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abandoned, orphaned and abused children

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## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Report



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Care. The Ambassadors of Cuba, Colombia, Venezuela, Brazil, Trinidad & Tobago, Uruguay and Spain came together to host a 'Latin American and Caribbean Extravaganza' Gala Dinner and Ball at Delhi's prestigious Taj Hotel. In their turn, Taj co-sponsored the Fund Raising and Awareness event on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2000.



*A rousing version of "Guantanamera" from the Udayan Care children at the Latin American & Caribbean Extravaganza Fundraiser*



*Children of Sant Nagar Ghar sharing a happy moment with their Mentor Mother, Kiran Modi*

### **Individual Udayan Ghar Reports**

#### *Udayan Ghar I, Sant Nagar*

Progress continued to be steady and encouraging. Ten of the girls have been attending Tagore International School. The two other girls are in the Sarvodaya School at East of Kailash. They have received admission in Tagore International School for the 2001 academic session.

The academic and social skills growth of all the children has brought cheer and hope to all of us. They have been receiving good reports in the school.

On 24<sup>th</sup> February, we had another addition to the family – 12 year old Asma, who joined us from Childline Butterflies. She is showing a keen desire for studies and is currently undergoing special tutoring at the Ghar.

We have experienced lots of joy alongside some academic problems. However, the co- The

operation of the schoolteachers and the efforts of the mentor mother and tutors are bearing fruit. So much so, that two of our children have secured Merit Positions in their final exams and several have scored in the vicinity of 65% marks.

Children have been receiving psychological support services and have been responding well to placing their traumatised past behind them. Music, dance and art, both as co-curricular activities and as therapy have proved to be popular with the children. Five children are studying in IIIrd year in Hindustani Classical music. Computers and Internet have opened vast new doors for them!

#### *Udayan Ghar II, Mayur Vihar*

The year started with ten boys at Udayan Ghar. There was one addition during the year, making a total of eleven children. Deepak Mahajan was one of three siblings - the other two sisters are at Udayan Ghar III.

There is a sense of stability that has come into their lives. The children, most of whom were untutored when they joined the Ghar, have started responding positively to the



*Mayur Vihar children with their Mentor Mother, Madhu Gupta*

efforts being put in. Eight of the children are attending prestigious neighbourhood schools – Preet Public School, Mother Teresa Public School and Universal Public School.

The two children who had been diagnosed as slow learners and were attending classes at Well Being, Vikas Marg have since been shifted to a regular school – Amar Jyoti at Karkardooma. They attend the Special Section and their shift into an integrated school has greatly benefited them, both educationally and socially.

Somnath scored above 80% in his final exams and all the other children did reasonably well, gaining promotion into the next class. Deepak Mahajan, the newest entrant studied at the 'across-the-road' Rishabh Public School and has been admitted into Mother Teresa Public School for the 2001-2 academic session.

The introduction of computers has excited the imagination of the children. We would be able to report more next year about their progress. The boys continued their 'romance' with art and

music and some are blossoming out as artists and singers!

#### *Udayan Ghar III, Mehrauli*

This Ghar had three girls at the start of the year. There were eight additions during the year. Now there are eleven girls between the ages of six and 14 years. Two of these eight joined us in February.



*Children from the Mehrauli Ghar at a birthday party, with one of their Mentor Mothers, Usha Pratap Singh*

Some of the elder girls had been to schools. However, their academic levels were extremely unsatisfactory. Thus, a decision was taken to approach a reputed school in the neighbourhood – CSKM Public School who have a record of creating 'winners' out of academic non-performers.

After prolonged discussions with Col. Satsangi, the Chairman of the school, it was decided to admit the then nine children at CSKM Public School (July 2000). Most of them have been responding to the academic and social challenges of interacting with their peers. Some special curricula has also been organised for these children, who attend long hours Day-Boarding school. The two girls who have joined us later have also been admitted into CSKM Public School for the 2001-02 academic session. Currently, they are studying under special tutors, at the Ghar.



