



**Uplift A Child  
International**

Helping the Poor and  
Needy Children

## **Sam Vonumu's India visit January 13, 2009 – February 10, 2009**

Dear Sponsors, Friends and Well Wishers,

I am very thankful to my employer, Discovery Communications LLC (The popular Discovery TV Channel), for allowing me to take a long vacation to participate in our social service work in India. With my team, we were able to visit approximately, 500 of our 600 sponsored children.

With the help of our local volunteers and our directors in India, we conducted Annual Awards & Rewards ceremonies to the most outstanding children for their performance in school. These are public meetings attended by the school staff, sponsors, the children, their parents, local government executives, social workers, friends and well-wishers. The largest public meeting was conducted at SDA School, MVP Colony in Vizag, AP, India on January 25th with 750 people. These types of events have proven to be very successful. Many of our sponsored children are inspired and motivated to do well and to receive these awards. Each program concludes with a meal to all the children and parents. The meal expenses are shared among many of our sponsors. Each year these programs are eagerly received and celebrated by our children and families.

The Award programs were held at the following locations:

1. Pitapuram, E.G District, AP, India (January 20, 2009)
2. Visakhapatnam, AP, India, (January 25, 2009)
3. Bobbili, Vizianagram District, AP, India, (January 26, 2009)
4. Tuni, E.G District, AP, India (January 27, 2009)
5. Nizamapatnam, Guntur District, AP, India (January 28, 2009)
6. Pedalanka, Guntur District, AP, India, (January 29, 2009)
7. Tenali, Guntur District, AP, India (January 30, 2009)
8. Chirala, Prakasam District, AP, India (January 30, 2009)
9. Mandadam, Guntur District, AP, India (January 30, 2009)
10. Vijayawada, Krishna District, AP, India (January 31, 2009)
11. Rajahmundry, E.G District, AP, India (February 01, 2009)

The Boggavarapu Foundation sponsored all the educational awards all over the country. They awarded a certificate along with a cash award of Rs. 1000 for 1<sup>st</sup> rank, 750 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 500 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> rank.

We are thankful to Dr. Lava & Dr. Navin Boggavarapu & family of Marlboro, New Jersey, USA. Their generosity is encouraging for each child to succeed academically. Below is the list of all our Award Recipients.



# UPLIFT A CHILD International

## Annual Program

Date : January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Venue : S.D.A. High School  
Place : M.V.P. Colony, Vizag  
A.P., INDIA

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#	NAME OF THE CHILD	GRADE	RNK	SCHOOL NAME	PLACE	PRIZE	Child's Sponsor
1	Geethika Joga	LKG	2	JGS School	Vizag	750	Nagendra Mudigonda
2	Vinay Thotada	UKG	2	JGS School	Vizag	750	Dr. Maya Prabhu
3	Mahesh Lanka	LKG	3	JGS School	Vizag	500	Mr. & Mrs. Jayaram Akula
4	Prasanna Karri	II	2	MVP-SDA School	Vizag	750	Abhijit & Anwasha
5	Maheshwari Akula	IV	2	MVP-SDA School	Vizag	750	Kim & Mark Vickerman
6	Harinadh Palla	I	1	MVP-SDA School	Vizag	1000	Mr. & Mrs. Kiran Parvataneni
7	Anusha Taluri	III	1	MVP-SDA School	Vizag	1000	Vonumu International
8	Sundari Adari	II	3	MVP-SDA School	Vizag	500	Sowmya Nimmagadda
9	Deepthi Bara	V	1	MVP-SDA School	Vizag	1000	Abhijit & Anwasha
10	Pranusha Vegoti	I	2	SDA High School	Kesanapalli	750	Sam & Rena Vonumu
11	Kishore Kajuluri	V	2	SDA High School	Kesanapalli	750	Sam & Rena Vonumu
12	Sushma Rani Tadi	II	3	SDA High School	Kesanapalli	500	Sam & Rena Vonumu
13	Manisha Yedla	II	1	SDA High School	Kesanapalli	1000	Sam & Rena Vonumu
14	Chandu Chervula Venkata Lavanya	UKG	2	SDA High School	Kesanapalli	750	Sam & Rena Vonumu
15	Karanam	UKG	3	SDA High School	Pitapuram	500	Ramesh & Praveena Kalwala
16	Kishore Vasanthada	V	2	SDA High School	Pitapuram	750	Sharada Saulter
17	Giridhar Bathula	II	A	Little Flower School	Vizag	500	Srinivas Pilla
18	Dharani Bathula	IV	A+	Little Flower School	Vizag	750	Vikram Bhimarasetty

