

# RAY OF HOPE

Changing 120,000+ lives per year through empowerment, education healthcare, and tech enablement

Hope is where..... You, the givers, are! Because of your generous contributions, Ray of Hope has continued support to the **Gwalior Children's Charity** based in central India (orphanage, school, and hospital for the destitute) and the **Inglis House** (home for the disabled) in Philadelphia.

We have raised over \$180,000+ raised since 2011. There have been 10 events in 2016 and 2017 that have led to approximately \$60k in fundraising.

In addition to our annual donation for the two organizations, in 2017, we sponsored a water storage tank for the Gwalior Children's Charity through our fundraising efforts.

Socialize with us: <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> & <u>LinkedIn</u>. www.letsgivehope.org We look forward to continuing making a powerful impact in 2018. Some of our fundraising events:

- <u>Natyacise</u> 2 hour yoga and dance workshop (Feb '18)
- Nava Nritya Dance Academy annual show <u>Vande Matarm</u> (May'18)
- <u>Rinal Parikh</u> A celebrity Indian artist's exhibitions & year donations from the sale of her art work

Warm regards to all of you. Sincerely,

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# The Gwalior Children's Charity



# Ray of Hope & Gwalior Children's Charity

- Over the last 5+ years, we have provided support to conduct the mobile rural clinics six days a week in 43 surrounding villages for health care and awareness along with vaccination etc., together with the MSM foundation.
- These are spread around Snehalaya within 20 Km distance and cover a population of approx.
   120,000 people mostly belonging to the disadvantaged community in India.
- Since December 2015, we were able to make an additional grant for the purchase of a solar panel & new ambulance to transport patients from villages as part of the ongoing rural work.
- In 2017, we funded a new project: a water storage tank with capacity of one lakh litres (265k gallon) and height of 15 meters to provide clean water to the children at Snehalaya orphanage and Snehalaya public school in Gwalior, India.

# **Inglis**

Founded nearly a century and a half ago, Inglis' mission is to enable people with disabilities — and those who care for them — to achieve their goals and live life to the fullest.





#### **Ray of Hope & Inglis**

- Ray of Hope has been supporting Inglis House's Adapted Technology – computer lab technology designed for disabled patients at this amazing nursing home.
- Several new computer work stations in the quiet area of the Lab to enable people to read at their leisure, with large print monitors.
- We funded the purchase of eye-gaze technology, a device which enables a person to use eye movements to operate a computer or tablet.
- 2016 project: new computers to implement new scan select technology for those who control a PC with a single switch.
- 2017: Capital investment into <u>Tap-IT</u>: Large, desk-like touch enabled setup for less mobile residents & for group or 1:1 interactions



### **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 spring 2017. 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.

In June 2016 and June 2017, the dance academy hosted its **Annual charity recital** "Leela" and "Mantra – magical rhythms", respectively at the Upper Merion Middle School, dedicated to Ray of Hope. The shows were presented by the 70+ students and showcased beautiful dances set to captivating music, including dance dramas.

## **Empowerment @ Crowdfunding**

Could there be a better way than organizing fun events outside of dance where attendees have a great time and also support a great cause?

Crowd funding digitally is pretty common these days - we take it a step further! We again hosted a wonderful Mediterranean themed dinner in Fall of 2016 called "Mezze" at the Saturday Club! A year later our good friend Sunanda Ganguly hosted a "Saree bazaar event." All of these events and the facebook and PwC digital campaigns were huge successes! Icing on the cake: we got a \$10k grant from PwC Foundation in Dec 2017



### What did 2016 & 2017 for giving hold for us?

### 2016

- Jan: Philadelphia 76ers Indian American Heritage Night
- Jun: Nava Nritya Dance Academy annual show "Leela"
- Aug: Philadelphia Business Journal
   Minority Business Leader Award
- Oct : Philadelphia Art Museum Performance
- Oct: PwC "Crowd-funding" campaign
- Nov: "Mezze" Benefit Dinner @ The Saturday Club, Wayne
- Dec : Philadelphia 76ers Indian American Heritage Night

### 2017

- Mar : Please Touch Museum
- Jun: Nava Nritya Dance Academy annual show "Mantra"
- October : "Saree bazaar" fundraiser by Sunanda Ganguly
- Nov ember: Facebook fundraiser
- December: PwC Crowd Funding campaign and \$10k grant from PwC Foundation

#### **SPECIAL THANKS TO 2016 & 2017 DONORS!**

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