

# SHANTI CHILDREN PROJECT

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Dear Friends,

Lovely greetings from Shanti Children Project!

After a long time, we have taken the time to contact you again. With all your support our project is growing well. The children are studying fine, participating in all our different programs.

Again this year, more than 120 children benefited from our project, through our various activities, tuition centre, summer time computer class, sponsorship program and nine scholarships for female students, etc.

Our sincere thanks to "Uncle" Heinz and family from Austria, Horst Raatz from Germany, and all our friends and well wishers of Shanti Children Project. Only with your support, we are able to help so many poor families, students in Tiruvannamalai.

We are happy to inform you; Our Nurse Chandra has got her exam result recently and she passed with First Class in "Speech Therapy Course"! We are so proud of her and she studied in such difficult circumstances, at one stage we thought she is going to quit her studies, but with her courage she managed all the tests, and now became a speech therapist, already working in Sri Lakshmi Narayana Medical College Hospital in Pondicherry as a Nurse in the Ear Nose Throat (ENT) department. Dear Chandra, you are great, congratulations!

The interesting thing is; my wife Beate got sick last month, we took her to the hospital where Chandra is working, Chandra was the one, who treated Beate! This is a special moment for us, we were on tears when we witnessed that incident. Thank you Chandra, for your dedication to the job you are doing!



**Sindhu** is a single parent girl, her mother works in different houses, cleaning jobs. She is illiterate; Hans from Holland is sponsoring Sindhu's education. She is studying well at school, and showing much interest in sports, this year she participated in her school sports competition and won second price in "High Jump" and this news was also published in the district newspaper, her school teachers are proud of her and the government gave a bank cheque of six thousand rupees for her as prize. Well done Sindhu, keep it up, we wish you success for the coming years also!

**Meenakshi** is studying at Rangammal School for hearing impaired children; she is doing well at her school, learning reading, writing, drawing, playing... every time she comes home for holidays, she gives a big smile, and always asks this question; when is thatha coming? (thatha is a tamil word, means grand father, she means our "Uncle" Heinz), she wants to see him. He is the one who identified her problem and brought her to this special school. Priska Brunbauer, the deaf daughter of "Uncle" Heinz, has visited Meenakshi at this school and is sponsoring for her education. Thank you Priska!

**Kogila;** finished her Nursing course, she is working in a private clinic in Tiruvannamalai as a nurse; she is the third nurse from our project. She is very happy and thankful for the education we have provided for her.

**Keerthana** is doing her B.Sc Maths final year, last month she got married ... but still she is studying and we are happy for her, and thank her husband who allows her to continue her studies.

This year five girls are going to graduate, we have been helping them for many years, known them for a long time. We wish them; **Bharathi, Indira, Deepa, Suganya and Keerthana...** All the best for their final year exam! Bharathi is already talking about further studies. **With your help** only, that would be possible for us to support their higher studies!





***Yoga class with Upahar and Veena:*** Every year in the winter time, they teach our tuition children free dance, singing, meditation and yoga. This is a great gift for our children, they learn so many things, the energy is so different, they are relaxed, positive thinking, and learn self confidence. Thank you so much, Dear Upahar and Veena!



Last summer, we have taken our project children, younger children to Vellore golden temple and fort, and other bigger students to VGP golden beach, Chennai as one day excursion. They had lots of fun and enjoyed the whole trip all together.



**Computer class:** Seven students participated in our summer vacation computer class, learned basic computer skills, now they have an email account, and know how to send and receive emails, and use internet, etc.,

In our tuition centre, we celebrated Saraswathi pooja, independence day, Pongal and Christmas. Uncle Heinz came as Father Christmas, gave gifts to the children and told us the story about Jesus. He made the children very happy. That was very nice, he is the best story teller we know. Unfortunately this year he is not coming for Christmas, we are still looking for another Father Christmas for this year. And we are looking forward to have Uncle Heinz with us for Pongal.

There are still 30 girls who **need sponsorship**. This is a great opportunity for you to help the poor children in Tiruvannamalai / India. In this festival time you may want to sponsor a child. We are happy to share with you the details of the student if you want to choose a particular girl. Do not hesitate to write us. For more details visit our website: [www.shantichildrenproject.org](http://www.shantichildrenproject.org).

Once again, we **thank you** for all your support, towards our children project. We wish you a wonderful time!

***"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."  
- Nelson Mandela.***