19	Sai Charan Barla	UKG	3	SDA High School	Vizag	500	Shailaja Oruganti
20	Murali Juthu	II	1	SDA High School	Vizag	1000	Sam & Rena Vonumu
21	Shanthi Murmurala	II	3	SDA High School	Vizag	500	Shally John
22	Jyotshna Yadam	IV	3	SDA High School	Vizag	500	Shally John
23	Harika Nakka Mohan Sai Kumar	III	3	SDA High School	Vizag	500	James & Pearl Welch
24	Udhavolu	UKG	2	SDA High School	Vizag	750	Seven Hills Hospitals-Vizag Mr. CV Rao & Dr. Asha Challapalli
25	Padma Priya Kakara	V	3	SDA High School	Vizag	500	
26	Naveen Gandiboyina	VII	1	SDA High School	Vizag	1000	Vijaya Balan
27	Venkata Adi Lakshmi	UKG	3	SDA High School	Vizag	500	Manisha Sharma
28	Anusha Joseph	IV	2	SDA High School	Rajahmundry	750	Margaret Flynn & Donny Khan
29	Bhoomika Gavenkula	I	2	SDA High School	Rajahmundry	750	Shashank Penmetsa
30	Aparanjitha Pappula	LKG	1	SDA High School	Rajahmundry	1000	Radha & Ram Gowrisankaran
31	Akshay Somalle	LKG	2	SDA High School	Rajahmundry	750	Sponsor from Edison, NJ
32	Karri Rajesh Babu	VIII	2	Trinity Public School	Vizag	750	Ramakrishna & Vinuthna Grandhi
33	Vajjaparathi Rambabu	IV	2	Trinity Public School	Vizag	750	Vonumu International
34	Diwakar Pukkala Janaki Kusumalatha	V	1	Trinity Public School	Vizag	1000	vonumu International
35	Eswari	III	1	Trinity Public School	Vizag	1000	Ramakrishna & Vinuthna Grandhi
36	Murali Krishna Avanapu	I	2	Trinity Public School	Vizag	750	Ramakrishna & Vinuthna Grandhi
37	Durga Prasad Reddy	VII	1	Trinity Public School	Vizag	1000	Ramakrishna & Vinuthna Grandhi
38	Chitturi Navya Deepthi	VI	2	Trinity Public School	Vizag	750	Ramakrishna & Vinuthna Grandhi
39	Lavanya Mosa	III	2	Trinity Public School	Vizag	750	Ramakrishna & Vinuthna Grandhi
40	Sudheer Harway Matta	I	3	SDA High School	Vijayawada	500	Srinivas Danduboyina
41	Supraja Limgam	I	2	SDA High School	Vijayawada	750	Mr. & Mrs. Sadanala Jesudason
42	Roshni Karini	II	1	SDA High School	Vijayawada	1000	Mr. & Mrs. Sadanala Jesudason
43	Nitish Kumar Behara	II	2	SDA High School	Vijayawada	750	Prasad & Sahitya Alla
44	Khaja Shaik	III	1	SDA High School	Vijayawada	1000	Mr. & Mrs. Athar Shariff
45	Sandesh Kommu	III	2	SDA High School	Vijayawada	750	Prasad & Sahithya Alla
46	Dwaraca Karkani	IV	2	SDA High School	Vijayawada	750	Susan Carson
47	Sirisha Matta	IV	3	SDA High School	Vijayawada	500	Mr. & Mrs. Sadanala Jesudason
48	Mahesh Garlapati	V	2	SDA High School	Vijayawada	750	Mr. & Mrs. Richard O. Walker III
49	Pavan Kumar Pedapudi	VI	1	SDA High School	Vijayawada	1000	Vonumu International Narendra & Sowmya Nekkalapudi
50	Yeswanth Alladi	VI	2	SDA High School	Vijayawada	750	
51	Wilson Pallavi	IX	3	SDA High School	Vijayawada	500	Mr. & Mrs. Richard O. Walker III
52	Kranthi Kumar Kommale	V	1	SDA High School	Chirala	1000	Vonumu International
53	Sruthi Garlapati	UKG	2	SDA High School	Chirala	750	Hemanth Suryadevara
54	Madhurya Upendra Laxmi	I	1	SDA High School	Chirala	1000	Vonumu International Mr. & Mrs. Siddhartha Chenumolu
55	Kushbabu Kuppula	UKG	3	SDA High School	Chirala Talur, Prakasam	500	
56	Yesubabu Talla	LKG	1	Sri Nagarjuna EMSI	Prakasam	1000	Vonumu International
57	Rajesh Sivakoti	IX	1	Apollo EM School	Tuni, E.G. Dist	1000	Kamal Bollempalli
58	Sangeetha Kundala	IV	1	Apollo EM School	Tuni, E.G. Dist	1000	Ramakrishna & Vinuthna Grandhi
59	Geetha Geedithuri	V	2	Apollo EM School	Tuni, E.G. Dist	750	Kim & Mark Vickerman
60	Geethika Tummalapalli	V	2	Apollo EM School	Tuni, E.G. Dist	750	Vonumu International
61	Durga Bhavani Devili Jaya Ratna Kumar	UKG	3	Apollo EM School	Tuni, E.G. Dist	500	Mrs. Jayanthi Eswar-Rao
62	Galakatta	LKG	1	SDA High School	Bobbili, VZM Dist	1000	Mr. & Mrs. Jayaram Akula
63	Kishore Pilli	LKG	1	SDA High School	Bobbili, VZM Dist	1000	Dr. Usha Nara Raju
64	Sharada Padala	I	1	SDA High School	Bobbili, VZM Dist	1000	Naveen Alamanda
65	Uday Teja Garikimukkala	I	3	SDA High School	Bobbili, VZM	500	Subbarao Seethamsetty

