Our Savings in this World is not what we have today, but what we give to others – Mr. Vonumu

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For those who do not know me, I was a slum dweller once upon a time from India. It is because of a sponsor’s help I was able to go to school and get an education. Education has changed my life forever and today I have learned to give back. I have been giving my time, my money and almost everything for 19 years. I have a full-time job in the IT Industry. Outside my job, leading Uplift a Child International as it’s CEO in a voluntary position spending 2000+ hours annually. I may be one of the poorest American living in Washington D.C area. But I am very happy in life living a simple life with my little daughter Stella and my wife Rena. We are very satisfied in life and happy to go many extra miles to make a difference to underprivileged children in the world.

2019 was a challenging year for us. It was a great year for all of our children. Out of our 4,000 children, we had close to 1,000 children without sponsors. We took the risk and put them in school with a hope that we could manage. Making a little adjustment will change someone’s lives. Uplift a Child is thankful to our Sponsors and Volunteers for their dedicated service to humanity through their contribution of time and money. They are our backbone and we are successful because of their help. Once again, we left “No Child Behind” for education in 2019. All our children within our network are at School and doing very well.

Wish you all a Happy New Year 2020 & Happy Holidays

Sam Vonumu
Founder, CEO & Chairman of the Board
OUR MISSION: Uplift A Child International is a Maryland-based non-profit organization, founded by Samuel and Rena Vonumu in 2000. The mission is to identify poor and needy children, place them in a school, and support them through 12 years of schooling, ending with high school graduation. The opportunity of an education will keep the children off the streets, provide them with the necessary skills to advance in life, and give them an opportunity to emerge as self-reliant and productive members of the society. By the time the children complete high school, they will have the necessary training and social skills, and will be mature enough, to plan and work towards a brighter future. Until then, we must work with each child in helping the child grow in the right direction.

OUR PROCESS AND IMPACT:
Uplift A Child International focuses on helping children with the greatest need, those who live each day in constant fear of violence and for whom their next meal is an uncertainty. By placing these children in safe, established schools, and monitoring them, there is a high probability that they will become responsible adults, having had their lives changed forever.

OUR IMPACT IN NUMBERS:
One of our Sponsor from USA visited her Sponsored Children in India – Honest feedback from Pat Brown

December 6, 2019

Why I Support Uplift a Child

I confess that rarely in my life have I given money to any organization. My charity has always been to support my own pro bono work in which I provide crime analysis to families of murdered loved ones where the police have failed to solve the cases. In supporting my own organization, I at least knew where the money was going: straight to the families to solve cases. However, when other organizations asked me for money, I held off. I would investigate where the money went and, most of the time, I was not happy with the percentage that reached the persons I was trying to help.

When I met Sam and Rena (we all dance together at Zind Dance Academy in Silver Spring Maryland) and learned about Uplift a Child, I was impressed to discover the almost ALL the money goes to the children for education. And so, I decided, along with my daughter, to sponsor four children in Rajasthan. Then, shortly after doing so, Sam and Rena asked if I wanted to join them (in February of 2019) for a month’s tour of schools which Uplift a Child works with and we would also be visiting my children’s school in Rajasthan. I couldn’t resist. It would be my fifth visit to India but my first seeing the education of children and the specific schools supported by Uplift a Child.

What a wonderful month! I met the staff of Uplift a Child and over the weeks we traveled together, I became all the more pleased that this was a charity I was giving my money to. The dedication of the staff under the direction of Sam and Rena was truly uplifting. There was no question they cared about their mission and the amount of hours put in by everyone to make sure things were running smoothly was inspiring. I don’t know how many times I emerged from my room during our trip around South India only to find everyone sitting in a circle with computers working into the night on programs and details.

I met all four of my children in Rajasthan. To actually SEE the children one is sponsoring, to know for sure they exist (and there are other programs in the world that sponsor children but it is questionable these children are truly enrolled in schools and receiving all the benefits they should), and to confirm that everything I was told by Sam and Rena was the truth, that my money was going to help these children grow up with a chance for an education all children deserve…this was the icing on the cake.

At each school, I joined in with the festivities and observed the results of Uplift a Child. And what great results they were! My month was an education in itself for me and I left India feeling satisfied that, for once, I had found a charity I truly believed was worth supporting.

Warm regards,
Pat Brown
This year we had 513 award recipients for the below specific awards.  (Click here for Full Details)

**500 Boggavarapu Awards**  
**04 Ratnakar Math’s Awards**  
**09 Vonunu Excellence Awards**

Math’s award is the newest of all started this year, given to those who secured 95% or more in Mathematics. We are glad to share with you that 3 of our sponsors, Pat Brown & Lava Boggavarapu (from USA) and Sidharth Polavarapu (from Peru, S.A) have traveled with us participating in the annual award ceremonies in January. They personally have witnessed the activities and interacted with the parents and the children.
We would like to share the results of our children’s hard work. In 2019, we had a total of 113 children who have appeared for the SSC (10th Class) Public examination conducted by the Government. Out of them, 111 of them have successfully passed their exams in flying colors and 2 have failed. That means 98.24% is our success rate on those who have completed their high school. We support these children for 12 years of education (from LKG to Grade X). We are so happy to see the results. Our sincere thanks to our sponsors and those who have trusted us 100% on our cause. …Detailed Report

**UPLIFT A CHILD INTERNATIONAL INC**

2018 Finances

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Nagaraj Gurrala is the founder of Uplift a Child South Africa and have come up with this idea. He did not want to reinvent the wheel, but to go with an organization which is specialized in Educational charity. We have completed all the government formalities like registrations, forming a board, opening bank accounts and a plan for 2020 to start supporting children’s education. Read More
Uplift a Child in ASIA

- **PHILIPPINES**: We had some children in Baler, Arora till last year. We are looking for more local volunteers in the Philippines so that we can help more children in other parts of the country. We are thankful to Joy Soriano and Tetchie Gonzales for leading our operations.

- **NEPAL**: Our operations in Waling, Syangja are going well. Our sincere thanks to Nepal Model School for taking good care of our children there.

Uplift a Child in AFRICA

- **DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO**: We currently have 100 children in Bunyakiri, South Kivu doing very well with our educational support since 2016.

- **KENYA**: We currently have 52 children in Narok studying in 12 different schools. Sam & Alice Makori are instrumental in taking personal care of these wonderful children that are doing very well in school. This year, they brought them to Nairobi to show how the city looks like.
Our Board of Directors

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Our Lifetime Awards Sponsor – Boggavarapu Foundation

Lava, Navin, Ramya, Gautham & Jeevan Boggavarapu
The Boggavarapu Family

2,720 Awards Given as of 2018
At 300+ locations

INR 2,121,000 Amount Awarded as of 2018

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Our Current Need
“1000 children are currently waiting for Help”

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PHILIPPINES: Uplift a Child Philippines – Registration pending

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