



**Uplift A Child  
International**

Helping the Poor and  
Needy Children

## **Sam's India visit January 14, 2012 – February 19, 2012**

Dear Sponsors, Friends and Well Wishers,

I am very thankful to my employer, Discovery Communications LLC (The popular Discovery TV Channel) and my management, for allowing me to take a long vacation to participate in our mission trip to India. With my team, we were able to visit approximately 95% of our 1200 sponsored children. I could not visit the remaining 5% due to the time factor.

With the help of our friends, local volunteers, and our directors in India, we conducted Annual Awards & Rewards ceremonies to our children for their performance at school. These are public meetings attended by the school staff, sponsors, children, their parents, local government executives, social workers, friends and well-wishers. The largest public meeting was conducted at MVP SDA school grounds in Visakhapatnam, AP, India on 5th February with approximately 1,100 plus people. The founders of "Lets Spread A Smile" were our chief guests. We also had an IAS officer from the government of India who was our special guest and President of SDA group was our guest of honor. All of them inspired our children and awarded them with certificates and cash awards who secured ranks. 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 year these programs are eagerly received and celebrated by our children and families.



The Award programs were held at the following locations: Pictures are available on Facebook for every location. Our Facebook id is “UpliftaChild” if you would like to add us.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
January 17, 2012	Government School	Kolhapur, Maharashtra, India	12:30pm
January 22, 2012:	SDA High School	Bobbili, Vizianagram District, AP, India	10:30am
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January 26, 2012:	SDA High School	Pitapuram, E.G., District, AP, India	09:30 am
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January 26, 2012:	SDA High School	Kesanapalle, E.G., District, AP, India	04:30pm
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January 27, 2012:	SDA High School	Rajahmundry, E.G., District, AP, India	10:30 am
		<a href="http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.341492939219505.69481.100000764042137&amp;type=3&amp;l=8ef4f9ec65">http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.341492939219505.69481.100000764042137&amp;type=3&amp;l=8ef4f9ec65</a>	
January 27, 2012:	SDA High School	Vijayawada, Krishna District, AP, India	04:30pm
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January 27, 2012:	Little Flower EM School	Machilipatnam, Krishna, District, AP	07:30pm
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January 28, 2012:	SDA High School	Nuzvid, Krishna District, AP, India	02:00pm
		<a href="http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.341528805882585.69486.100000764042137&amp;type=3&amp;l=26e3e68bf5">http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.341528805882585.69486.100000764042137&amp;type=3&amp;l=26e3e68bf5</a>	
January 29, 2012:	Swathi Model School	Pedalanka, Guntur District, AP, India	09:30 am
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January 29, 2012:	Ideal Public School	Nizamapatnam, Guntur District, AP, India	03:30 pm
		<a href="http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.342633202438812.69701.100000764042137&amp;type=3&amp;l=1874edc942">http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.342633202438812.69701.100000764042137&amp;type=3&amp;l=1874edc942</a>	
January 30, 2012:	Golden Rule EM School	Mandadam, Guntur District, AP, India	09:00am
		<a href="http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.342650659103733.69704.100000764042137&amp;type=3&amp;l=313e731475">http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.342650659103733.69704.100000764042137&amp;type=3&amp;l=313e731475</a>	
January 30, 2012:	SDA High School	Tenali, Guntur District, AP, India	04:00pm
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January 31, 2012:	SDA High School	Chirala, Prakasam District, AP, India	10:30 am
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February 01, 2012:	SDA High School	Chittoor, AP, India	09:00 am
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February 02, 2012:	Apollo School	Tuni, E.G., District, AP, India	10:30 am
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February 02, 2012:	J.L. EM School	Anakapalle, Vizag District, AP, India	04:00pm
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February 05, 2012:	SDA MVP School	Vizag, AP, India	10:30am
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**CHALLAPALLI AWARDS:** Congratulations to our **35 Award Recipients** who made a significant development at school with their progress in 2011. Please click on the link to see the details of all the 35 children with their improvement from the previous years. <http://upliftachild.org/2011challapalli-awards.pdf>

We started this award in 2010 and it has proved to be very successful. The current governor of Rotary (AP region, India) **Mr. Challapalli Surya Rao** is the founder of this idea from Vizag and he is doing this in memory of his father Dr. Challapalli Rama Rao. We are thankful to the family of Ch. Surya Rao and Dr. Syamala for coming up with this award. This award is helping children to move forward as it is giving an incentive to those who are left behind. If they show an improvement of 20% from the previous year to the current, the child receives an ( Rs.250) award and a certificate. Currently this award is in place only in Vizag, AP. We like to invite anyone who like to continue the same award in your family name or firm name at other locations (ASSAM state, Bobbili, Chirala, Chittoor, Hyderabad, JHARKHAND state, Anakapalle, Kesanapalle, Machilipatnam, Mandadam, Nalgonda, Nizamapatnam, Nuzvid, Pedalanka, Pitapuram, Rajahmundry, Tenali, Tuni, Vijayawada and WEST BENGAL state

**BOGGAVARAPU AWARDS:** Congratulations to our **178 Award Recipients** who made a significant development at school with their progress in 2011. Out of 1200 children, 178 of them were able to come first, second and third ranks competing with other rich children at their respective grades in their schools. Please click on the link for details of children's names. <http://upliftachild.org/2011boggavarapu-awards.pdf>

We started this award in 2006. We are thankful to **Dr. Lava & Dr. Navin Boggavarapu** & family from Marlboro, New Jersey, USA for sponsoring this award. Their generosity is encouraging for each child to succeed academically.

