Dear Sponsors, Friends and Well Wishers,

I have returned back from my annual visit to India to meet our children. I am always thankful to my employer, Discovery Communications LLC (The popular Discovery TV Channel) and my management, for allowing me to take a long vacation to participate in our mission trip. With my team (Sudhakar Kaligithi, Dr. Satya Jnaneshwari, Roy Prakash Thanukula, Sonia Cherukuri, Melissa Stonehill, Kalpana Dharani, Swaroop Naidu and with many volunteers), we were able to visit approximately 85% of our sponsored children. I could not visit the remaining 15% due to the time factor.

With the help of our friends and local Directors in India, we conducted Annual Awards & Rewards ceremonies to our children for their performance at school. These are public meetings attended by the school staff, sponsors, children, their parents, local government executives, social workers, friends and well-wishers. The largest public meeting was conducted at the MVP SDA school grounds in Visakhapatnam, AP, India on January 13th with over 1,200 people. Yandamoori Veerendranth (the famous writer and novelist in Andhra Pradesh, India) was our chief guest. He inspired our children and for those that secured ranks he awarded them with certificates and cash awards. These types of events have proven to be very successful. Many of our sponsored children are inspired and motivated to do well and to receive these awards. Each year these programs are eagerly received and celebrated by our children and families.

The parents of our sponsored children thanked every sponsor for their support and requested me to convey their regards. This year we have identified an additional 500 children who are eligible and cannot go to school without our help. We welcome anyone who would like to become a part of this effort and help make these children a part of your family. It costs only $125 to $175 per year to support a child. (Children waiting for help can be found on the webpage - http://upliftachild.org/children.asp)
▲ - Our Uplift a Child team travelled to almost all places with Sam Vonumu

Geddam Immanuel - Tuni
12 Years of Service to Uplift a Child

Joseph Kalekuri – Nizamapatnam
7 Years of Service

Basava Purnaiah - Pedalanka
7 Years of Service

Sonia Cherukuri – Chirala
6 Years of Service

Veerla Chakravarthy
7 Years of Service
Due to our Annual Award Programs, we not only inspire our children but we also inspire the community in the following ways.

1. Teachers – through our example, teachers are developing an attitude to help others and to treat underprivileged children with special care.
2. School Administration – They are watching what we do. They are considerate when a poor family comes for help at the school.
3. Parents of the children – They are inspired to take care of their children with targets and goals in mind in preparing them to excel.
4. Local Citizens – They are inspired to help another child.
5. Our Volunteers – They are more motivated to continue their services to help humanity.
6. Sponsors – They are able to see their hard earned money being used for giving hope to a less fortunate child for education.

218 of our children received awards during our annual programs. Below are the awards

**Boggavarapu Awards: 157**
**Challapalli Awards: 9**
**Changa Awards: 52**

**BOGGAVARAPU AWARDS:** Congratulations to our 157 Award Recipients who made a significant development at school with their progress in 2011. Out of 1500 children, 157 of them were able to come first, second and third, competing with other rich children in their respective grades at their schools. We started this award in 2006. We are thankful to Dr. Lava & Dr. Navin Boggavarapu & their family from Marlboro, New Jersey, USA for sponsoring this award by paying Rs.1000 for 1st rank, Rs. 750 for 2nd rank and Rs. 500 for 3rd rank. Their generosity is encouraging for each child to succeed academically.

**CHALLAPALLI AWARDS:** Congratulations to our 9 Award Recipients who made a significant development at school with their progress in 2011. We started this award in 2010 and it has proved to be very successful. The current governor of Rotary (AP region, India) Mr. Challapalli Surya Rao is the founder of this idea from Vizag and he is doing this in memory of his father Dr. Challapalli Rama Rao. We are thankful to the family of Ch. Surya Rao and Dr. Syamala for coming up with this award. This award is helping children to move forward as it is giving an incentive to those who are left behind. If they show an improvement of 20% from the previous year to the current, the child receives an ( Rs.250) award and a certificate. Currently this award is only in place in Vizag,

**CHANGA AWARDS:** Congratulations to our 52 Award Recipients. This award is sponsored by Mr. K.C. Surender, an IAS officer from Delhi who is very keen on developing children’s lives for education. He is doing this in memory of his father. This award is helping children to move forward as it is giving an incentive to those who are left behind. If they show an improvement of 20% from the previous year to the current, the child receives an ( Rs.250) award and a certificate. The award recipients are in Bobbili, Chirala, Chittoor, Hyderabad, Anakapalle, Kesapattanam, Machilipatnam, Mandalam, Nalgonda, Nizamabad, Nizamabad, Nuzvid, Pedalanka, Pitapuram, Rajahmundry, Tenali, Tuni, Vijayawada and Karmatar, Bisnapur and Khunti in JHARKHAND state, Naxalbari in WEST BENGAL state and Gossaigaon in ASSAM state.
The Award programs were held at the following locations: Pictures are available on Facebook for every location. Our Facebook id is "UpliftaChild" if you would like to add us.

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It is because of all our sponsors and volunteers that, all of these children look very beautiful and are growing intellectually each day with knowledge, understanding and great maturity. They are able to learn good things at school, ready to compete with every one and challenge each other with their subject knowledge. Seeing their ability, we are convinced that they will surely be future leaders.
NEPAL UPLIFT A CHILD INAUGURAL PROGRAM

Uplift a Child International is happy to announce the good news of helping 50 less fortunate children in Nepal in 2013. This was possible because of the hardwork and initiation of Mr. & Mrs. Lok Tiwari, a Nepalese American who lives in Maryland (Washington DC metro area). Lok Tiwari along with his team of volunteers in Nepal and many sponsors of Nepalese origin in America are working to make a difference. Our India Uplift a Child team along with Sam Vonumu visited Waling, Nepal on January 22nd to meet all 50 children, their parents, the local volunteers, our school partner and also local government leaders who joined hands with us to help our children.

