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NEWSLETTER 34 – TSUNAMI SPECIAL

HANDI-CARE ADOPTS A VILLAGE



Handi-Care Intl. takes this opportunity to thank you all for your generous support during our initial relief campaign. 100% of all your donations have gone to 3 major relief work organizations – LEAD, MAKKAL NAL VAZHVU & IDRF in India

After Tsunami Reconstruction And Re-Settlement

Handi-Care Intl. is adopting the village of **PILLUMEDU in Cuddalore district of Tamil Nadu.**

This village is totally wiped out by the disaster on Dec. 26, 2004. 183 houses were destroyed rendering the occupants homeless.

65 deaths have occurred and 45 persons are injured. An alarming number of children are orphaned and injured.

There is a dire urgency to **build 80 houses** to resettle the survivors in this village.

Handi-Care Intl. has chosen this village based on the size of reconstruction and the extent of devastation that justifies immediate action to resettle the families. The orphaned children will be placed within the community and given support through sponsorship schemes.

Needs and Planned activities:

- <u>Permanent Shelters to the 80 of the</u> <u>affected families:</u> Construction of disaster resistant houses with permanent roof and individual toilet for the affected.
- <u>Common infrastructure</u>: Construction of roads with storm water drains, rain water harvesting facilities, drinking water supply, solid waste disposal pits, sanitary complex, community center and street lighting.
- <u>Land for relocation of permanent</u> <u>settlement and common infrastructure</u>: Will be provided free of cost by the Tamil Nadu Government.
- <u>Livelihood rehabilitation</u>. <u>Restoration/Replacement of boats</u>, <u>catamarans and fishing nets</u>: Assessment of extent of damages to the livelihood means of all the families in the village has been done. While some need repairing, others need replacement and generally

replacement of all nets. Where heavy expenditure on replacement of mechanized boats are required, it is proposed to be done on a community ownership basis.

- Handi-Care Intl. will undertake this endeavor enlisting the help of a partner NGO (Non governmental org) in India.
- All construction plans and layouts are as per the Govt. legislation pertaining to this Tsunami reconstruction and it will be implemented throughout India.

The duration of the project is 6 to 8 months and construction has already started.

• This project will be monitored by the HCI team on a regular basis by personal visits to the site.

WHAT IS THE COST?

The cost is \$3300 (Cdn) per house.

\$3300 will build a house with all the necessary infrastructure like drinking water, electricity and road access. Each household will be resettled and specialized counseling will be offered to the mentally distraught members.

Additional funds will be required to sponsor the orphaned children to integrate them with relatives / other families in the same community.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- 1. Adopt a house for \$3300.
- 2. Since this is a 2 phase project, adopt one phase for **\$1650**.
- **3.** Gather a group of friends and Adopt a house.

- 4. Pledge any amount and 100% will go towards our "Adopt a Village" project.
- 5. Tax receipts will be issued for all donations, making it easier for you to adopt individual houses.
- 6. If you wish your name will be inscribed on the house and you can visit the village any time.

PLEASE PRINT THE PLEDGE FORM BELOW TO SEND YOUR DONATION

PLEDGE FORM

Name	
Address	
Phone: ()	
E-mail:	
Cheque # Amount	
Select:	
 Adopt A House Partial AAH Meal For A Day Adopt A Child Sponsor A Youth (visit our website for details on the last 3 schemes) General donation 	

Special Instructions:

Date of Donation:_____

Cheques payable to <u>Handi-Care Intl.</u> Tax receipts issued for donations of \$20 and

more. Mail to :-

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HCI's on- going commitments

Tsunami has captured our immediate attention to rise to the occasion and act. However, our on-going projects which are essential to the maintenance of hundreds of disabled children should not be affected in the process. HCI's staff is working diligently to strike a balance. Our volunteer Ms. Charu Shankar has come forward to perform a benefit concert on March 26, 2005 at The Medical Sciences Auditorium, U of T at 6:30 PM.

Charu's heart was captured by the ambience of Amar Seva Sangam, when she visited the facility in early 2004. She was impressed by the loving care, efficiency and commitment that were apparent at that institution and decided to help raise \$44,000 to build a centre for the "Mentally challenged" children. This centre will offer shelter and unique state of the art program for the affected children by implementing the most modern and effective approach to treat these children and provide support for the families. This facility will be extension of all the services provided for the disabled. Handi-Care Intl. has supported all the projects of Amar Seva Sangam since our inception.

Please visit **www.pankaja.ca** for details. For tickets/ Sponsorship for the concert, contact us at: 416 913 6555 <u>hci@rogers.com</u>