Most of the children have shown an aptitude towards computers, music, dance and art and regular classes are organised for them.

### **Educational Excursions and Visits**

#### *Udayan Ghar-I*

#### **OUTINGS AND CELEBRATIONS**

- Fun-times at 'Appu Ghar' in April, to start the year!
- Invited for interaction with students of American School, middle section, in the month of August.
- Went to watch Uma Sharma's Dance recital at Birla Mandir, in September.
- Children went to see charity movie show of Mission Kashmir on 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 2000 at PVR Priya.
- Invited by of St. Mary's School to attend their Annual Function, November.
- Invited to National Association for the Blind Annual Day, 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2001.
- Invited by Salaam Balak Trust for the theatre performance by their children, in November 2000
- In December, children went to see theatre – Natya Rang, organized by National School of Drama and later were invited to a performance of 'Wah Taj.'
- Children celebrated all the festivals: Diwali, Christmas, Eid. With special sevian, Rakhi, Durga Puja etc.
- On 26<sup>th</sup> January 2001, the children went for a performance to Kidwai Nagar Mela ground with their Western dance teacher, Anil.
- The children were invited to sing the Welcome Song at the Sunita Rao Fund raiser nite of Ankur on 9<sup>th</sup> February.
- Went to have a South Indian meal at Goverdhan Restaurant and a treat at McDonalds.
- Children were specially invited at the Golden Wedding Anniversary function of Mr. And Mrs. Bazaz at Silver Oak Farms on 21<sup>st</sup> February

- On 23<sup>rd</sup> February, all the children of Ghar I were invited to American School for dinner and a play 'Our Town' by Thornton Wilder, which was presented by the class VIII children of the school.

- Beginning March was the month of exams. The end was celebrated with a picnic with the American School children on the 19<sup>th</sup> at the Lodhi Gardens.
- Two days later, on the 21<sup>st</sup> March, the American and Indian children were together again at a Computer Workshop at the American School.
- The two-day rhythm continued – on the 23<sup>rd</sup> the children presented a song and dance routine, 'Ganga' at the Annual Akshay Utsav at Akshay Prathisthan.

#### **WORKSHOPS/ PROGRAMMES ATTENDED**

- Throughout their summer vacation ten children from the Ghar attended the painting workshop at Kalkaji Temple School, organized by Sahitya Kala Parishad.
- The paintings of our children were then displayed at an exhibition at Bal Bhawan.
- Children attended a 3-day Meditation Camp of Vipassana from 24-26th May 2000 at Logicstat Farm.
- Sonia and Aarti attended 'Self Confidence' workshop conducted by Shamshir Rai Luthra, in May and June.
- Aarti, Sonia, Kiran, Rizwana and Pratibha attended a 5 days 'Cyberskool Beginners Level Course in Computers' at National Science Museum
- Children participated in Vedic Maths workshop organised by Mr. Manish Soni of Ahmedabad
- All the children participated in the Vande-Mataram Eve '2000 Dance competition held on 15<sup>th</sup> August' 2000, organised by Green Protection Force. The team won the 1<sup>st</sup> prize.

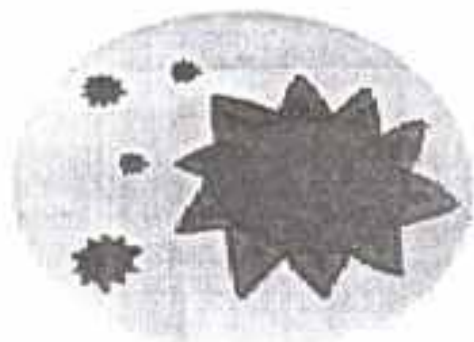
- All children participated in Candle making workshop organized by SPACE - a ladies organisation
- Children participated in a painting competition organized by State Bank of India Ladies Association
- Rizwana and Kiran participated in the Collage Workshop at India Habitat Centre
- Ritu, Sonia and Pratibha were awarded Certificates of Appreciation for Full Attendance in the session 1999-2000
- Kiran participated in the Sports Day '2000 and was awarded 1st prize in Relay race (girls) competition held during Nov'2000 at Tagore International School
- Pratibha participated in the Sports Day '2000 and was awarded 11nd prize in Three-legged race (girls) competition held during Nov'2000 at Tagore International School.
- Sonia participated in the Sports Day'2000 and was awarded 11nd prize in Three-legs race (girls) competition held during Nov'2000 at Tagore International School.
- Sunita secured 11nd position in Throwing the Ball.
- Aarti participated in the annual school function in a play directed by Stephen Marrazi. Ritu sang in the choir and Sunita and Rizwana were part of the choreographic presentation on yoga.
- Children participated in the Computer workshop organized by Pitara.com
- Sonia was selected as a Doy Painter for the year 1999-2000 in Doy Child Leader Programme organized by VVF Ltd.
- Members of Indian Revenue Service Ladies Association (IRSLA) spent an evening of song and dance with our children