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66	Roshan Chandrasekhar Baby Supriya	IV	3	SDA High School Pragathi Publi	Lakkavaram	500	Mr. & Mrs. Anshu Khullar
67	Gorremuchu	VI	A+	School	Nizamapatnam	750	Sriram Chandra Murthy
68	Christina Kalekuri	LKG	A+/2	Ideal Public School Pragathi Publi	Nizamapatnam	750	Mrs. Jayanthi Eswar-Rao
69	Daniel Pedapalli Gangadhar	LKG	A+/1	School	Nizamapatnam	1000	Mrs. Lakshmi Maram
70	Viswanadhapalli	III	A+	Vikas Public School Al Quamar	Nizamapatnam	750	Mr. N. Damodhar Abbahi
71	Gopichand Barri	VII	A+	Academy	Nizamapatnam	750	Srinivas & Kalyani Korrapati
72	Hannu Tenali	I	A+/1	Ideal Public School	Nizamapatnam	1000	Ravindra & Vineela Punuru
73	Israel Dandiprolu	IX	A+	Vikas Public School Pragathi Publi	Nizamapatnam	750	Balakrishna & Madhuri
74	Jessy Priya Gorremuchu	V	A+	School	Nizamapatnam	750	Prasanna Mediseti
75	Krishna Sudha Lanke	IX	A+	Vikas Public School Pragathi Publi	Nizamapatnam	750	Vedabalaji Goriparthi
76	Krishnaveni Metra	V	A+	School	Nizamapatnam	750	Sam & Rena Vonumu
77	Pooja Madhavi Lanke	I	A+	Pragathi Publi School	Nizamapatnam	750	Rama Devi Lanka
78	Rajesh Varma Sikhinam	III	A+	Vikas Public School Pragathi Publi	Nizamapatnam	750	Anwesha & Abhijit Kundu
79	Shakeena Lanke	I	A+	School	Nizamapatnam	750	Gopala Krishna Gudapati
80	Simhadri Kokkiligadda	IV	A+	Vikas Public School	Nizamapatnam	750	Kate Butler
81	Sonia Devakonda	LKG	A+/1	Ideal Public School	Nizamapatnam	1000	Srikanth Sagar
82	Subash Kattupalli	LKG	A+/2	Ideal Public School Pragathi Public	Nizamapatnam	750	Lakshmi Maram
83	Sunil Kumar Kattupalli	VI	A+	School	Nizamapatnam	750	Lakshmi Maram
84	Tirupatamma Vosavarapu	UKG	A+	Pragathi Public School	Nizamapatnam	750	Naren Mididaddi
85	Yeswanth Varma	VI	A+	Pragathi Public School	Nizamapatnam	750	Dr. Rebecca Scalera
86	Dinesh Kokkigadda	VI	A+/1	Vikas Public School Al Quamar	Nizamapatnam	1000	Girish Kumar & Madhavi Arza
87	Vijay Kumar Mopidevi	I	A+	Academy	Nizamapatnam	750	Praveena Chamakura
88	Meghana Kachoor	I	A+/1	SDA High School	Hyderabad	1000	Anwesha & Abhijit Kundu
89	Pridhvi Vakkalagadda	I	A+	Swathi Public School	Pedalanka, Guntur	750	Srinivas & Nagapadma Kolli
90	Sahit Sai Vemulapalli	UKG	A+	Swathi Public School	Pedalanka, Guntur	750	Vonumu International
91	Sai Vivek Parachuri	UKG	A+	Swathi Public School	Pedalanka, Guntur	750	Mr. & Mrs. SP -Woodbridge, NJ
92	Sridevi Sabbineni	II	A+	Swathi Public School	Pedalanka, Guntur	750	Ms. Bavani Shankar
93	Navya Teja Yarlagadda	X	A	Swathi Public School	Pedalanka, Guntur	500	Srinivas & Nagapadma Kolli



4 children in Bobbili with Awards



21 children in Nizamapatnam with Awards



4 children in Pedalanka, Guntur - Awards



Dr. Lava Boggavarapu in Pitapuram - Awards



4 children in Rajahmundry with Awards



4 children in Chirala with Awards





Due to our Annual Award Programs, we not only inspire our children but also the following.

