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# Street Child Project

In 2005 UNICEF reported that 46% of Indian children under 5 are malnourished and only 31% have adequate sanitation facilities. An Indian child is more likely to be malnourished, have inadequate sanitation, not attend school, remain illiterate and marry underage, than a child from Africa or any other global region. Nearly two million children under five die every year in India - one every 15 seconds - the highest number anywhere in the world. More than half die in the month after birth and 400,000 in their first 24 hours.

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A devastating report by Save the Children in 2009 reveals that the poor are disproportionately affected and the charity accuses the country of failing to provide adequate healthcare for the impoverished majority of its one billion people. While the World Bank predicts that India's economy will be the fastest-growing this year the World Health Organisation figures show it ranks 171st out of 175 countries for public health spending.



## News - India

i-india helps over 3000 children every day in Jaipur. **Support from Singapore has funded the building of a home for 52 children and i-india project Australia has enabled the funding of a school for 200 marginalised children, with support from an anonymous donor.** Many children attending Ladli, the vocational centre, live on the streets and in the slums - going to Ladli means a safe haven from the streets, an opportunity to go to school, have computer and dance lessons, a hot meal and, if they wish, they can learn jewellery making and tailoring. The children are paid for their work; the permissible age for jewellery making is from 10 years of age. Both boys and girls attend and they are permitted to work for up to 4 hours a day, the children rotate between the programs offered.

Various projects have been undertaken to make the Jhag shelter home more self sufficient, functional and beautiful. A vegetable garden was planted to provide the children with fresh and healthy vegetables. As well as the nutritional benefits, it also develops the children's knowledge of nature and gardening, and enhances their sense of self-worth. The garden also provides a safe space for the children to play and socialise.

Shoe racks were built and a door was hung on the rooftop exit from the stairwell. The generator received its first service. We have raised sufficient funds for a years running of Jhag home for 20 more children bringing the total to 33 so far.

Recently 3 brothers were taken into the home, their mother requested this due to the regular abuse they suffered from her husband and the unsafe, unhappy life they endured on the streets and by the station. All 3 boys now require sponsorship. Within a few hours of arriving at the home they were playing cricket with the other boys, smiling and looking relaxed. They know their mother can visit anytime but meanwhile they are safe, able to attend school and enjoy life more.

**The jeep ambulance and van have been purchased**, they will mean lives of mothers and their babies will be saved. Women die in childbirth in rural areas due to inadequate medical facilities. This ambulance will service the Jhag community - it is a dream come true for i-india. Trained medical professionals work with Child Line and the School on Wheels to provide health care and emergency treatment to street children. They receive vaccinations for hepatitis B, tuberculosis, diphtheria, tetanus and polio, and treatment for diseases, wounds and infections. If necessary, children are taken to hospital for advanced medical treatment. HIV and breastfeeding awareness programmes have been beneficial in educating the wider community as well as the children.

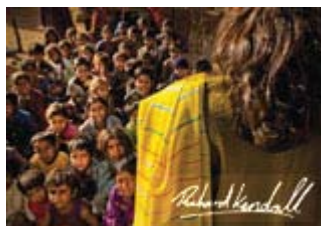
To extend the reach of the education program i-india started a second School on Wheels program. **Through Street Child Project in Singapore, an extremely generous person donated funds to purchase a beautiful new bus.** The new School on Wheels visits children in the industrial areas of Bagru. These children are taken to Prem Pathshala in the evenings between 5 pm and 7 pm for lessons within the school. It is hoped that this first positive experience of education will encourage their parents to enrol the students into Prem Pathshala school.

**Street Child Project's next goal is to build the second shelter home on the Jhag Children's Village campus which will be dedicated to girls. The Village is also in much need of a medical clinic.**

A group of 7 went to Jaipur on the 23rd March, look out for the next newsletter to hear more about their very rewarding trip.



The Jeep Ambulance at work



The school bus spends about 2 hours at each roadside school bringing education to children where they live and work.



