



Tender Heart Foundation Newsletter – October - 2022

Dear prayer partners and supporters,

Through your prayer and generous support, we count it a privilege to be able to help improve the lives of children and their families. We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support for our work among the people of India, I trust you will be encouraged, as you read through these touching stories and testimonies of people reached with the good news of Jesus Christ and of the lives that have been transformed through learning new skills.

In the last nine months just over 300 lives have been transformed through learning tailoring and other skills programs we are conducting. Our passionate desire is to see lives equipped and transformed.

Thank you for your continued support as we serve in partnership together.

DAY CARE CENTERS

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 five-day care centres, in total 370 children are getting a free English Education and **over 2000 children have moved onto mainstream school because of the Day Care Centres.**



Back to Physical classes: Due to COVID 19 we had online classes for close to three years. It was difficult for many parents to provide access to online classes for their children because of limited access to smartphones. Parents and children (and teachers) were eagerly waiting for schools to reopen. From the 1st of June all the Day Care Centres reopened, and we started physical classes.

Celebration of Annual Day: 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.

Each Day Care Centre had a theme for the Annual Day. All the songs, dances and dramas were performed according to the theme. We focused on themes like “Saving nature and honouring your parents”. It was also time for us to say goodbye to over 80 children who went on to mainstream school.



One of the student mothers said **“I never dreamt of my child studying in English and that for free. I am proud of my child. I also want to thank Tender Heart and One Hope village for giving my son the opportunity to study”**

A father said “I am from North India, and we don’t have a good school in our village. As a family we moved to Goa for work. I always wanted my daughter to study English because I know getting an English education would be good for her future, but I knew that I could not afford it so I gave up sending her to school. But then I came to know that here the education is free, *I am very happy that my daughter can study. I want to work hard and give my daughter a good education for her future*”.

Tailoring Centers: Changing lives through skills

At present we have four tailoring centers and over 65 girls going through the six months training. ***Since January we have had eight graduations: over 180 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 a collage, so getting a certificate is a big achievement. **All the students testified of how the six months course has changed their lives.**



Today we have trained more than 1600 girls in tailoring and embroidery

Light came into my life: story of Manjula

Manjula lost her husband due to COVID 19. After the death of her husband, she went into depression and locked herself in a room. She was worried about her future and that of her two children. Manjula never went to school and didn't have any skills. Her husband had been the bread winner.

For almost for six months Manjula never came out of the house. Her family were worried about her physical and mental health. During this time one of her relative (who was completing her tailoring course with us) told Manjula about the training. Manjula decided to join the tailoring course and her life has completely transformed. She is happy now with her new skills.



“Six months back I was depressed, and I didn't want to come out of the house because I was afraid of facing the world, now these new skills have given me new life and a light into my dark life”.

Computer Training

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 month of September, we had a graduation for 8 students who had completed their three months basic



“I always wanted to do a computer course, but it was not possible for my parents to pay and send me to private class's. I was discouraged and thought never in my life would I be able to the learn computer. I want to thank Tender Heart for giving me free computer training for three months.

This training has increased my knowledge and I am happy now.” Radhika, age 16



Helping with High school and collage fee:

Due to the impact of COVID 19 many youths are still unemployed but are slowly recovering. Young people who are bright and have the prospect of a great future have had their education disrupted by the effects of COVID 19. Families whom we know have had their children sent out of school and have not been allowed to write their exam due non-payment of the school fees. Tender Heart has helped over 20 children with their school and collage fee so that they can continue studying.

COVID -19 RELIEF

Since lockdown started in 2019 till today, we have been continually helping families and individual who have been affected by COVID 19. Tender Heart has distributed over 6000 groceries kits so far and have given over 500 Happy Kit's for the underprivileged children.

Helping Widows: Ten families that we know and work with have lost their husband/father to COVID 19. Tender Heart has been helping these ten widows since 2021. Every month we are sending finance to buy groceries and help with the children's education.

Babu Solomon said "This is the 21st time I am receiving a groceries kit from Tender Heart. During lockdown I lost my job and my income, I was worried how I would meet my family's needs, but Tender Heart took away all my worries and we had groceries every month".



Thank you: Thank you for your financial support. Every seed that you sow is used to help fulfil our vision of "providing Education to every child, Feeding the hungry and Teaching new skills" Together we are making a difference 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 continuing to partner with us as we together making a difference. Please don't hesitate to contact us if we can pray for you in any way.

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On behalf Tender Heart

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