1. Teachers – through our example, teachers are developing an attitude to help others and to treat underprivileged children with special care.
2. School Administration – They are watching what we do. They are considerate when a poor family comes for help at the school.
3. Parents of the children – They are inspired to take care of their children with targets and goals in mind in preparing them to excel.
4. Local Citizens – They are inspired to help another child.
5. Our Volunteers – They are motivated more to continue their services to help humanity.
6. Sponsors – They are able to see their hard earned money being used for giving hope to a less fortunate child for education.

Below are some of the programs & group pictures of some of our children whom I visited during my trip

When we first found these children, most of them were not even dressed with proper clothing. They were found in the streets in areas with poor health conditions. With the help of our sponsors and volunteers, their lives have changed. Their educational success will change their lives even more.



When we first found these children, most of them are without proper clothes. We found them on the streets, in areas with poor healthy conditions. With help of all our sponsors and volunteers team, they don't look poor any more. Their status has now changed from underprivileged status to upcoming status. Their educational success will change their lives completely.





We are thankful to the following people for their contributions during our Annual Awards Program

1. Boggavarapu Foundation provided cash awards to all the 93 children(US \$1400)
2. Mrs. Jayanthi Eswar-Rao, provided Food for 50 (US \$100)
3. Ms. Manisha Sharma, provided food for 100 (US \$200)
4. Mr. & Mrs. Sriram Nandepu, provided food for 100 (US \$200)
5. Anwasha & Abhijit Kundu, provided food for 100 (US \$200)
6. Laverne Ortiz provided food for 10 (US \$20)
7. Mr. & Mrs. Jayaram Akula provided food for 100 (US \$200)
8. Ms. Susan Carson provided food for 30 (US \$60)
9. Rama Krishna & Vinuthna Grandhi provided food for 100 (US \$200)
10. Shailaja & Jateendra Gullapalli provided food for 50 (US \$100)
11. Sam & Rena Vonumu provided food for 250 (US \$500)
12. Mr. & Mrs. Surya Rao Challapalli – provided transportation help (cars) during our events
13. Mr. & Mrs. Srihari Rao Bollina – provided transportation help (cars) during our events
14. Mr. & Mrs. Roy Prakash Tanukula – provided transportation help (cars) during our events
15. Raja Mallepeddi family in USA & Vinodh Mallepeddi family in India as well as the family friends & host of relatives who coordinated all our programs in Pedalanka and Vijayawada.
16. Mr. & Mrs. Basavapurnaiah in coordinating everything in Pedalanka area with the village.
17. Mr. K. Joseph in coordinating all our programs in Nizamapatnam.
18. Mr. Prabhakar Manti & Kanna for traveling with us and providing cars and gas expenses for 4 days during our travel to Tenali, Pedalanka, Nizamapatnam, Guntur and Vijayawada.
19. Many parents of our children helped us during our events all over the country. They helped us clean, organize, helped with photography, videography and many miscellaneous items.
20. Thanks to Swathi Public school in Pedalanka, Ideal Public school in Nizamapatnam, SDA high school in Muvvalavanipalem in Vizag, SDA school Tenali, SDA school Pitapuram, SDA school Rajahmundry, SDA school Bobbili, Apollo School in Tuni, Golden Rule English Medium school in Mandadam and SDA school in Vijayawada for arranging Venues for our programs, helping us with their school teachers, cooking for all our children and parents. Great team work from everyone!
21. A special thanks to Prabhakar Manti for visiting us from the USA and attending 4 of our annual programs in different parts of the country.
22. We could have not made it possible without Shankar Bandi & Padma family. They spent long 18 hour a days with me on our travels, events and coordinating many things to our Uplift a Child programs.

Our current need: We have more than 200 children waiting for help. <http://www.upliftachild.org/children.asp>  
To become a sponsor: 1. Enroll online (no commitment required) <http://www.upliftachild.org/bcmsponsor.asp>

2. It cost only US \$125 – 175 per child, per year
3. We are a 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt organization approved by IRS (US government)
4. Contact Sam Vonumu for more info – [sam@vonumu.com](mailto:sam@vonumu.com)  
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