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**STREET
CHILDREN
INTERNATIONAL**



STATE OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER
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September 22, 2013

Anit Maitra, President
Street Children International
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Dear Friends:

Greetings to all those gathered this afternoon for the 26th Anniversary Fundraising Event hosted by Street Children International. Since it was founded in 1987 under the leadership of the late Dr. Tapan Sarkar, Street Children International has worked to provide education, food, lodging and marketable skills to disadvantaged children in India and the United States.

Committed to helping boys and girls who are mired in debilitating poverty find a path to a brighter future and realize their fullest potentials, Street Children International began by funding Project Calcutta, an initiative of the Ramakrishna Vivekananda Institute to shelter and teach very poor children, and subsequently extended its efforts to support a group of six Pavement Schools serving 300 children in the slums of Calcutta. Over the years, Street Children International has taken on new projects in New York City, New Jersey, New Orleans and Houston as well as funding programs to assist tribal children in India, all while maintaining its focus on reaching out to help the most needy children in practical, innovative and effective ways. The dedicated officers, Executive Committee, members and supporters of Street Children International are acting conscientiously to make a real difference in the lives of poor children, bringing hope, comfort and the promise of a better life.

Best wishes for a joyful celebration and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom DiNapoli".

Thomas P. DiNapoli
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Dear Friends:

Living within our comfortable surroundings in the United States, our children get the best of everything in the world without knowing what kind of life would they have if such comfort and convenience are not available. For many children in this world even the basic minimum opportunities like food and education are not available. Lack of primary education is the root cause of many problems such as, poverty, child labor and diseases.

Street Children International, Inc. aims to provide education, food, lodging and marketable skills to such underprivileged children in partnership with other recognized not-for-profit organizations, to facilitate the transition of such children from debilitating poverty to economic growth and upward mobility. We concentrate on the primary to high school education and nutrition. Our volunteers work hard to achieve our organization's mission. We are happy to report to you that some of these children from pavement schools went to college after finishing their high school.

We hope you will join us in our mission of educating this special group of children. Donations can be made via Pay Pal through our website www.streetchildreninternational.net. " You can also send a check payable to Street Children International Inc. and mail it to our above address. In case you have any questions, contact us by e-mail at streetchildreninternational@gmail.com or by telephone number mentioned above. Please note that we are a Not-for-Profit Corporation and registered under IRC 501(c)(3). Your donations are tax deductible.

On behalf of this special group of children I thank you for your consideration.

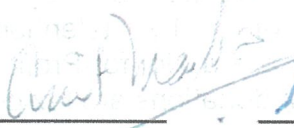
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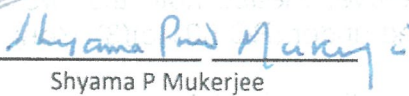
A Hope For Destitute Children

STREET CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL, INC.
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2012


ASSETS	2012 Restricted	2012 Unrestricted	2011 Restricted	2011 Unrestricted
Cash at Bank - Citibank NA		\$36,566		\$ 38,285
Investment - Black Rock SSR F	\$14,707		\$ 12,596	
Total Assets	\$14,707	\$36,566	\$ 12,596	\$ 38,285
 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS				
Endowment Fund:				
A.G. Roy Fund	\$5,483		\$ 4,696	
Khitis Chandra Fund	1,697		1,454	
Dr. Tapan Sarkar Fund	7,527		6,446	
Net Assets (Fund Balance)		\$36,566		\$ 38,285
 Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$14,707	\$36,566	\$ 12,596	\$ 38,285



 Anit Maitra
 President

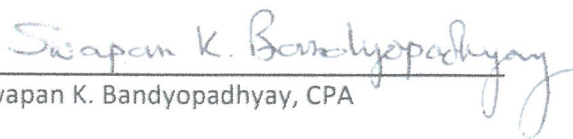


 Shyama P Mukerjee
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 Chitta Saha
 Treasurer

I have examined the above statement of accounts with the records and vouchers and found them to be in agreement with the books and records maintained by the Street Children International, Inc.