#### *Udayan Ghar-II*

#### OUTINGS AND CELEBRATIONS

- Fun-times at 'Appu Ghar' in April, to start the year!
- Children went to see the Dusshera celebrations at Preet Vihar.
- Celebrated Diwali at Udayan Ghar II.

- Participated in the neighbourhood Diwali Mela at Mayur Vihar.
- Invited for the neighbourhood Diwali Lunch.
- Went for the charity show of the movie Mission Kashmir at PVR Priya.
- Children celebrated all the festivals: Diwali, Christmas, Eid; with special sevian, Rakhi, Durga Puja etc.
- Children went for a Winter Carnival at Sanskriti School.



- Trust organised a picnic for the Udayan Ghar Children at Park near Mayur Vihar.
- Kids went for a picnic at Kalindi Kunj in January.

#### WORKSHOPS/ PROGRAMMES ATTENDED

- Somnath acted in the annual school play

#### *Udayan Ghar-III*

#### OUTINGS AND CELEBRATIONS

- Fun-times at 'Appu Ghar' in April, to start the year!
- Invited for interaction with students of American School, middle section, in the month of August.
- On 1.10. 2000 children visited Chattarpur Mandir.
- Children went to see charity movie Mission Kashmir at PVR Priya.
- Children celebrated Diwali with their self-made candle diyas.
- On 26.11. 2000 children went for having Dosas at 'Sagar Restaurant', Malviya Nagar.

- On 17.12. 2000 children went for Picnic at Picnic Huts, Mehrauli.
- On 20.12. 2000 children had a gala time at Fun and Food Village.
- Children celebrated Christmas at the Ghar and had a very good feast. All other festivals were also celebrated.
- Children visited Winter Carnival at Sanskriti School

#### **WORKSHOPS/ PROGRAMMES ATTENDED**

- Children participated in Candle- making workshop at Mehrauli Ghar.
- Mahua, Ruchi, Ruhi and Pinki attended a Craft workshop at Habitat Centre.

#### *Workshops organised by Udayan Care*

- Udayan Care organised Three Days Workshop for Udayan Mentor Mothers and Coordinating Associates on 'Strategies for Children's Care' at Hardwar, 2-5 December, 2000.
- Ongoing Training Workshops for Mentor Mothers, Coordinating Associates, Volunteers and Staff on 'Childcare' and related subjects.
- Ongoing Training Workshops on 'Individual Program Planning' for each child as a system for ensuring their progress.
- Mentor Mothers Workshop on 'Who is a mother for a traumatized and abandoned child?' on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2001.
- Three days Training Programme for carers on Nutrition, Health, Hygiene and Discipline issues at Chail, 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2001. Guest faculty included Dr. Arup Midya – one of two practising eye surgeons in the world who is a wheelchair user and Dr. (Mrs.) Minakshi Midya, also a senior Eye Consultant.

#### **Awareness Programmes**

**AUGUST 2000:**  
Mother Teresa School organised Britannia Inter School Quiz Contest in which Dr. Kiran Modi

and Ms. Madhu Gupta were Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively.

