thought of becoming a doctor, even though it will be very difficult, makes me happy and gives me hope. When I finally do, I won't let my mom work as a servant anymore. I will take care of her."



"I want to fulfill the dreams of my family. I love all the people at Anjali School and like spending time with them. We live in harmony and feel safe. When I am sick, they take me to the clinic. I want to become an engineer. I want to help poor people. I want to help my parents."



"I want people to say, 'Their mother, who was a maid, educated her children.' I don't want my children ever to have an excuse for not being able to get an education. When I see them in their uniforms, when I hand them their lunch boxes, I feel happy."



*The day that you come to know that you live for others,
your life becomes meaningful, Aghoreshwar Bhagwan Ramji*

Your generosity makes a difference.

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