



A loving home for abandoned and orphaned children

2024 Annual Update



Madhav



Welcome

Welcome to the Annual Sri Ram Foundation Newsletter! The children at Sri Ram Ashram and School are thriving because of your support and care. Please enjoy reading about our history, the children's lives, our financial health, the school building developments, and the leadership perspective. The photos tell the story of the successes and adventures at Sri Ram Ashram.

Thank you for giving your precious time and valuable resources to this wonderful and successful project inspired by Baba Hari Dass and fulfilled daily by dedicated people from around the world.

Sarada Diffenbaugh
President, Sri Rama Foundation



Our gratitude to Babaji for creating a loving home for the children of Sri Ram Ashram. It is a gift that keeps on giving.

Tanya, Pooja, Jyoti



Expanding Education: Sri Ram Vidya Mandir

Having just returned from a fourth trip to India in the past year to support the construction of our thirty thousand square foot school expansion, I am happy to report we are moving into the final stages. We hope to inaugurate the new facility before the next school session begins in April. Currently, we are installing doors and window frames, finishing electrical, plumbing, painting, stone cladding on the exterior, among many other tasks.

Construction costs in India are about one-tenth of what they would be in the US to build a similar structure. However, this expansion is still a significant financial investment that we're only able to accomplish because of your generous gifts, a generosity that will benefit the future of hundreds of children.

The school was started because there were no local schools in the area for the children of Sri Ram Ashram. Happily, we're able to include children from the local area as a way to help the surrounding villages who also needed a quality education. This had the added benefit of integrating our ashram children in the larger society and helped them gain greater confidence. As we have expanded the school, our ashram children have thrived and now enter society with the confidence and skills that allow them to stand on their own and become contributors to their society. Children who would have had few prospects are now in many professions: nursing, teaching, psychology, law, dentistry, hospitality industry and technology.

Amisha



The new addition will allow us to serve more children, reduce class sizes, offer new spacious classrooms for the pre-primary grades, provide modern labs for the sciences, allow spacious studios for art, music and dance, and add rooms for a variety of upper school programs.

As we approach the last stages of the job, we hope you will continue to help, so we can fully furnish and equip the new labs and classrooms. Your gifts have made this possible and impacted not only the abandoned children for whom Sri Ram Ashram is a loving home, but also improved the lives of hundreds of the other local children who depend on our school. They too are becoming contributing members of the larger society. We hope you will continue your generous support and help us complete this exciting new addition.

With gratitude,

Sadanand Ward Mailliard
Vice President and CFO, Sri Rama Foundation



Achievements

Join us in celebrating the incredible achievements of our children.

Priya completed her M.Sc. in Clinical Psychology from NIMS University in Jaipur in 2024. She is currently working as an intern in a Hospital where she is gaining experience in dealing with patients who require support and help. She will be completing the internship shortly and will then be joining the Psychology department of a regular hospital.

Arpita has completed her graduation from Banasthali University in Rajasthan and is keen to pursue Post Graduation in the field of Social Work. She is currently working as an intern at an NGO in New Delhi.



Suraj



Achievements

Continued...

Neha Completed her B. Tech program in Computer Science and has been employed by Tata Consultancy Services, one of the leading IT companies of India.

Parameshwari completed her graduation in Health and Physical Education and is currently pursuing a Bachelors degree in Physical Education. She is also playing hockey for her University in Punjab and has been on the winning team in many tournaments.

Suman completed her Class 12 exams in 2024 and is currently undertaking coaching for entrance into a programme to pursue Medicine as a career.

Kiran has completed her graduation in Psychology at a leading college in Delhi University. She is currently working as an intern in a Hospital with the aim of pursuing a Post Graduate programme in Clinical Psychology.

Nutan



Achievements

Continued...

Rachna and Savita, both qualified nurses, were earlier working in reputed hospitals in Delhi. They have recently applied for jobs at the Government Hospitals of Uttarakhand and are likely to join the hospitals in their home state with handsome salaries.

Keshav has completed his Bachelor degree in Physical Education having earlier completed B.Sc. programme in Health. He is now applying at various schools to teach Physical education.

Having completed a Masters programme in Physical Education, Jyoti continues to teach Physical Education at Shri Ram Vidya Mandir. She is also coaching the school hockey team.

Suraj is working at a leading Taj group Hotel in Rishikesh.

Komal and Pooja



Achievements

Continued...

Radhika, a 3 year old girl had come to the ashram when she was 11 days old in 2021. She had been abandoned by her parents as she had congenital glaucoma in both eyes and was not treatable in the near vicinity. The ashram had ensured that Radhika was operated at the best facility in Delhi and she has progressed well in the last 3 years. She can see well with both eyes, with fully normal vision in one eye and requirement of glasses for the other eye. Radhika is leading a normal life and will be able to join school next year.

Vidhi, who was a few days old when she came to the ashram does not have one thigh bone. She had been fitted with a prosthetic leg. She is now very accustomed to carrying out her daily schedule with the prosthesis and is regularly attending school and leading a normal life.

Gauri had come to the ashram a few years ago and had been diagnosed to have Cerebral Palsy. She could hardly use any of her four limbs on arrival. She now walks to school on her own every day and is attending Nursery class. A separate teacher has been assigned to Gauri and she is able to communicate her needs to her car givers quite well.



Narayan





Rahul

Ways to Give

Sri Ram Ashram believes every child deserves the opportunity to become a contributing member of society. Your continued support helps us make this dream a reality.

- ✦ **Donate Online**
Give via credit card sriamashram.org/donate
- ✦ **Mail a Check to**
Sri Rama Foundation, 445 Summit Road,
Watsonville, CA 95076
- ✦ **Other Ways to Give**
We also accept donations in the form of
stock, corporate matching, planned
giving and EFT.

For more information email us sriram@mountmadonna.org
or call **(408) 842-8117**.

Advaita Society Inc: Sri Rama Foundation, a US 501 (c)(3) public charity, EIN 51-0174677.

Sri Ram Ashram is also a dual-qualified charity registered in India as Anath Shishu Palan Trust of India, PAN# AABTA5685N





www.sriramashram.org