The new vegetable garden at Jhag Children's Village

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## News - Singapore

**Ian Tickner** (a dad at **Tanglin Trust School**) ran for i-india by using the website "Everyday Hero". Two teachers from Tanglin went out to India last year and taught at the Prem Pathshala School in Jhag Children's Village; they also learnt how to make

experiences to the whole of junior school at Tanglin.

A talk to all the year 3's at the **Australian International School** went really well and following the serious discussion Anita, Filomena and Anna danced the Twist for the children. On their second rendition all 170 children were up on their feet along with all the teachers. The dance was meant to be a celebration of our good fortune compared to others less fortunate and to recognise that we can all make a real difference in this world.

At **Tanglin Trust School** Year 6 and **Miss Bourquin** warmly welcomed **Anita Williams, Jyotika Kumari and Anna Collier** in to their class in February to give an update on progress made within i-india due to support from Singapore. All the students made beautiful cards to give to the Jhag children with their photos and art work. The cards were so appreciated by the children and quickly reciprocated.



Charlie McMahon, with a bag and necklace from the children's range



Anita, Anna and Jyotika doing the Bollywood Twist with Year 6 at Tanglin School



The official inauguration of Prem Pathshala school at Jhag Village on November 5th 2009

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## Recent fund raising events

We had a fantastic night in November last year for our first ever Diwali Dinner in Singapore. We raised \$52 000 enabling an urgently needed jeep ambulance and transport vehicle to be purchased for Jhag Village. Many thanks to all the team - **Rosy, Michael, Anju, Linda, Puri, Ricki and KP** for enabling such a brilliant result. **Moshi Moshi Bollywood** did a great job keeping everyone entertained.



Moshi Moshi Bollywood lead the dancing at the Diwali Dinner



Henrik and Natalia collecting their Oprah tickets



Anita and the team at the Diwali Dinner

Thanks to a group of ladies who kindly hosted a jewellery party at home for friends during November and early December we raised a total of S\$17,477 from these parties so huge thanks go to: **Emma Fidler, Nicole McMahon, Wendy Elliot, Kerry Maxwell, Kelly Brimblecombe, Lisa Pearman, Julie Kirkwood, Toni Durrant and Sanna Kokkonen.**

We also were invited to attend several other events during this time to boost our Christmas sales these included:

A two day event at **Fort Canning**, thanks to **Charlotte Gain** for her continued support. **Sanna Kokkonen** secured us an invitation to the **Finnish family Xmas party.**

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Thanks to **Betty and Anne**, from **Singapore Fairs** who organised a table for us at the **Tanglin Club Xmas fair**, the following day we were sharing our charity with fellow volunteers as we were invited to the **RDA Christmas lunch**.

Our last event of the year was attending the **White Lodge Christmas concerts** held over 3 days at the Chevrons thanks to the **Directors, Jayne and Garnesh Nadarajoo**.

2010 has kicked off really well, **Vicky Coleman** was the brave lady who took the plunge in January - known to be a quiet month and held a party with friends raising a whopping S\$1,575, what a great start to the year.

We attended our first **Childrens Birthday party** invited by one of our volunteers, **Manjeet** who was keen for us to raise awareness amongst her friends by spreading the word on i-india projects. We had our first **Baby Shower for Sarah Kay** organised by her friends **Linsey Hogarth and Imogen Maresch**.

In February and March we made our first appearances at the **Goodwood Park Fair** which was very successful thanks to the organiser, **Chumkie Banerj** and also at the **Marriott Fair** in March for which our sincere thanks go to **Linda Rossinsky**.

On **13th March** the i-india charity night at **Live@ Bojangles** was a night of great food and entertainment thanks to **Jyoti's** brilliant organisation. Over \$13,000 raised will be going towards the funding of a second children's Shelter Home in Jhag. Warm thanks to **Bojangles**, for their very generous support to enable this event to be possible, and a big thank you goes to **Moshi Moshi Bollywood** for their continued support and to the entertainers including expat band - **The Geckos** and **The Bojangles House Band**.