 Swapan K. Bandyopadhyay, CPA

STREET CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL, INC.
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

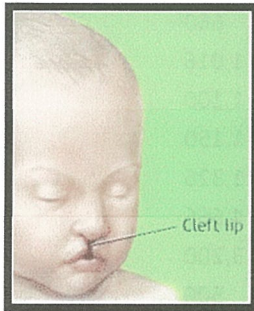
	2012	2012	2011	2011
	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>
<u>REVENUE</u>				
Membership Dues / Subscription		\$2,720		\$ 3,060
Donations		13,964		10,315
Fund Raising:		8,610		7,635
Interest, Dividend & Capital G:	\$890	22	\$ 806	34
Change in Value - Unrealized	1,221		(454)	
	<u>2,111</u>	<u>25,316</u>	<u>\$ 352</u>	<u>\$ 21,044</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
Grants:				
Ramakrishna Vivekananda Mission		9,374		15,374
SWA Sambriddhi		1,400		660
Sarada Kalyan Bhandar		1,016		1,016
Hizaldiha Vivekananda Seva Samity		0		1,100
Purbosree Mahila Samity		1,150		1,150
Ramakrishna Sarda Mission		1,592		1,326
Behala Bodhyan		0		4,666
UDBHAS		4,800		3,200
SARJAN Foundation		1,000		500
MANTRA		1,000		500
Fundraising Expenses		3,330		3,743
Website		110		110
Printing, Postage and Office Supplies		1,636		290
Audit Fee		500		
Miscellaneous		70		
Bank Charges		57		57
	<u>0</u>	<u>27,035</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$ 33,692</u>
Net Changes:				
Excess (Deficit) of Revenue	2,111	(1,719)	\$ 352	\$ (12,648)
Net Assets (Fund Balance) - Br	<u>12,596</u>	<u>38,285</u>	<u>12,244</u>	<u>\$ 50,933</u>
Net Assets (Fund Balance) - En	<u>\$14,707</u>	<u>\$36,566</u>	<u>\$ 12,596</u>	<u>\$ 38,285</u>

The Gift of A Smile

By: Jonaki Singh

What if you had the opportunity to not just change someone's life, but to save it? What if there was a little girl whose medical condition prevented her from smiling, speaking, and even eating--and you could do something about it? Earlier this year, the members of Street Children International were given this kind of opportunity—the opportunity to not just improve the lives of two newborn girls in rural India, but to save them.

The newborn twin girls cried faintly into the night. Their mother, exhausted from childbirth, fell into a deep sleep. Their father silently studied their faces. His daughters were beautiful, but their lips...something was wrong. He quickly turned away. At that moment, the grandmother burst into the room. She looked at the girls with a soft smile, and then frowned when she saw their lips. She looked at her son and shook her head. "It is a bad omen. Our family will be cursed," she said firmly. "You know what you have to do. They can't stay." The father looked at his daughters again. His mother was right; it was a very bad omen. But they were his daughters; they were his own. He knew he couldn't do it.



Cleft lip is a birth defect that affects the upper lip and roof of the mouth. Every year thousands of children in India are born with this deformity that leads to speech impediment and nutritional challenges. Without corrective surgery, many of the impoverished children are condemned to a lifetime of isolation and suffering. Many are even abandoned or killed at birth.

The tragedy is that a cleft can be completely corrected with a simple surgical procedure that could take as little as 45 minutes and cost as little as Rs. 12,000. (<http://www.smiletrainindia.org>)

One week later:

The father tied the knot on his bundle and prepared to return to his barbershop in the city. He didn't want to leave his wife and daughters, but he couldn't stay away from his shop any longer; the family needed money. He looked at his wife and saw his own anxiety reflected on her face. "Don't worry," he told her softly, "I will be back soon. I will find help. Be safe. Keep our daughters safe. I will be back soon." The mother looked away, tears filling her eyes. "And your mother...?" The father sighed. "Be strong. I will be back soon." He kissed his daughters on their foreheads and left, determination marking his stride.

Over the next month, the father asked everyone who came into the shop about his daughters' lips. What was it called? Were there medicines available to correct this problem? Would it go away? Would his daughters survive? One of his customers listened to the father's story and waved his hand. "There's a solution for that! They do a few surgeries, and they fix it right up" The father's face lit up. His daughters had a chance! How much would it cost? He asked. The customer paused. "I'm not sure about that...but it can't be cheap. It's probably thousands of rupees." Thousands? The father knew that--no matter what--he would never earn that kind of money from his little barbershop. He grew

The Gift of Smile (Contd.)

increasingly distracted as the days went on, constantly thinking of what he could do to earn the extra money. Maybe he could work in a factory? Drive a rickshaw? Still, he knew it would not be enough.

