

Let's give hope together!

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A Ray of Hope Shines Bright.....



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Hope is where..... You, the givers, are! Because of your contributions, our new India program has started to brighten up the lives of underprivileged children.

Ray of Hope, a new foundation, has spent much of this year selecting the most meaningful organization and projects to further our causes. As we continue to support Inglis House (home for the disabled) in Philadelphia, we are proud to announce our new partner Gwalior Children's Charity based in central India (orphanage, school, and hospital for the destitute).

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There have been three events this year that have led to approximately \$17,000 in fundraising. We are continuing our clothes drive for local homeless shelters.

We look forward to making a more powerful impact towards the following causes that we are focused on:

- **Enabling underprivileged children's education and health care**
- **Empowering the disabled**
- **Enriching the lives of the homeless.**

Warm regards to all of you.
Sincerely,
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Ray of Hope International Foundation Summer Newsletter

What brings Gwalior Children's Charity and Us together?



Gwalior is located in central India, in the state of Madhya Pradesh. We have been inspired by a U.K. based pediatrician's benevolent efforts to bring a smile onto a child's face. The founder of [Gwalior Children's Charity](#), Dr. B.K. Sharma, now has a very well established children's hospital, innovative educational system, and a beautiful [home](#) for destitute children.

Their immediate needs for rural outreach for pediatric healthcare and education to children can be met with a simple mobile van. A mobile van that will be utilized to transport non-resident children to/from school and healthcare workers with medical equipment and supplies for primary care and preventive healthcare services.

What difference will this Ray of Hope sponsored van make? Check out the links!

- [Population outreach](#): 43 surrounding villages with 14 rural clinics
- [Education](#): 12,000 trips for 40 children in a year for the school
- [Healthcare](#): 50 children and women can receive preventive and primary care services every day = 10,000++ patient visits in a year



How Much Fun Did we Have This Year?

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We started out this year with a very fun filled bowling event, that brought together 80+ enthusiastic bowlers to cheer for Ray of Hope. [Valentine's day](#) is a special day in all our lives - a time to celebrate the special bond we share with our special someone, families and friends. Check out our pictures from our February 18th ["Valentine's bowl"](#) fun event for the entire family at with lucky strikes and prizes. After this we hosted our May charity dance recital and the summer clothes drive for local homeless shelters.

We were also blessed with West Chester-based yoga lovers' dedication to Ray of Hope. The thoughtful teachers at [Turks Head Yoga studio hosted community yoga classes](#) all summer long benefiting our causes, which was attended by 30 yoga enthusiasts. Whether its bowling, dancing or yoga, we are so proud to help those little children in India and the disabled in Philadelphia.



Empowerment Through Dance

[Nava Nritya Dance Academy](#) has been dancing to make a difference for several years for different charities. The dancers began the year with a special performance for the [Inglis House](#) residents in January 2012. The audience was comprised of disabled patients in wheelchairs who personally thanked Ray of Hope and the dancers with banners and cards all made by them. It was the most **gratifying performance ever for the dancers.**

Ray of Hope continues to support the **adaptive technology** program at Inglis House. Helpful adaptive devices such as an Intellikeys KeyBoard and KeyGuard and a Penny Giles Joystick Plus II, an alternative to a traditional mouse, make operating a computer possible for residents with limited hand mobility and/or strength.

On May 19th, 2012, the dance academy hosted its **Annual charity recital “Tarang waves of Change”** at the Gwynedd Mercy High School Performing Arts Center, dedicated to Ray of Hope. **See pictures from this show presented by the 55+ students** and showcased beautiful dances set to captivating music including dance dramas:

Kalpataru (environmental change) and Tasher Desh (social change). The children of the academy raised money on their own through piggy banks like every year.

The show was well attended by close to 200 community members and we raised a significant amount of money to support both the [Inglis House](#) residents and the children of [Gwalior Children’s Charity](#). However there is still so much to do for both organizations to maximize our social impact over the next few years.



What does the holiday season for giving hold for us?

Regardless of what our cultural roots are, the fall brings fascinating festivities that inspire us to give. We bring to you a family friendly multi cultural benefit dinner **[“Global Holiday Gala”](#) on Saturday November 10th, 2012 in the heart of mainline Philadelphia.**

Come join us as we celebrate the Chinese Moon Festival, Kwanzaa, Diwali, and the pre-winter holiday season.

There will be multi cultural entertainment, holiday shopping, and a delicious international menu.

The goal of this fundraiser is to further support Gwalior Children’s Charity . Come one and come all! **A formal invitation to follow!**



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Ray of Hope will continue to shine!

Over the next few years, you will see us continue to support disabled adults, homeless families in Philadelphia and underprivileged children in India with our partners.

Want to get involved?

Attend events to support as a volunteer - bowling night, benefit dinners and much more!

Host local events including School Nights and Spirit Nights at various school districts to talk about the cause of Ray of Hope - how we are supporting the important social causes of **empowering the disabled, enabling underprivileged children, and enriching the lives of the homeless.**

Create an event of your own - utilize opportunities such as anniversaries, birthdays - cultural events to request donations to Ray of Hope as the anniversary or birthday gift!

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“It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing. It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in the giving.”—Mother Teresa



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