Sanna, Manjeet and Karin man the jewellery stall at Bojangles



The Geckos on stage



Anita and Steve auctioning the beautiful photo donated by MCS Photography



The magic drum of Moshi Moshi Bollywood

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## Tanglin Trust School Fundraising

**Year 6CD** raised a whopping \$1317.10 after completing a walkathon, many thanks to **Nicky Atkinson** for organizing this event. This equates to 3951 bricks for the new Girls Shelter Home!!!!

**Mr Forshaw's year 4** class raised a stunning \$2014.10 through a swimathon, many thanks to **Sara Boe, Meeta Advani and Anna White** for this huge effort. The children were very passionate about helping i-india after hearing a talk about the desperate need for water in Rajasthan and about how i-india helps communities by providing water via a shower truck. This amount will help keep the shower truck running to aid more communities in great need.

**Year 5JC** held a "Bring and Buy Sale" which proved to be a huge task. Thanks to **Mr Cannell** and all students, it was a big success - final amount raised to be announced in next newsletter.

**Vinni Relwani**, a year 6NB Mum, hosted a Jewellery party which raised \$1258

children. Thank you to **Drishti** for delicious catering and clothing donation also.

We from Street Child Project are so appreciative of the Tanglin Trust School's teachers and students for their fantastic support and interest in i-india. Sharing i-india with the children is important and a highlight to our work here.

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## Dates for your diary

**22nd April** will find us again at the **Goodwood Park Fair**, Goodwood Park Hotel, Scotts Rd., 10am - 7pm

**4th May** we have been invited to attend the **British Club Fair**, 73 Bukit Tinggi Road (near Duneran Road) 9am - 5pm

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## Ladli

**Street Child Project is proud to announce the launch of the 2010 jewellery collection.** A range of new designs in both semi precious stones and glass will be available shortly. The children from the Ladli vocational centre, where the jewellery is made, have again showed their superior skills in jewellery making and their great ability working with modern designs for a unique collection. This new range will be available for the first time in Singapore at the **Fort Canning Fair on 14th and 15th April.**

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**Anna Collier** has accepted the role of heading up our Craft group of ladies, we call them the 'Crafty ladies'. The new children's range of jewellery and bags is selling well; Amanda Duffy is currently putting together a new design collection of bags, including one that may suit a teenager or a trendy mum, for the girls and boys at Ladli to sew and make.

Rashanta kindly took the designs to Jaipur in preparation for a trip over by members of Street Child Project on the 23rd March 2010. Thanks to **Julia Hipsey** and **Amanda Duffy** for their time and efforts to make this success possible.

Some of the new range of jewellery and bags available in April:



## How you can help

→ **Give a donation**

100% of each donation actively helps the children through current i-india projects.

→ **Sponsor a child**

Go to [http://www.i-indiaonline.com/help\\_sponsorchild.htm](http://www.i-indiaonline.com/help_sponsorchild.htm) and donate S\$60/month.

→ **Become a member**

For just \$50 per annum gain Society voting rights , welcome pack and be added to our database to be kept up to date with all our activities.

Contact us at [streetchildproject@gmail.com](mailto:streetchildproject@gmail.com)

→ **Become a fund raiser**

Organise an event and donate the funds raised - a little effort goes a long way!

→ **Host a jewellery party**

Host your own i-india jewellery party and have a fun evening for a good cause.

→ **Host a 'food for thought' lunch**

A gathering at home with friends can raise up to S\$500 when guests bring a donation instead of a gift. Remember, 20 cents provides a child with a nutritious meal in India.

→ **Become a volunteer**

Join our team organising local events and raising awareness in Singapore. Or volunteer to teach valuable skills in english, music, dance or craft to the children at Ladli in Jaipur.

**The cost of the Child Sponsorship is S\$60.00 per month.**

This covers shelter, education, nutrition, medical care and clothing for one child. 100% of this monthly cost goes directly to supporting that child - there are no hidden fees taken out for administration expenses or anything else.

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**We would genuinely like to thank you for supporting i-india and would appreciate you sending this to friends who may be interested. If you would like to know more about i-india, visit Jaipur to meet the children yourself, or are able to help in any way, we would love to hear from you.**

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