One day, an old customer of his, Mr. Mihir Sen, came in to the shop. The father smiled slightly. "Ah Mr. Sen, I see you are visiting from America . It is nice to see you again." Mr. Sen inquired, "And how are you? Last time I was here, I remember you were expecting a child?" The father could feel the tears welling in his eyes. He told Mr. Sen everything: how happy he had been to be a father, how worried he was when he saw his daughters' condition, how certain his parents were that the girls were a bad omen, and how the only solution to his problem was impossibly beyond his reach.

Mr. Sen listened to the story in silence. "Don't worry," he said firmly. "I am part of an organization called Street Children International that may be able to help you. I promise you, I will tell them your story and see what we can do." The father wiped away his tears and thanked him profusely. As Mr. Sen left, the father stared after him. Maybe there was hope after all.

Two months later:

The father slowly walked into the hospital room, his wife a few steps behind him. Please, he prayed silently, let my daughters be healthy. As he reached the beds where his daughters lay, he looked closely at their lips. Mr. Sen had told him the girls would need a few more surgeries before their lips were completely healed, but to the father, they looked...perfect. He felt all the tension and anxiety of the past months flow out of him through his tears.

After bringing the girls back home to their village, the father moved his daughters into a new shack—away from the superstitious grandparents. Although there was still a long way to go, the girls had been fortunate to receive the biggest gift—a smile on their lips!

This experience served as a time of reflection for Street Children International members. As members, we are familiar with and appreciative of the joy that comes from helping a determined student gain admission to college or making sure that a young child receives a nutritious meal at school. But the unique opportunity to give these two young girls a second chance at life reminds us that our sincere efforts and dedication have the potential to create opportunities in seemingly impossible circumstances. Without our help, these two girls may not have survived. But now, they are one step closer to building their futures and realizing their dreams.

Your contributions in action...

Education & Student Support

(This is translation of a letter written by Palash, who studied with the help of STREET CHILDREN INT. and been able to become well educated, from his days in the street)

I am Palash Rana. I live in Gop Gorh. I am a grade level students in Arts. I come from a very poor family. I started attending Sarada Kalyan Bhandar in the 4th grade. I was given help and support for my education and to purchase books and other materials for school. Because I performed well in school I was also able to take special classes. I graduated from 10th grade in the first division, in 2012. Because I lost my father, I am given extra help to purchase my uniforms and other materials. Because of Sarada Kalyan Bhandar I was able to learn skills like computers and drawing. Even now, Sarada Kalyan Bhandar supports me. Last but not least, the opportunity this school has given me has helped me move toward a better future. It showed me the light that was waiting for me ahead and pushed me to go forward. I believe that in the future it will continue to help me progress. I have learned that Street Children International has been a significant contributor in my success here at Sarada Kalyan Bhandar and I am grateful to them for their support. I want to convey my gratitude for your help.

Sincerely, your obedient student,

Palash Rana

Reaching for the Stars:

Rahul Haladar's Story

- in his own words -

Education is the most important thing in our life. I first learned this lesson at the age of 2, when I was admitted to *Atmabikash*, a pavement school that is a part of Street Children International. Street Children International, an organization situated in America, donates money every year to help children continue their education. *Atmabikash* and other pavement schools are guided by Barrackpur Vivekananda Ramkrishna Mission. Every year, Street Children International members would visit our school and give us new clothes during the puja season. When I was five years old, I was admitted to *Silpakala Shiksha Mandir* and began to move towards my goal of being an engineer. Barrackpur Vivekananda Ramkrishna Mission helped me get a private tutor, who always encouraged me to work towards my aim. With his help, I passed the Madhyamik examination in 2009. With the help of Street Children International, I was admitted to Kumar Ashutosh Institution and completed my high school education. Afterwards, I contacted Barrackpur Vivekananda Ramkrishna Mission and they helped me gain admission to JIS College of Engineering. Now I am studying Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering. From my third semester, a member of Street Children International helped me pay my college fees.

I am very thankful to everyone who helped me move forward with my goals. I am so grateful to Street Children International for giving me the opportunity to realize my dreams. In my heart, this organization is just as dear to me as my mother and father. I hope that Street Children International also helps other children achieve their goals and realize that an education is the greatest gift of all.



Rahul Haldar, ex-student of S.C.I. At present, he is a student of B. Tech (Electronic & Communication Engineering)

*Education is the
Key to unlocking doors
And opening up the Storybook
That is the WORLD*

AN APPEAL

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