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.

Award Recipients in **Bobbili**, AP, India



**Bobbili** children with their proud parents



Award Recipient in **Pitapuram**, AP, India



**Pitapuram** children



Award Recipient in **Kesanapalle**, AP, India



**Kesanapalle** children



Award Recipient in **Rajahmundry**, AP, India



**Rajahmundry** children



Warm welcome by our children in **Vijayawada**, AP, India



Award Recipient in **Vijayawada**



Our First Visit to **Machilipatnam**, AP, India



**Machilipatnam** Parents/Children



Our Visit to **Nuzvid**, AP, India



Sam & Rena with children at **Nuzvid** Hostel



Award Recipient in **Pedalanka**, Guntur, AP, India



**Pedalanka**, Guntur Children



Award Recipients in **Nizamapatnam**, Guntur, AP, India



Award Recipients in **Mandadam**, Guntur, AP, India



**Mandadam**, Guntur Children



Award Recipient in **Tenali**, Guntur, AP, India



Award Recipient in **Chirala**, Prakasam, India



Award Recipients in **Chittoor**, AP, India

Our first visit to **Chittoor**



Award Recipients in **Tuni, AP, India**



**Tuni Children**



Award Recipients in **Anakapalle, AP, India**



**Anakapalle Children**



**Our Annual Program in Visakhapatnam, AP, India**



*The Chief guest of our Vizag Annual program is Ms. Sandhya and Mr. Sourabh from Infosys who are also part of "Lets Spread A Smile"*

*Our Guest of Honor is Mr. Ch. Victor Sam – President of SDA Group from Hyderabad*

*Our Special Guest on the left is Mr. K.C. Surender, I.A.S officer from Government of India - Delhi who graced our Annual Ceremony.*

*Many others from 20 locations participated in our event.*





*We had 2 American sponsors from Love Thy Neighbor organization who are also our sponsors supporting some of our children. Uplift a Child honored them that day because of their dedicated service to humanity and for coming all the way to meet their children and participate in our grand event. They have seen how we encourage our children for education and enjoyed their time with the children and parents all day.*



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

1. Boggavarapu Foundation provided cash awards to all the 178 children
2. Challapalli Foundation provided cash awards to all the 35 children.
3. Mr. & Mrs. Surya Rao Challapalli – provided transportation help (cars) during our events and helped us in many ways.
4. Mr. & Mrs. Srihari Rao Bollina – provided transportation help (cars) and donated money for the food during our events.
5. Roy Prakash Tanukula & Sudhakar Kaligithi – provided transportation help (cars) and donated money for the food during our events.
6. 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.
7. Pr. Joseph Kalekuri in coordinating all our programs in Nizamapatnam.
8. Mrs. Sarita, Principal of Ideal School at Nizamapatnam for hosting our annual event at her place.
9. Thanks to Swathi Model School in Pedalanka, SDA high schools in Tenali, Vijayawada, Pitapuram, Vizag, Rajahmundry, & Kesanapalli and Golden Rule English medium school in Mandadam for arranging venues & conducting cultural programs for us. Great team work from everyone!
10. Mr. Ch. David Raj of Vizag, SDA school, MVP colony for coordinating Vizag program at his school and helping us in multiple ways.
11. Ms. Sonia Cherukuri and Mr. Vijay Cherukuri for hosting a fantastic program in Chirala spending months of preparation. Our parents and children enjoyed it very much including us.
12. Mr. Emmanuel and his team of teachers and students of Tuni – Apollo School for months of preparation for our Tuni Annual program.
13. Mr. Vijay Kumar of Bobbili for a great annual program. Thanks to all the teachers and children.
14. Mr. Veerla Chakravarthy for wonderful annual program coordination in Chittoor. Great presentation.
15. Our team of Volunteers for Vizag and all locations worked very hard in planning and coordinating our programs. A special thanks to those who took days off to travel with Sam & Rena Vonumu to multiple locations conducting annual programs and spending time with our children.
16. Thanks to many of our sponsors who sent gifts to the children and also donated money to buy close to 2000 meals during our annual programs.

Our current need: We always have a lot of 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 (\$50 extra for a mid-day meal)
3. It cost only US \$300 per child, per year for Hostel
4. You are welcome to do a one-time donation if you would like to from our website
5. We are a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt organization approved by IRS (US government)
6. Contact Sam Vonumu for more info – [sam@vonumu.com](mailto:sam@vonumu.com)  
Home phone: 301-445-4665 or Cell phone 240-832-9234

Thank You  
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