



September to November – 2017

Transforming lives & Communities

THANK YOU

Dear prayer partners and supporters

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your prayers and support for our work among the broken people of India. Over the months we have been greatly encouraged by the responses we have received from the people whose lives have been touched through our various projects.

Since 2008 Tender Heart has served as a gateway to education and give socioeconomic mobility to families in the states of Goa and North Karnataka. Our mission has always been more than just a statement. We have equipped young people with skills and a desire to continue higher education, provided jobs and offered opportunities for communities to live and work with dignity.

We are only able to help these people because of your faithful giving and standing with us through your prayers. We trust that as you read this update you will be blessed and encouraged knowing your support is changing and transforming lives.

Tailoring Training Centers: An Initiative to Change the Lifestyle of women

We had 3 tailoring Centres, in the month of October we opened our 4th tailoring centre in Shantinagar. Goa. In Total 70 Girls are going through six months tailoring training. Since June 2017 we have had 3 have graduations and over 55 Girls graduated. Students shared wonderful testimonies of how the tailoring training was a turning point in their life.

On the 9th of October, we had a graduation ceremony for the 14 women who had completed their 6 months training in tailoring and embroidery.



The highlight of this evening, above all the singing and celebration was the testimony of one girl. She explained, with her newly presented certificate in hand, how the tailoring course has changed the whole outlook of her future. Her husband is an alcoholic and she has 2 children who often had to go to bed without food. However, because of the tailoring school, she now has a way of making a living for herself and her 2 children and feels she now has a future.



Rising Above All Odds: Saritha, is a 19-year-old who studied up to Intermediate but failed. Her parents are agricultural labourers as they do not own land. They work in the agricultural fields only during the cultivation season. During the dry spell they are unemployed and face a financial crunch. She has a younger sister who is now studying in the 10th class. In order to re-sit her exam Saritha had to pay tuition and exam fees which were very high and unaffordable and hence she dropped out and was idle for 3 months. Through word of mouth she was introduced to the tailoring vocational centre run by Tender Heart Foundation. ***This became a turning point in her life and she was excited to learn a new skill.*** She enrolled in the centre and decided to be independent in order to help support her parents and her sister's education. She successfully learnt tailoring and embroidery for six months. ***Today she stitches blouses and dresses through orders and earns Rs. 4000 per month on an average.*** She is content with her new skill and would like to sit her Intermediate examinations by paying the fees from her earnings and sees a better future for herself. She is extremely thankful to the teacher of her vocational centre for standing by her and encouraging her at every step.

New Tailoring Centre in Shantinagar. Goa

On the 9th of October it was happiest day for the Shantingar slum people. Shantingar has over 7000 houses and most of the women are unskilled and never have been to school.

Life is very hard for the women. In the slum there is no NGO working or helping the women. Knowing the situation, we did a survey of the slum and we found out that starting a tailoring centre would help women to learn skills and help them to stand on their own feet.

When we went to give out application forms over 60 women wanted to do tailoring training right away but we can only take 15 women at a time for six months training.



"I had lost hope in my life. I don't have education and any skills. I can't even work because physical I am weak person. I had no desire to live but today I got opportunity in my life and Tender Heart gave me new hope and reason to live" Amudha, age 23

DAY CARE CENTERS



4 Day Care Centers
With 220 Children

Day Care Centres: At Tender Heart foundation our dream is to give opportunity to underprivileged children to fulfil their highest potential. This means education first. At present we have four-day care centres, in total 220 children are getting free English education

"Bhagyamma finds the Secret to Happiness"

Bhagyamma, lives in a village in Ghataprabha and had no facility to take care of her young children between 3-6 yrs. Bhagyamma works as day labourer to make ends meet, so the little ones were left alone or their elder siblings were forced to drop out to look after them.

Hearing about our day care Bhagyamma asked us if we can take her children to our day care centre.

We took two of her children into our day care. The young ones now learn to read and write in a loving and encouraging environment, draw, sing, dance and receive good education. Bhagyamma is very happy knowing that her children are safe and getting a good education.



25 children benefit from Ghataprabha's day care centre. We started just two years ago and hearing about the quality education we give lots of parents are approaching us to take their children into day care.

Because of the lack of facilities we are limiting the number. We have started a building work in Ghataprabha, once the building work is completed we will be taking more children.

Hope for a widow

A cloud loomed over five-year-old Prithi. Her father Eshwar died of heart problems, her mother Shantamma worked as a maid and besides Prithi she had two sons age 4 and 7. Shantamma was unable to support her children's education as she had very little income. A neighbour told her about free education given by Tender Heart Foundation.

Shantamma took her children to the Day care centre, both children enrolled and were provided with 2 sets of uniforms, bags, books, note books and stationery. Shantamma is happy and relieved that Prithi and her brother are leaning a lot of things.

Prithi has greatly improved in her studies and takes part in singing and in sports. Prithi said "The best thing I learnt here is to love everyone and be good to all"



Computer Training :At present we have 8 young people on the 4 months training course. This course equips them with a basic knowledge of computers allowing them a better chance of gaining employment to help them to earn money for their families. Some of the young people on the course are still students but have had no experience of using a computer and never thought that they would have the opportunity to learn because of the backgrounds they are from. On the 7th of October we had graduation for 8 students who completed three months basic course.

"I am studying in high school, next year I am going to the college. I had no idea about computer and my friends were teasing me. I was determined to learn but I was not able to afford to study but Tender Heart gave me the opportunity to learn and helped me, now my dream is fulfilled. This training will help my future and will help me to do well in the college"
Avinash, age 16.



Micro Enterprises:

Light into dark life: Successful Venture by a Village Woman

"If it weren't for my shop and the help of Rs. 15,000 from Tender Heart, I would not be alive today", says 30-year-old Gangamma. This woman from Ghataprabha village belonged to a lower caste, owned no land, hardly came out of the house, and was distraught when she lost her husband. She had no job and a disabled brother to look after and two children to educate. Today, Gangamma runs a small shop, makes enough income to meet the needs of the family and has both her children going to school.

She earns at least Rs.300/- per day from this shop. She has opened her own savings account in a bank and is saving regularly towards her future. She plans to use her income towards better health care and education for her children.



Thank you: Thank you for your financial support. Every seed that you sow is used to help fulfil our vision of "Releasing children from poverty and transforming lives". Philippians 4:10-18: "How grateful I am and how I praise the Lord that you are helping me again. I know you have always been anxious to send what you could, but for a while you didn't have the chance. I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that pleases God well." (The Living Bible)

Thank you for all you do and don't hesitate to contact us if we can pray for you in any way.

Francis and Staff of Tender Heart