**SPACE LADIES CLUB:** Kiran Modi, Madhu Gupta and Meera Sawhny were invited to introduce the Trust activities. They also showed the video about Udayan Care.

**ROTARY PANCHSHEELA:** Teji Anand, Meera Sawhny and Kiran Modi were invited to speak about the Udayan Care Trust.

**SEPTEMBER 2000:** Madhu Gupta spoke to students of Universal Public School about Udayan Care activities.

**FEBRUARY 2001:** Kiran Modi was invited to speak to about 75 VIIIth grade students of the American School. She showed them the video film and had an interactive session with them. The children were inspired enough to plan joint activities with our children.

Udayan Care was invited at the Independent Schools National Conference to make a presentation about their activities. Over 60 Principals from various schools attended.

#### **Seminars attended**

- Ms. Naghma Rahman, Programme Manager, Udayan Care, attended one day Seminar on "Torture and Accountability of State Functionaries" on 9.12.2000 at National Law Institute, Bhagwandas Road, New Delhi.
- Ms. Naghma Rahman attended Two days "National Meeting of NGO's working with children in need of special care protection" at Haryana Institute of Public Administration, Gurgaon, organized by National Institute of Social Defence and Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, in collaboration with UNICEF.
- Ms. Naghma Rahman attended Ten Days "National Youth Training Course on Psychosocial And Medical Services for Sexually Abused and Sexually Exploited Children and



Youth" organized by Indian Committee of Youth Organizations and HRD-ESCAP, UN, Thailand at International Youth Centre, New Delhi.

### Special Events

On *bhai duj* and *raksha bandhan* the girls from Mehrauli and Sant Nagar Ghars went to Mayur Vihar Ghar for *Tika* and *Rakhi*.

Diwali was celebrated at each home. Children decorated their homes with candles and diyas that they had learnt to make at the candle and diya-making workshop.



*Aarti from Sant Nagar, putting tika on Pankaj from Mayur Vihar*

Christmas was celebrated with children at each home decorating their Christmas tree and receiving gifts from the mentor mothers. Some children from the three homes visited winter carnival at Sanskriti School.

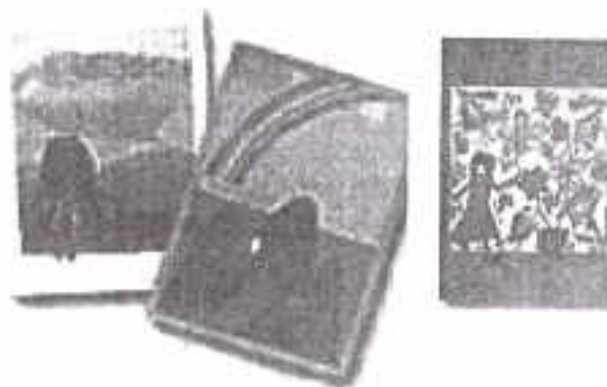
CHILDREN'S DAY – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2000 was a very special day for Udayan Care. The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Environment [and earlier Secretary, Information Technology] Mr. J.V. Jaykrishnan launched our website, [www.udayancare.org](http://www.udayancare.org). Ranisahiba (Ms.) Digvijaya Singh, Mr. Shivraj Patil Member Parliament and former Speaker and Padmashri Raghu Rai, the famous photographer were the

Guests of Honour along with the Director General of National Informatics Centre.

The site informs people about the work of the Trust. Critically, it showcases all the children in our Ghars, as well as their mentor mothers and many of the associates and volunteers. Simultaneously, it guarantees a total transparency in whatever we say and do. Some of the Udayan children are computer-literate and net savvy and can log on and read about themselves. This improves and enhances their self-esteem, especially keeping in view the 'abuse-background' that they come from.

### Fund Raising Activities

CARDS: Udayan Care raises all its funds by itself. No grants, either from the government or from donor agencies have been solicited so far. Well-wishers, friends, donors and sponsors have been continually helping us. Udayan Care uses a traditional system of fund raising: the sale of Greeting Cards.



