



Asha 2011 Education Appeal - A Quest for Higher Education

Anjali's Story

Namaste! My name is Anjali and I am 18 years old. I'm in my last year of school at Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyala School. I live in Dr Ambedkar Slum Colony with my mother and father and 6 sisters. Our family has to cook, clean, eat, study and sleep in just one room! I became the treasurer of the Asha children's group when I was 11, and my mother is a member of the Asha women's group.



In my spare time, my favourite thing to do is play Badminton with my friends. But right now I'm studying at least 6 hours a day because I'm taking my end of school exams. I have to do well if I want to go to college. I really want to attend Delhi University and study Political Science Honours. I also want to join the NCC, the police cadet training corps while I'm at college. My dream is to be a police officer.

During this exam period, I've received a lot of support from Asha. They provided me with text books, sample papers and even organised mock exams so we know what to expect on the actual day. I found that the exam preparation and time management workshops Asha organised helped me to study even better.



Dr Kiran Martin and the Asha staff really encouraged me to work hard at my studies and believe that I can go to college. My parents can't afford to send me to college, but Asha have promised that they will make sure I won't have to worry about all the expenses like tuition fees, books, clothes and transportation costs.

Watch Anjali's story on YouTube as she talks about her life, her goals and school exams. Follow her over the coming months as she goes through the college admission process! Go to <http://bit.ly/dPZaAt> or search for the Asha Society channel on YouTube

Anjali is one of 450 children from Delhi slums who are in their last year of school and receiving support from Asha in order that they might go on to higher education next year. Asha provides assistance to these students right from their early school days through to college graduation and job searches.

Through the awarding of Asha scholarships, hundreds of kids have been able to complete and excel in their school exams and gain admission at university. Anjali's story shows the possibilities open to slum children when they are provided with educational guidance and support. But all this is only possible with the support of your donations.



Students completing college application forms



Asha provides textbooks and sample exam papers

Asha has a vision to send 5000 slum children to university in the next 5 years. We have already been able to admit almost 400 in the last 3 years. This spring the class of 2011, the first group of students from Asha to go to Delhi University, will graduate. They are making history as the first group of students ever from the slums to go to college. We believe that Anjali's year, the class of 2014, will be the largest yet admitted to college. These students aspire to a wide variety of ambitious and academically rigorous courses. But their goals of higher education can't be achieved without your help.

Please donate to Asha's 2011 Education Appeal and help send a student like Anjali to college this year. With your help, students from the slums will be able to break out of poverty and build a brighter future.

For £450/\$700, you can sponsor a child like Anjali through the entire college preparatory process and one year at university. If you are not able to give this entire amount, you can also contribute a portion of the higher education expenses. The options below give an idea of what your donation will cover.

How we will put your money to work

- **£20/\$30** - will cover one college preparation workshop for 30 children
- **£25/\$40** - will buy books for one child for one year
- **£45/\$70** - will cover the college admission process expenses for one child
- **£60/\$100** - will provide a student with new clothes for university
- **£185/\$300** - will cover university tuition fees for one child for one year
- **£450/\$700** - will cover all university expenses for one child for one year

Please see the back page of our newsletter for the ways you can donate

Watch out for the Asha Yearbook coming soon to our website: www.asha-india.org!

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