

## HANDI-CARE INTL. (HCI)

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## UPDATED WEBSITE

Please visit our site

www.handi careintl.org for updates.

## Getting ready for inauguration on May 8, 2009... <u>CLICK here</u> for photos

It will cater to the needs of 70 mentally challenged children in the poor rural area. These children have varying conditions as Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental retardation Etc.. The primary aim of this initiative is to build a centre with classrooms, games & activity rooms; train qualified educators and equip the centre with sufficient educational & activity materials. Currently the

children are being cramped into any available room & at distant respite centres.

## Please read our <u>Souvenir</u> Publication for details.

We need sponsorships for these children.....

The building is a major step towards the rehab and empowerment of the mentally challenged. To succeed in this The tax season has started and everyone is looking for ways to save money... Your generousity to HCI will come in handy now... All the tax receipts for donations made upto Nov. 15, 2008 were mailed out during the last week of Nov. 08. Receipts for any donations made after Nov. 15, are being mailed now. You should be receiving them in the next couple of weeks.

I am back from India, after an exciting and fulfilling trip... All the updates are being made on our website... Let me share some of the highlights with you...

Lots and lots of positive outcome for all the initiatives that HCI has taken in sponsorships and other projects at Amar Seva Sangam.

> ▲ We started sponsoring disabled young men & women in 2003 for higher studies or for Vocational training. Since 2004 61 of them have completed studies/ training and have found gainful employment.... <u>CLICK here</u> to view details. (Click thru Success stories)

• Currently our sponsorship stands at 72 children at Amar Seva Sangam and 41 children at Maithri. <u>CLICK here to see</u> the list of sponsored children endeavor on a long term basis, we also need individual sponsorships. We welcome you to take a look at some of the children awaiting sponsorship by clicking <u>here</u> at Amar Seva Sangam. You can further follow links on the names and see the child's photo and detailed reports. <u>CLICK here</u> to see the list of sponsored children at Maithri

٨ We started sponsoring very young children afflicted with disabilities in the year 1992. It takes approximately 12 to 15 years for each child to pass thru stages of rehab, schooling and life skills training until the child is either discharged or promoted to higher studies. You will be happy to note that in the past 17 years HCI has helped rehabilitate and discharge 20 children back to their communities or for higher education. All of them are employed or have started their own small scale business.

▲ Those of you who remember Mohamed Ali, for whose higher education as an artiste, we enacted his story in 2004 fundraiser, will be happy to hear that he has his won art studio "LIMRAA" in Tenkasi. There are several such heart warming stories.

Visit by HCI supporters from Canada – Girija & V.S Ananth, Latha Sukumar & Mr. Sukumar, The Lakhani family (Vol. Bimal's parents) are among the few who visited Amar Seva Sangam while I was there. <u>Click here for photos</u>

▲ Our director Gita Sankaran & her son Siddharth Sankaran had visited earlier in 2008 to hand over the funds for building the "Centre For Special Education" <u>CLICK</u> <u>here</u>

 <u>CLICK here</u> to see the updated "Meal For A Day" donors' list