Eminent Indian artists give permission, without any royalty payments, to reproduce their paintings as Greeting Cards. Paintings made by the Udayan children are also reproduced as cards. The entire sales proceeds are used by the Trust for its activities.

Additionally, Udayan Care put up stalls for sale of its Cards at various times:

- Society Interiors, 14-15 Sept 2000
- Guru Nanak Public School, 16 Sept 2000
- Guru Harkishan Public School, Sept 2000
- India International Centre, Sept 2000
- Inner Wheel Club of Vasant Kurj, Sept 2000
- Swar Manjari - Inter continental, 14 Oct 2000
- Taj Palace Hotel, Oct 2000
- Diwali Mela- Freedom Movement, Oct 2000
- DPS East of Kailash, 15 Dec 2000
- Blue Bells School, 17 Dec 2000
- Ankur- Christmas carnival, 17 Dec 2000
- College of Arts, 20 Dec 2000
- DPS Mathura Road, 21 Dec 2000
- Amity International School, Saket, 24 Dec 2000

#### **THE MISSION KASHMIR CHARITY SHOW**

Udayan Care organised a charity show of the movie 'Mission Kashmir' on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2000 at PVR Priya, Vasant Vihar Shopping Complex. We received a good response and ONGC were our major sponsors. The co-sponsors were Pepsi, HDFC, Sagar Resorts, GAIL and the Smita Patil Foundation.

#### **THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN EXTRAVAGANZA**

The highlight of the year was the 'Latin American and Caribbean Extravaganza' Dinner and Ball on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2000. The Ambassadors of Cuba, Colombia, Venezuela, Brazil, Trinidad & Tobago, Uruguay and Spain came together to host a 'Latin American and Caribbean Extravaganza' Gala Dinner and Ball at Delhi's prestigious Taj Hotel. In their turn, Taj co-sponsored the Fund Raising and Awareness event on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2000. The evening started with the Udayan children welcoming the guests with the famous Caribbean song, 'Guantanamera.' The well-known singer and

musician Mr. Susmit Bose trained and coached the children. His wife, the distinguished Principal of Springdales School, Mrs. Jyoti Bose supported the event, as did the management of Bluebells School.

A Fashion Show presented by Ms. Anjana Bhargava, taste buds tingling food from the various Latin American and Caribbean countries and lively music and gyrating bodies on the dance floor kept spirits flying... Many sponsors, including Air France, Hans Hyundai, Heels, Renuka Batra, Taj Hotels and Sagar Resorts presented gifts to the lucky winners of the Raffle.

A short film, 'Eternal Sunrise' about Udayan Care was screened. Roshan Seth, the famous actor lent his voice to the film, which was produced through the good offices of Anuradha Prasad, Managing Director of BAG Films Pvt. Ltd., directed by Savita Oberoi with contributions from Nibedita Sen. Vikram Dutt conceptualised the film and wrote the script for it.

All gave their professional services free, as a gift to Udayan Care. We thank all of them as well as Lakshman Rai for contributing towards the transport and editing expenses of the film, Arshiya Sethi's sparkling compering, Ranjana Surekha's creative invitation card, Sanjit Singh's emotive photography, Gulshan Gupta and Jumbo Digital Prints designing; and Ajanta Offset and Packaging's quality printing of the brochure, all added to the evening's delights.

#### **THE DESIGN STUDIO**

The Udayan Care Design Studio designed a calendar for Jindal Photo Films Ltd., which was greatly appreciated by all the recipients.

Our Design Consultant, Nicholas Hoffland designed a calendar for Beetel Ltd. in which the paintings of the Udayan Care children were



used. We are proud of our kids' first foray into professional art!

The studio also designs corporate gifts and other give aways.

Ankur - a social organisation held a Sunita Rao Nite on 9th February, dedicated to fundraising for us. Ten children from Ghars I and III sang the Welcome songs. Ankur and Udayan Care jointly decided to donate half the money raised to Gujarat Relief Fund.

