



Nurturing young hearts and minds



This appeal, made by the JJ Metta Memorial Foundation, Inc. is dedicated to raising funds for the Sphoorti Children's Home—a unique, comprehensive program serving orphaned, disadvantaged, and neglected children in Hyderabad, one of India's largest cities. Currently, the Home serves 135 children, ages 7 to 17.

The JJ Metta Memorial Foundation, dedicates its time and resources to raising funds to help underprivileged children. Fund raising appeals by the Foundation are a primary source of funding.

The Population Served

Most children in the Sphoorti Children's Home were living on the streets, begging for food and struggling to survive. Many were orphaned or separated from their families and some were forced into the sex trade.

There were no alternatives for these children. In 2009, it was estimated that 1.2 million Indian children worked in brothels (CNN, May 11, 2009).

The Children's LIFE Program

The Home's LIFE program—Loving, Inspiring, Fulfilling and Enlightening—offers a variety of services, including:

- Diagnosis and intake assessment
- Shelter in a warm, culturally relevant, and healthy environment
- Medical* and nutritional care
- Basic education (teachers*)
- Ongoing counseling and support, including music and art therapy
- Skill building for future employability
- Follow-up after placement in the community

*The program relies on volunteers to provide some technical services.

Support/Donations Sought

Our primary goals in seeking donations include:

- Continuing support for the Home's LIFE program
- Increasing the number of children served
- Obtaining or building a separate facility for Project Girl Child to better serve girls rescued from the streets and sex trade
- Communicating what is learned to agencies and organizations throughout the world that may wish to replicate this model

No donations are too small—a little can go a long way. All levels of donation are appreciated:

- **\$1** a month feeds a child for two days (food is supplemented from other sources)
- **\$16** a month provides training and therapeutic services for one month per child
- **\$35** a month provides education, including tuition, uniforms, supplies, books, and transportation per child

Administrative costs are kept at a minimum because volunteers and donated time are used to operate the JJ Metta Memorial Foundation.

You may adopt* an incoming child for one year for \$100. In so doing, you will receive the child's picture and related information, and periodic progress reports.

How to Donate

Donations can be made as follows:

Send donations by credit card through Paypal secure payment at

<http://www.thejjmettafoundation.org/donate.html>

OR

Send a check or money order payable to The JJ Metta Memorial Foundation, Inc., and mail to:

The JJ Metta Memorial Foundation
P.O. Box 2423
143 Rollins Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20847-2423
USA

The JJ Metta Memorial Foundation was founded in 2006 in memory of Jayanth "JJ" Charya. JJ passed away in 2003 at the age of 19 in his hometown of Rockville, MD. JJ touched everyone he knew with his sensitivity, caring, and generosity of spirit.



The Foundation carries on his spirit of generosity and love of life. The driving principle is a commitment to individual and societal responsibility for providing underprivileged children in India and the United States access to a promising future—nourishment for their bodies, minds, and souls. The Foundation does not discriminate against any person or group on the basis of age, political affiliation, race, ethnicity, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, or religious belief. More can be learned about the Foundation at our website:

www.thejjmettafoundation.org