A warm welcome to all of us by the Nepal team in Katmandu.

Warm welcome again in Pokhara Airport by Pokhara team.

▼▼▼ Our children will be studying at Nepal Model Higher Secondary School in Waling, Syanja ▼▼▼

The school authorities are service orientated and offered us a 50% discount for our children in Waling.
Sanskriti is our partner in Kiev, Ukraine. We are thankful to the team for choosing us to support children for education in India. Currently Sanskriti is supporting many children through Uplift a Child and also doing a lot of other service activities apart from educational help. During my visit, they have also given some care packages to our children in India which will be transported and distributed soon.

Our sincere thanks to Srinivas & Annapurna Polavarapu, Ram Bandi, Shyam Kulkarni and Rangasamy families for coordinating our event in Kiev.

We are thankful to the introduction of Dr. Shalini Chander from the Indian Embassy Club who will be a part of Uplift a Child and participate with our cause.
Few Pictures of Award Recipients
We are thankful to the following people for their contributions during our Annual Awards Program

1. Mr. & Mrs. Surya Rao Challapalli, Mr. & Mrs. Srihari Rao Bollina, Roy Prakash Tanukula & Sudhakar Kaligithi – provided transportation help (cars) during our events and helped us in many ways.
2. Raja Mallepeddi family in USA & Vinodh Mallepeddi family in India as well as the family friends & host of relatives who coordinated all our programs in Pedalanka.
3. Pr. Joseph Kalekuri in coordinating all our programs in Nizamapatanam and coordinating with local sponsors. Special thanks to Sister Hazel from UK who sponsored our event expenses in Nizamapatanam.
4. Thanks to Swathi Model School in Pedalanka, Guntur District, for a beautiful program and also for sponsoring the event with their own money.
5. Mr. Ch. David Raj of Vizag, SDA school, MVP colony for coordinating Vizag program at his school and helping us in multiple ways.
6. Mrs. Laxmi Rotta for coordinating with all of our children in Anakapalle with the JL School management and for arranging a bus to bring them to the Vizag program.
7. Mr. Aditya Neeli for coordinating with all of our children in Araku to come to Vizag for the event.
8. Mr. Dasari Naveen for coordinating all our programs and helping us in Venkatapalem, Vijayawada and Machilipatnam.
9. Mr. Appaji Mannava of Global High School and his team of volunteers and staff members for planning and coordinating a superb event and also sponsoring the event expenses.
10. Thanks to the Board of Directors of Rotary Club of Vijayawada for providing us their venue for our event and special thanks to Mr. Hanuman Gupta for sponsoring the event expenses.
11. Dr. Udattu Rao from Machilipatnam for coordinating and sponsoring our event with the help of local sponsors and Little Flower School.
12. Mr. Philip Bandalapati & Mr. Srinivas of Nuzvid for coordinating our Nuzvid Uplift a Child event.
13. Mrs. Priscilla teacher from Rajahmundry SDA school for coordinating our event in Rajahmundry.
14. All our 415 sponsors from all over the world and our Board of Directors for making it possible with their contribution towards our cause.
15. Mrs. Sonia Cherukuri and Mr. Vijay Cherukuri for hosting a fantastic program in Chirala. Our parents and children enjoyed it very much including us. Thanks to the local sponsors for sponsoring the event.
16. Mr. & Mrs. Raju Babu of Sri Chaitanya school & staff of Paykiraopeta & Mr. Emmanuel Geddam and his team of teachers and students of Tuni – Apollo School for months of preparation for our Annual program and for the beautiful presentation on the day of our event. Thanks to their efforts in finding local sponsors who covered all the event expenses.
17. Mr. Veerla Chakravarthy for attending our Vizag program. He is looking after our children in Chittoor.
18. Our team of Volunteers for Vizag and all locations worked very hard in planning and coordinating our programs. Swaroop, Hari Prasad, Jagadish, Manoj, Shabnam, Newton, new volunteers (sorry missed your names).
19. Mr. Lok Tiwari from the US who has coordinated our event in Waling, NEPAL. He is our country director for Nepal.
20. Thanks to many of our sponsors who sent gifts to the children and also donated money to buy meals during our annual programs. Sruthi & Keshav Vasanthavada, one of our sponsors from the US has participated in our Vizag Uplift a Child program.
21. Mrs. Kalpana Dharani, our office manager from Vizag in India, for her planning, coordination and administering all the events at all locations with the help of our local teams with great success. We thank Mr. Dharani who always helps us from behind the scenes and we appreciate his service to Uplift a Child India.
Our current need: We always have a lot of children waiting for help. [http://www.upliftachild.org/children.asp](http://www.upliftachild.org/children.asp)

To become a sponsor:
1. Enroll online (no commitment required) [http://www.upliftachild.org/bcmsponsor.asp](http://www.upliftachild.org/bcmsponsor.asp)
2. It cost only US $125 – 175 per child, per year ($50 extra for a mid-day meal)
3. It cost only US $300 per child, per year for Hostel
4. You are welcome to do a one-time donation if you would like to from our website
5. We are a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt organization approved by IRS (US government)
6. Contact Sam Vonumnu for more info – [sam@vonumnu.com](mailto:sam@vonumnu.com)
   Home phone: 301-445-4665 or Cell phone 240-832-9234

Thank You
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