### **Our very special supporters**

#### **The Udayan Community Service Programme**

The success of programmes like Udayan Care is determined by the community support that it receives. We have many friends who are happy to say, "Yes, we care for the disadvantaged child." More importantly, "We give of ourselves to make a difference."

And what a difference!

Doctors, teachers, community members, professionals in various fields, overseas volunteers, they inundated us with their concerned love and caring. Dr. Poonam Batra and the duo of Drs. Minna and Priti Tandon, renowned orthodontists of Delhi have been taking care of our children free of cost, with but one aim: 'Let the children have a sparkling smile...'

Psychologist Dr. Ashum Gupta of Delhi University has been helping with the well-beingness of our children, as has Paediatrician Dr. Sangeeta Yadav of Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Hospital. Ultrasonologist Dr. P.D.S. Kohli has ensured sound 'insides' of the kids, as also the Gynaecologist Dr. Uma Sarin. To make certain that the eyes keep twinkling, Dr. Sharda and Dr. Krishna, the specialists at the Banarsi Das Chandiwala Charitable Eye Trust have been taking special care. As have the doctors at the

Sujan Mohindra Hospital at New Friends Colony.

Speech therapist Dr. Adlakha has contributed to making the children learn to better articulate their words. The Dang Pathological Institute has done everything possible to warrant the red blood of our children turn metaphorically Royal blue! Whenever we have had emergencies, consultant Dr. Suman Gupta of Eden Hospital and Family Physician Dr. Kapil Gupta have been present with the healing touch. Homeopathic expert Dr. Sharma has been ensuring better health through his medications.

Our grateful thanks to our tutors, who are ensuring the Udayan Eternal Sunrise - Ms. Serbjeet (Music), Mr. Anil (Dance), Mr. Sonu (Music and Dance), Mr. Mekhar Singh and Ms. Richa (Computers), Ms. Sunita Aggarwal (General tutor), Ms. Sharma, Ms. Pandey, Ms. Anshu, Ms. Ekta, Ms. Ritu... The list is encouragingly long!

Many principals and senior teachers of various schools have been encouraging both the Trust and the children through their positive concern and help in various ways. We would especially like to thank the Heads of the schools where the Udayan children study: Mrs. Das and her deputy Ms. Shabnam of Tagore International School, Mrs. Maya Gupta, Mrs. Neeta Jaity and Mrs. Veenaji of Universal, Mother Teresa and Preet Public Schools respectively, Mrs. Rita Malhotra and her team at the Child Guidance Centre, Amar Jyoti and Col. Satsangi and Dr. Shakuntala Jaiman, alongwith their team at CSKM Public School.

Others who have really helped include Ms. Ishwaran, Principal, Sanskriti School; S. Parduman Singh and Mrs. N.K. Bindra, Principal and Supervisor of Guru Nanak Public School, West Punjabi Bagh; Mr. G.K. Singh and Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, Principal and Headmistress of Guru Nanak Public School,

Pitampura; Ms. Sunita Khanna, Sr. mistress, Junior School, DPS, Mathura Road and Mrs. Batra, St. Mary's School.

Ms. Rosy Khanna of KLM Airlines, our magnificent volunteers led by Ms. Urvashi Arya, Ms. Minu Gupta, Ms. Anita Aggarwal, Ms. Madhu Menon, Ms. Vidhi Wadhwa, Ms. Kamala Ratnam, Ms. Sunita Bagla, and others assisted and encouraged us in our various activities.

Our overseas volunteers this year were Ms. Dorothy Scally (USA) and Ms. Tina Nevamesta (Finland). Two Finnish students of Dance Therapy, Wirpi and Katri who will remain with us for four months joined us on 6th March. They are also pursuing a Project with our children, towards completion of their Graduate School programme.



*Our thanks to Ms. Tina who gave so generously of her heart and time. Seen here with Rizwana from Sant Nagar Ghar*

Our special thanks to Mrs. Aruna Dalmia, Chairperson of Akshay Prathisthan, who has always invited our children to participate in the prestigious Annual Akshay Utsav.

