

In Memoriam: Anjuli Woodward

Two years ago, we published in this newsletter a column penned by Anjuli Woodward, a young volunteer from Oregon who had just spent a few months in Daddy's Home. Anjuli returned to Daddy's Home in 2007 to serve the children she so deeply loved. On December 21, 2007, Anjuli was tragically killed in a car accident. She was just 24 years old. In an act of generosity and grace for which we will always be grateful, the Woodward family urged friends and acquaintances to donate to Care&Share in Anjuli's memory. We offer our own tribute here by reprinting her moving testimony. Anjuli's tragic fate renders her moving, deeply personal words all the more poignant. Her untimely death is a loss to us all.

I was undecided as to which career I wanted to pursue after graduating from college last June with my BS degree in Health. The idea of giving back and experiencing India inspired me to become an active participant; I arrived at Daddy's Home in October. I was there primarily to help take care of the babies, but living with boys between the ages of 3-9, my attention was soon divided between them. Not long after, I started to think of them as my children and my babies.

My days consisted of being woken up by 56 boys bathing and thundering on the floor above me. After studying, we walked to breakfast together and then to school. They all practiced their English saying, "Good morning akka" and "Come to my class akka." And I went...

Then it was off to the nursery until lunch. If they weren't sleeping we played - which is all I did at first. Soon I was folding laundry and changing diapers as well (I caught on fast). Even though most of the women didn't speak much English and I didn't speak Telegu, I learned that "toilet," "one," and "two" are universal.



I spent many evenings sitting on the front steps of Galliano Home watching them play or push the babies in their strollers. Once the sun set, it was study time until dinner. I quizzed my boys on national holidays, animals, fruits, and multiplication tables. I read to them from their textbooks and listened to them read in turn as well. Often, the boys crowded around me (there's no such thing as personal space!) as I told stories such as Goldilocks & the Three Bears and Hansel & Gretel which they referred to as the chocolate story because of the candy house. Jack and the Beanstalk was their favorite.

During my two month stay, I was able to witness the arrival of three babies bringing the total to seventeen! After spending time with them and seeing their personalities emerge before me, it was hard to imagine someone giving them up. I, myself, was born in India and adopted by American parents as an infant. The smallest babies were weightless in my arms and loved to be touched and held. I began to wonder if I was seeing a reflection of myself at that age. I arrived in the United States at seven weeks old and weighed 5 pounds, having been born eight weeks premature. I spent time in the nursery everyday and knew which bottle and pacifier belonged to which baby. And learned to distinguish their cries based on sound alone; thinking the women who had cared for me in Calcutta had done the same.

I can't express how incredible it was to watch them grow and thrive. I witnessed Gaya walking by herself for the first time. And she's been on the go ever since! Jaden and Tyler were just beginning to crawl when I departed. When I turned my attention to Andrea, she'd come alive - her smile lighting up her face and eyes sparkling. And Jack. At first he was so serious and non-verbal for a 2 yr old. I spent a lot of time with him playing catch and having him walk to strengthen his legs. After a while, he'd smile when he saw me coming and point to things he wanted; becoming more verbal and interactive. I have a newfound appreciation for all the hard work everyone at Care & Share does and their dedication to the children. There is always something to be done.



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Spring 2008 the progress report

Dear Friends,

Thanks to your generous support, the past year marked Care&Share USA's best fundraising performance yet. Our revenues are up 60% from 2006. The amount of funds we managed to send to India in 2007 doubled, as did the number of children sponsored through the US branch of the organization. Of course, Care&Share USA still raises a fraction of what its more established sister organization does in Europe, but we are definitely on the right track.

While I will be staying on as President of the organization and plan to remain very much involved, a recent career change will lead me to move to Singapore in the next few weeks. I am happy to announce that, from now on, the day-to-day administration of Care&Share will be carried out by our new Executive Director, Julie Bailey. Julie is an airline pilot with Northwest Airlines. She visited our operations in India several times; over the past years, she has been one of our most stalwart supporters and most capable fundraisers.

For your purposes, the only meaningful change is that our offices will move to Minnesota:

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As usual, thank you so very much for your support!

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A Year of Accomplishments

In 2007 Care&Share India completed 16 years of reaching out to poor children in the rural areas and urban slums, street kids, orphans, children from broken homes, the handicapped, child labourers, HIV positive children, AIDS orphans and abandoned babies in and around the area of Vijayawada in Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh, India.

In this issue of *the progress report*, we are publishing a full report of our activities in India. The past year was one of major accomplishments. Over the course of 2007, the number of sponsored children for the first time crossed the 5,000 mark. We also completed the construction of our new home for newborn babies on our Daddy's Home campus. In our new village for orphans and victims of HIV/AIDS - Butterfly Hill - four out of a total of 10 planned homes for children have already been inaugurated; the residential portion of the campus will be completed by the end of 2008. Work is well underway on the new permanent cafeteria, a small medical center, and a new school. We are ecstatic about the progress we have made, but we still need all the help we can get!

I. SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

In 2007, the sponsorship program covered 5,629 children.

The sponsored children are in the following categories:

Elementary School (Kindergarten to grade 5) :	3,067
High School (grades 6 to 10):	1,775
Intermediate (grades 11 & 12) :	369
College:	188
Post Graduate, Engineering & Medical:	51
Nursing students:	61
Technical Courses:	118

Assistance given to the children and their families during the year:

	In 2007	TOTAL
New Sponsors:	230	5,629
Bank Savings accounts:	194	835
Bicycles:	325	2,194
Gifts :	1,214	9,474
Petty Shops :	1	18
Push Carts :	15	88
Rickshaws :	6	437
Sewing Machines :	73	286

2. STREET KIDS & ORPHANS

Our Daddy's Home campus continues to take in dozens of orphans and street children. Butterfly Hill is a work in progress and currently houses 70 teenage boys. Many other children live in some of the homes we operate in the city of Vijayawada.

