

# CARING HANDS FOUNDATION

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***We serve, therefore we are***

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## Mission Statement

***We aim to empower communities through sustainable initiatives that address diverse needs of individuals facing adversity. These initiatives foster sustainable development, education, and health through community outreach programs and advocate for positive change.***

## Our Philosophy

***“We serve, therefore we are” is the foundational belief of Caring Hands Foundation, defining our commitment to making a positive impact on those in need. Through service, we define our identity and purpose. Ultimately, it is an open invitation to create a world where service becomes a collective expression of humanity, transforming lives and communities for the better.***

## Our Impact

**Through a holistic approach to community engagement, compassionate outreach, and sustainable initiatives, we strive to uplift the lives of individuals and families in need. So far, we have improved the lives of over 5,000 disadvantaged people in more than 5 countries over a span of 12 years. Together, with caring hearts and committed hands, we are shaping a future where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.**

## Message from the Board

Dear Friends,

Your generosity in 2023-2024 has helped CHF to disburse grants of over \$100,000 to initiatives empowering the people.

In 2023 to 2024, we were able to provide college scholarships to the visually impaired, build schools, renovate residential quarters for students, and create a computer lab in India. Locally, we continued our age-long tradition of creating meals for homeless shelters in the San Francisco Bay Area, California.

Several of our team members visited our project sites in India and saw firsthand the difference your contributions are making to improving the lives of those disadvantaged.

I hope you will continue to embrace our mantra "We Serve, Therefore We Are" and support CHF in our initiatives to help make the world a better place.

Best  
regards,

Caring Hands Foundation Board of Directors



## Light Beyond Vision

“Light Beyond Vision” provides college scholarships to visually impaired students from impoverished backgrounds with the goal of empowering them to be self-sufficient. In the past, 90% of visually impaired students would discontinue their studies. To address this disparity, we decided to help provide financial assistance. The cost of sponsoring the education of one student was Rs.2500 or \$34 dollars per month towards tuition and boarding fees. Many of the sponsors maintained regular contact with their sponsored child and provided encouragement and guidance.

In 2023-2024, we funded college education for 40 visually impaired students from Odisha, India.

Focus Area: Education

Location: Balesore, Odisha, India

Partner: Saheed Yuba Sangha

**Amount Donated:**

**\$12,866**

**College Scholarships:**

**40**



## Kolotan School



Caring Hands is funding the construction of new educational facilities for Kolotan School in Santoshpur, West Bengal, India. Inspired by Rabindranath Tagore's vision for education, Kolotan school provides holistic education to students, fostering a harmonious blend of academic rigor and artistic expression through music, art and dance. With the help of Caring Hands, the school will expand from teaching children in nursery-class V to nursery-class X. Each class will consist of 30 students for a total of 390 students ages 3 to 16 years old.

Focus Area: Education

Location: Santoshpur, West Bengal, India

Partner: Kolotan Trust

**Amount Donated:**

**\$30,000**

**New School Capacity:**

**390**

## Odisha Association of the Blind (OAB)

OAB is a non-profit organization founded in 1975 that provides essential services including schooling and vocational training to the visually impaired in Odisha, India. CHF is renovating the residential facilities for OAB students and staff, as the facilities had fallen into severe disrepair. We plan to make it a safe, healthy, and vibrant environment for the visually impaired in Odisha to continue on their path to self-sustenance. Renovations include reconstruction of the boys and girls' hostels as well as staff quarters.



**Focus Area:** Education

**Location:** Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India

**Partner:** Odisha Association for the Blind

**Amount Donated:**

**\$34,440**

**Hostel Capacity:**

**60**

## Happy Classroom

In partnership with Friends of Kolkata's Elderly, Caring Hands is assisting in the development of an after school educational program called "Happy Classroom" to improve basic literacy skills of students using the old age homes as educational centers. The educational program focuses on teaching students to develop their own aptitude and work diligently on filling their learning gaps in order to become self-reliant students. In addition, the program also allocates time for social activities such as working in groups, caring for senior citizens, and arts and crafts that will help them develop important life skills early on.

Focus Area: Education

Location: Kolkata, West Bengal, India

Partner: Friends of Kolkata's Elderly (FOKE)

**Amount Donated:**

**\$5,070**

**Children Helped:**

**170**



## Gopalpur Bhagabatipur School



Gopalpur Bhagabatipur Sishu Sikha Kendra is a school located in the least developed deltaic region of the South 24 Paragans District of West Bengal, India. The school was initially built on insufficient funds from the government, leading to poor school infrastructure. In addition, the high rain falls (100 inches) during monsoon season cause flooding, forcing the school to be suspended frequently. Caring Hands renovated the educational facilities and provided classroom furniture.

Focus Area: Education

Location: West Bengal, India

Partner: Bansberia Women and Child Welfare Society

**Amount Donated:**

**\$7,550**

**Students Helped:**

**56**

## Digital Literacy

Focus Area: Education, Technology, Women Empowerment  
Location: Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India  
Partner: TEKONS Education



In partnership with TEKONS Education, Caring Hands created a computer lab at Rasulgarh Ashram School, a residential girls school consisting of 110 girls in Odisha, to provide digital literacy classes. Through the computer lab and digital literacy classes, we hope to empower women by generating student interest in STEM fields that will result in self-sustaining jobs later on in life.

**Amount Donated:**

**\$9,850**

**Students Helped:**

**110**

## Tekons Education

In partnership with Tekons Education, Caring Hands is funding college education for students in Odisha. We provide financial and academic support as well as career counselling to 35 students, including 16 with disabilities.

Focus Area: Education  
Location: Odisha, India  
Partner: Tekons Education

**Amount Donated:**  
**\$7,900**

**Children Helped:**  
**35**



## Lunch Bag Service

The lunch bag service program is one of the oldest and well known programs led by Caring Hands Foundation. The program first started in 2012 when Caring Hands learned about the need for packaged meals from local homeless shelters where many occupants would come to stay overnight and go out to search for work during the day. For these people, it was really important to have a packed lunch meal so they could travel efficiently. Every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year, Caring Hands makes 60 bagged meals and delivers them to local homeless shelters in Silicon Valley. Over the years, this program has grown to include over 200 Caring Hands volunteers. The meals support local homeless shelters including HomeFirst in Sunnyvale, CA.



Focus Area: Homeless Shelters

Location: San Francisco Bay Area, CA, USA

Partner: HomeFirst

## Financial Statement

FINANCES		AMOUNT (USD)
Grants Made	Role of Grant	
▪ Light Beyond Vision	College scholarship	\$12,866.00
▪ Kolotan School	Construction of school	\$30,000.00
▪ OAB	Construction of residential facilities	\$34,440.00
▪ Happy Classroom	Afterschool literacy program	\$5,070.00
▪ Gopalpur Bhagabatipur School	Construction of school	\$7,550.00
▪ Digital Literacy	Computer lab	\$9,850.00
▪ Odisha College Scholarships	College scholarship	\$7,900.00
▪ Lunch Bag Service	Create packed meals	\$463.00
▪ Miscellaneous	Fees	\$369.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$108,508.00</b>

## Caring Hands Foundation Team

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