## Our visitors comments

**Nilima Sabharwal, Home of Hope, USA:** "I feel very connected with this place. I hope the Divine Power will pursue this connection." (12th April, 2000)

**Nilima and Deepak Kacker, Kalkaji, New Delhi:** "It was a pleasure to be received by bubbling happy girls. May God bless these girls to be an asset to the world one day." (25th Jun 2000)

**Shalini Lakhina, Greater Kailash II, New Delhi:** "I am impressed. To make our future i.e. our children self-reliant is the best gift to our country. I will come again." (1st July 2000)

**Noreen Goibelle, Montreal, Canada:** "Your dedication to these children is wonderful. It is so nice to see how they are provided with such security and stability." (27th October 2000)

**Jose A. Lozano, Mexico City, Mexico:** "I am going to miss all of you." (2nd November 2000)

**Digvijaya Singh, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh:** "It is a great experience to meet such enthusiastic and vibrant young girls in



their own home. My congratulations to the Trustees of Udayan Care." (10th November 2000)

**Claudio Vittoria, Italy:** "I'm very happy to see very nice place where kids without parents can grow with love." (23rd January 2001)



## A journey to Udayan Care

I have always had a very busy life, the process of growing up or learning ended at the altar of materialistic needs and not even the luxury of desires.

It's a very strange journey, life isn't it - some sad angel while passing by gave work as the panacea of the ordeals of time that one faces between the passage of life and death. I had everything - house, child, a pet dog - all in place. I could not get myself into the kitty party circle. It would have been like a square in a circle. Maybe I am a square. For me, life needs meaning. Like a shopkeeper, I keep an account of the last 24 hours. They should have been spent doing something worthwhile.

Then I chanced upon Udayan Care - a house full of daughters. My own daughter had been married earlier in the year and I missed her terribly.

It is strange how love is a journey of learning. With these girls, whom I tutor, there is a bond that goes into every frozen crevice of my heart, thawing it and allowing the blood to flow again.

I started visiting Udayan Ghar to help the children and to give them something. Here I am instead, at the receiving end - of their trust and friendship. Above all, a bond...

The learning process, the laughter, team spirit and above all, the love shown by the children are indicative of the labour that has been put in to make real Ghars and Homes; and not shelters.

*Mrs. M. Menon  
Volunteer Tutor*

## A life now full

My life was full, yet strangely empty. I could not put my finger on my emptiness. I tried various types of work; in an endeavour to search for what I wanted. I was unsuccessful.

Three years ago I was asked to teach some disadvantaged children. Since I had time on my hands, I agreed.

These were the Udayan Care children. The emptiness in my heart was now filled. I got a feeling that my heart is finally satisfied.

I believe that we all must own up our responsibilities towards the society we live in. Usually people remember their rights and ignore their duties. We only need to look around us and we will realise how many people can be helped...

*Minoo Gupta  
Volunteer teacher*

## What is Udayan Care?

Is it a home, a Ghar, where shattered and fragmented dreams are brought together to be cemented?



In the present Information Technology age to be 'cut-and-pasted' on a web page? After being designed on a computer screen?



Maybe a little bit of both. Computers and the web have enabled us to reach across the world and share our visions of rebuilding dreams.

To accomplish this reconstruction of lives, as it were, acknowledging the information age and environment around us, our web page, so beautifully designed by Nicolas Hoffland, is playing a critical role.

Our consultants, many of whom prefer to remain behind the scenes, our donors and sponsors, above all, our children, who have accepted the mantle of becoming 'Eternal Winners' - together constitute 'Team Udayan!'

### Team Udayan

**Trustees:** Mr. T.N. Seshan, Mr. G.P. Todi & Prof. (Dr.) S.K. Sarin.

**Managing Trustee:** Dr. (Ms.) Kiran Modi.

**Coordinating Associates:** *Ghar I:* Dr. J.N. Puri, Mr. Jai Zharotia, Mr. R.P. Jain, Ms. Sujata Vadehra, Ms. Sarita Khaitan, Ms. Rekha Vohra Bhalla; *Ghar II:* Ms. Madhu Gupta, Ms. Meera Sawhny, Mr. K.K. Gupta, Ms. Shashi Malik, Ms. Shashi Modi; *Ghar III:* Ms. Teji Anand, Ms. Usha Pratap Singh, Ms. Raminder Singh, Ms. Brinda Syali, Ms. Dolly Anand.