CAMPUSES	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
Daddy's Home	305	233	538
Butterfly Hill	70	-	70

LOCAL HOMES

Sweet Home	8	-	8
Toti's Home	-	10	10
Happy Home	31	-	31
Bishop Azariah Hostel	-	264	264
Night Shelter	32	-	32
Helen Keller Home	58	-	58

IN COLLEGES/HOSTELS

Colleges	18	49	67
High School Boardings	15	56	71
GRAND TOTAL	537	612	1,149

3. CARE & SHARE SCHOOL

	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
ENGLISH MEDIUM			
Daddy's Home	224	203	427
Day Scholars	230	216	446
TELUGU MEDIUM			
Daddy's Home	81	30	111
Day Scholars	49	21	70
TOTALS	584	470	1,054

4. BUTTERFLY HILL

At Butterfly Hill - our facility for HIV/AIDS infected and affected children at Veerapanenigudem - work has been going on at a brisk pace. An additional 10 acres (40,670 sq meters) of land have been acquired. Four homes have been completed and 5 homes are in various stages of construction. Construction work on the Hospital, Cafeteria and one School building has also commenced. Permission has been obtained for high tension electricity and power lines have been erected.

The first group of children (from Daddy's Home) were shifted to Butterfly Hill in January 2007.

5. HELEN KELLER HOME:

This year there were 58 boys in the Government Helen Keller Home for Physically Disabled Boys. The kitchen, dining hall, toilets and bathrooms were completely renovated. A shed to park the tricycles and wheel chairs was also constructed. The building was also painted inside and outside. The home is owned by the government, but Care&Share has taken over the administration of the Home.

6. ASHA KIRAN REHAB CENTRE:

In 2007, we shifted our Asha Kiran Rehab centre to Daddy's Home to save costs as well as for better administration. A total of 163 patients were registered and treated during the year.

Figures on appliances and assistance given during the year are as follows: Callipers: 119; Crutches: 7 pairs; Artificial limbs: 26; Splints and Braces: 66; Wheel-chairs: 22; Repairs & Reviews: 99; Corrective surgeries: 2.

7. HEALTH PROGRAM

The Trust provides help for operations and the ongoing medical treatment of sponsored children and their families. During the past year we have assisted 1,500 children and adults. Our Italian paediatrician Dr Roberta Luchelli spent the month of February at Daddy's Home treating the babies and children. This year we also had a visit from "Child Care World Wide" - a group of paediatricians from Italy who are planning to conduct a year-long medical program for our children.

8. VOCATIONAL TRAINING

At Daddy's Home Vocational Training Units, the production during the year was as follows:

Book Binding Unit:	400,000 notebooks
Bag Making Unit:	8,670 school bags
Tailoring Unit:	3,500 uniforms/pants/shirts/punjabis
Footwear Unit :	6,760 pairs of sandals

9. SLUM SCHOOLS

We have added a new slum to our programs and activities this year - Vambay Colony. This is a new settlement on the outskirts of Vijayawada. We continue to run our Slum Literacy Centers and reach out to children and families in the slums of Kandrika, Bramarambhapuram, Alankar Center, Autonagar and Rajarajeswaripeta. At Rajarajeswaripeta, we run a regular school in collaboration with the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation.

In addition to basic literacy, the children are also given a glass of milk and a mid-day meal.

SCHOOL	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL	STAFF
Kandrika	110	150	260	5
Bram'puram	18	22	40	2
Alankar Centre	19	29	48	2
Autonagar	30	10	40	3
Vambay Colony	11	49	60	3
Rajarajeswari	570	610	1,180	42
TOTALS	758	870	1,628	57

We also run a Bridge School under the NCLP (National Child Labour Programme) with 54 boys and girls.

II. BABIES' HOME

Thanks to the support of our donors and the many volunteers who offered their time, we have been able to provide a loving home for our newborn babies. After the government finalized rules for local adoptions in early 2007, we commenced the process of finding new families for our babies. We also completed the construction of a new home.

Babies taken in (Dec 2007):	66
Given in Adoption to Local Families:	36

10. OBSERVATION HOME

During the year, we continued our support for the boys detained in the Government Observation Home at Vijayawada, taking care of the hygiene and health needs of the boys as well as supplying clothes, toiletries, and additional meals when required. On average, 45 boys lived in the Vijayawada Home during the year. In a limited way we are also supporting the Observation Home for Boys at Eluru; 250 boys live there.

New Videos!

Just before Christmas, two talented filmmakers from Germany - Petra Dilthey and Uli Schwarz - visited our facilities in India and shot three short, compelling videos about our programs. Check them out on our YouTube page:

www.YouTube.com/careshareindia

GlobalGiving

Over the past few weeks, one of our projects - the daily distribution of milk to over 1,000 kids in the slums of Vijayawada - was approved for listing on the site of GlobalGiving. GlobalGiving works as a sort of eBay for nonprofits, allowing anyone with an internet connection and a credit card to donate to humanitarian projects in virtually all corners of the globe. Take a look at our project page:

www.globalgiving.com/2048