

Update
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WORD OF THANK YOU

Dear prayer partners and supporters,

Greetings and a blessed New Year to you all!

Thank you so much for your on-going support and prayer. Through your generosity, we count it a privilege to be able to transform the lives of children, women, and families through education and self-employment skills.

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting our work among the people of India in 2023.

We trust you will be encouraged as you read through these touching stories and testimonies; of the people reached with the good news of Jesus Christ; of the lives that have been transformed through your faithful giving.

In the year 2023 we sent over 200 children to mainstream school, over 250 ladies have graduated from the Tailoring school, and over 50 youths have graduated from the computer training. Hundreds of lives have been touched through our other projects like relief work, medical aid, micro finance, help with higher education and supporting widows.

Our passionate desire is to see lives continually equipped and transformed.



Education: Bringing Hope through education

Pre-school: At Tender Heart foundation it is our dream to give underprivileged children the opportunity to fulfil their highest potential. This means education first. At present we have six Day Care Centres, in total 420 children are receiving a free English Education and over 2500 children have moved on into mainstream school.

We hear great reports from mainstream school principals of how well behaved, smart and kind the students who have left our pre-school.

Testimonies from Parents

Every four months we have a parent-teacher meeting where we give the parents the students' progress report. Every time we have a parents meeting, the parents testify of how their children have been blessed to study in our day care centre.

"I never thought that my child would study in an English medium school. I wanted to put my child in a local school because putting him in an English medium school would be too expensive. But when I heard that Tender Heart pre-school is giving free education, I was so happy and I got admission. Today my child is very happy and as a family we are also happy knowing my child will have good future".

Kamla, student of a mother.



My self and my wife are working as daily wage labourers. We have two children and we wanted to put them into school but the money we earn is barely enough to feed ourselves, pay rent and utilities.

We used to take our children with us to work. When we heard that Tender Heart is giving free education, we were so glad. Today both of my children are studying for free. It is so much relief for us to know that our children are in a safe environment.

Chandru, Student of father.



Annual Day Celebration and Gradutaion



All five 'Day Care Centres' celebrated Annual Day in the 1st week of April. It was a great opportunity for the parents to see their children perform.

Annual Day was very colourful. Each Day Care Centre had a theme. All the songs, dances and dramas were performed according to the theme. The theme this year was "***Education and Protection of nature***".

Many parents and their siblings attended the program. It was also time for us to say goodbye to over 110 children from all five 'Day Care Centres' as they moved on to mainstream school.

Tailoring Training Centres: Empowering women to become self sufficient

At present we have five tailoring centres and over 85 girls going through the six months training. Since January we have had eight graduations: over 250 girls graduated.

At the graduations students shared wonderful testimonies of how the tailoring training was a turning point in their life and has given them confidence and a hope to face the future.

Every graduation is a special day! So many of the students have not had a proper education and have never been to collage, so getting a certificate is a big achievement. All the students testified of how the six months course has changed their lives.



Shabina Begaum, age 23 said "Since I don't have any basic education, I always had a dream to learn a skill so that I can stand on my own feet. I wanted to learn tailoring, that way I can earn some money. Tender Heart fulfilled my dream by giving me this opportunity". I am so happy that I completed six months training. While I was doing training I started to stich cloths for others and earn little money for living.

"Tailoring training planted hope and gave me confidence to build my life" said **Sangitha, age 32**. Sangitha said to us that before joining the tailoring course, family and friends were mocking her and putting her down. They told her, you don't have any education or skills, how are you going to make it in life. Now with her new skills Sangitha has an answer for her family and friends



Computer Training Center: Skills for better future

Twelve young people are going through our three months training course. This course equips them with a basic knowledge of computers giving them a better chance of gaining employment which will help them to earn money for their families.

In the year 2023, we had four graduations for 32 students who completed their three months basic course.



Testimony from student.

“I always wanted to do a computer course, but it was not possible for my parents to pay for private Class’s, so I gave up my dream of learning computer. When I learned from a friend that Tender Heart is providing a free computer course, I could not believe it. I thought to myself who will give free training. Thank you to Tender Heart for fulfilling my dreams and giving me the opportunity and hope, to study further and get a job. **Bhomika, age 16**



Helping widows:

Tender Heart is continually helping widows with groceries monthly. At present we are helping 10 widows and their children.

I am really blessed to receive support every month from Tender Heart. I am physically weak and can't work much. I am doing a small job but the money I earn is not enough to feed the family. I have no one to help me. Because of the provision I am receiving I have food to eat and can feed my children and pay for their education.



Helping with High school and collage fee:

At present Tender Heart is helping 11 young people to complete their higher studies in, teacher training, nursing, catering (hospitality) and advance computer.

Manjunath, age 21: Manjunath lost both parents at the age of 6. He was sent to an orphanage by the local community worker. He grew up studying in the orphanage till he completed collage. Upon finishing collage, he left the orphanage and came to stay with his elder brother. Due to the economic situation at home Manjunath was not able to continue his studies. He always wanted to study an “Advance computer course” and get a good job. But he gave up his dream and started work in a company as a daily labourer. Now Tender Heart is helping him to fulfil his dreams and he is studying for a degree in advance computers.



Micro Finance: Rebuilding lives and Hope

Tender Heart is regularly helping people to set up their own business. In 2023 we were able to help 17 families and individuals set up their own business.

Sonu, age 20 lost both her parents in a bus accident about a year ago. When she heard the news, she was shocked and she didn't know what to do and went into depression. Sonu had never been to school and now she was left with the responsibility of looking after her mentally ill younger sister. Though our community worker Sonu learned about the tailoring course we offer. She enrolled herself for the training and has now completed the six months course.

Tender Heart gave her a free tailoring machine and some finance to start a tailoring business. Now Sonu is earning enough to take care of herself and her sister. Sonu says that Tender Heart gave her “ Hope, courage and confidence to face future”



Our vision and mission are as always, investing in lives. Giving hope to the broken and hopeless by empowering them to fulfill their highest potential. We can accomplish this because of God's blessing and through your sacrificial giving.

A big thanks to all for standing by us. Your heart-warming kindness takes us along way in helping to transform our society and the life of individuals. It is a long, hard fight which needs people like you to help bring about change.

Thank you for continuing to partner with us, together making a difference. Please don't hesitate to contact us if we can pray for you in any way.

Thank you again

Francis

On behalf Tender Heart

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