**Executive Members:** Mr. Vipin Chawia, Ms. Rukmani Haldea.

**Design Consultant:** Mr. Nicholas Hoffland.

**Rehabilitation Consultant:** Mr. Vikram Dutt.

### A strategy highlight

Our Web Page; [www.udayancare.org](http://www.udayancare.org) introduces us as the House of Love that God built. As the year 2000-01 was drawing to a

close, we received another demonstration of God's Love, manifested through friends and supporters.

We spent 27th to 31st March at the lovely Himalayan hill station - Chail. All our 35 children, Lakshmi, who was earlier with us and now stays at the orphanage run by Kasturba Trust at Bakhtawarpur Village, one guest child, our Mentor Mothers, Coordinating Associate, Executive Member and Consultant; selected volunteers; and Carers. Excitement reached fever pitch on Monday, 26th March night, as our children packed their bags and prepared themselves for the trip. Most of the children did not sleep at night, preferring sleepy wakefulness to being fresh and alert for a 4.30 am start!

We reached Chail at 3 in the afternoon and spread ourselves across the floors of Hotel Monaal, our hosts at Chail. Kamal and Jyoti, the effervescent young owner-couple immediately found a place in our hearts with their warmth and affection for our children. Hot samosas and steaming tea competed with the Chail chill air to bring life back into tired limbs.

For many of our children, it was their first outings in the hills. For others, it was a welcome reunion with the environs of their early childhood. And all enjoyed putting their rucksacks on their backs and trekking into the hills...

We spent time together as a family and strengthened our relationships with each other; developing the bonding of the Udayan family. We danced around the Campfire every night, danced and sang indoors on the day when it poured and rained hailstorms - most of our children saw hail for the first time - and cooked outdoors amongst the mountain pines... and painted nature's beauty.

Chail, though, was not only fun and games. It was also study and learning for many of us. We

had a three-day workshop on Nutrition, Health, Hygiene and Discipline issues for the Carers of the three Ghars,

All in all, a very enjoyable way to end the year!

### **Thanks and acknowledgements**

There was a special effort at increasing Fund Raising activities. With the conscious decision of sending our children to the best possible English medium Public Schools, it was necessary to raise more funds.

For this, Udayan Care thanks all its supporters, friends, well wishers and donors, who are contributing so positively to make the lives of the



*Shah Rukh Khan looks on as Udayan Care children smile at the camera*



*Love unites the Udayan Care brothers and sisters*

Udayan Care children so meaningful.

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*The Udayan Care graph – ever upwards*

## Financial Report

Udayan Care mobilized an amount of Rs.31,92,661 (Rupees thirty one lakhs, ninety two thousand, six hundred sixty one). This included donations in kind of Rs. 3,19,338 (Rupees three lakhs, nineteen thousand, three hundred and thirty eight only). This also includes an amount of Rs. 89,624 (Rupees eighty nine thousand, six hundred and twenty four only) from well-wishers from abroad.

Udayan Care spent Rs. 10,74,405 (Rupees ten lakhs seventy four thousand four hundred and five only) on running expenses of the three Udayan Ghars. An amount of Rs. 1,68,059 (Rupees one lakh sixty eight thousand and fifty nine only) was spent on Administrative expenses. Fixed assets (mainly a flat at Manglapuri for Udayan Ghar III) were purchased amounting to Rs. 6,70,996 (Rupees six lakhs seventy thousand nine hundred and ninety six only). The surplus of Rs. 12,79,201 (Rupees twelve lakhs seventy nine thousand two hundred and one only) has been accumulated for opening more Udayan Ghars and to meet the running expenses in future.

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