

CARING FOR CHILDREN IN INDIA

SLA cares for and supports destitute children in India. We provide funding to a grassroots non-government organisation (NGO) partner, NASA, who runs the projects in India. SLA's joint vision with our partner is to provide each child with the life skills and education necessary to develop their potential, to lead independent lives and to escape the poverty trap.

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Annual Report 2011 — 2012



Purpose

SLA’s purpose is to **transform destitute children’s lives** thus enabling them to lead independent, poverty-free lives.

We feed, clothe, house, educate and provide medical care for 600 children who are either orphans or whose relatives cannot support them.



We do this by funding a Home and School in Tuni and a Hyderabad Home with education in a local school. Both projects are in the Andhra Pradesh State in southeast India and are run by our NGO Partner, the Nazareth Association for Social Awareness (NASA). It has been our privilege to join with NASA in developing its work with children.



Founder’s Introduction



Twelve years ago, while world leaders pondered the Millennium Development Goals, 25 Scottish teenagers went to India to turn their dreams into action. The QII youth group reached out to 120 destitute children – many ostracized as ‘Untouchables’ – and built them a Home, giving them hope. As the MDG were adopted, Scottish Love in Action (SLA) was born. These children’s extraordinary determination to overcome personal tragedy and their sheer love of life has inspired SLA and our wonderfully generous supporters to embrace and educate more forgotten children. Our joint vision with our tireless NGO partner, NASA, is to enable them to transform their lives, fulfil their potential and realise their dreams.

In this comprehensive annual report we show how we’ve advanced these goals, continuing to invest sustainably in the children despite the economic slowdown. I am particularly thrilled by some fantastic school results especially in external 10th class examinations. What better way to celebrate the construction of four new classrooms and our first computer lab! So much has been achieved since QII set off on their adventure, but there is so much more to do. Please work with us on this life-changing journey.

Gillie Davidson MBE

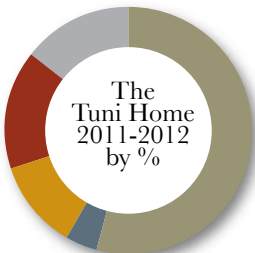


SINCE 1999

1300+ children cared for
700+ children immunized against multiple diseases

130 high school graduates

REASON FOR CHILDREN COMING TO THE TUNI HOME



Orphans (one or both parents deceased)	68%
Physically disabled	3%
Children with HIV+ parents	8%
Marriage breakdown	11%
Others (e.g. parents physically disabled or in poverty)	10%



We have two projects

Hyderabad
Andhra Pradesh

Tuni
Andhra Pradesh



IN 2011 - 2012

100% graduation rate from high school

4 new classrooms constructed

150 children tested for HIV/ AIDS and free antiretroviral drugs secured from Government Programme

Secured funding

to research social enterprises in India to support Tuni home

Indian Homes

SLA funding feeds, clothes, houses, educates and provides medical care for **600 children**.

As part of SLA's vision for financial sustainability in 2011 we appointed a full-time Project Manager to work with our Indian partner to identify potential social enterprises that could be developed to generate income for the Tuni Home & School. In addition, this enterprise would ideally be capable of providing vocational training and job opportunities for the children in the Home.



This year SLA has been able to continue to provide funding to enable our Indian partner to feed, clothe, house, educate and provide medical care for 58 children who live in the **Hyderabad Home**.



This year has seen SLA and our partner continue to maintain and upgrade the basic infrastructure – buildings, kitchens, water and power supplies, sanitation – supporting the children in India.

Thanks to a legacy donation from Nigel Murray, and despite a sudden shortage of affordable building sand, the Murray-Stevenson Block of four new classrooms was completed at our Tuni Home, providing much-needed additional teaching space and a computer lab.

A basketball court, volleyball court and badminton court were constructed in Tuni with the assistance of members of the November 2011 India Volunteer Group which funded the project. Sports and cultural activities like dancing and music play a vital role in the daily routine of the children. They not only help individual children's development but also foster team work and help create a platform for a friendly environment between children, teachers and management.

Critically, these activities are also a part of outreach efforts into the local community as the children compete in local events, such as those organized by the Tuni Rotary Club. This year the students won first prize in the Senior Group Dance competition, reached the finals of the boys volleyball tournament and the quarter finals of the District level school cricket tournament.



MONTHLY COST TO PROVIDE FOOD, HOUSING, CLOTHING, HEALTHCARE AND EDUCATION FOR A CHILD



Elijah's Story

Elijah was born in May 2011.

His mother was a 16-year-old prostitute who had lost her mother and appealed to the Tuni Home for help when she was pregnant. She stayed there until she gave birth. Neither she nor her relatives wished to take care of the boy. Moreover, she was HIV positive. Elijah tested HIV positive when born but has since tested negative which is a huge relief. When three months old he contracted cerebral encephalitis and required 45 days in hospital. He is now thriving, cared for by several older children, and is affectionately known as Dumpa (Telegu for potato).

Education

SLA’s funding makes **education available to children** otherwise denied it due to poverty, disability or discrimination.

In 2011/12 **SLA funded education for all children in the Tuni School** from Kindergarten to Class 10 (final year of high school). The school is recognized by the state government and follows the Andhra Pradesh curriculum, overseen by the Principal and a staff of 25 teachers.



In 2011/12 SLA funded education for all children at the Hyderabad School from Kindergarten to Class 9.



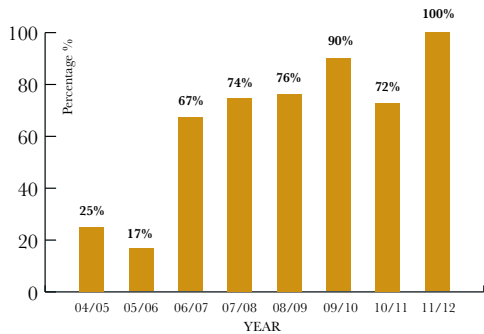
The results gained in Class 10 are generally accepted across India to be the best measure of the quality of a school. In 2011/12, **28 out of 28 children at the Tuni Home passed their Class 10 exams**, the only school out of 60 in the town to achieve a 100% pass rate. This success, which builds on previous years’ excellent results, was enabled by innovations by the school staff, including an intensive study course introduced between January and March and the policy of beginning the Class 10 syllabus before the end of the previous academic year.

In 2011/12 the Tuni Home provided classes taught in **‘English medium’** from kindergarten up to Class 5, a class further than in the previous academic year. This year the programme will be extended to Class 6. There are 125 students in English medium classes taught by 7 teachers.



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE IN 2012

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION (10TH CLASS) PASS RATES 2005-2012



To further develop the teaching of English and enhance the children’s practical communication skills, from September 2012 the Tuni School, with the guidance of a team led by Dr. Pauline Dixon of the E.G. West Centre at Newcastle University, began a three-year programme to introduce phonics- and activity-based English teaching methods including Jolly Phonics and Genki English by training 20 teachers in phonics and active learning.



COMPUTERS FOR NEW IT CLASSROOM IN 2012

To meet the critical need for IT skills, a new computing teacher was appointed to devise and execute a 6-month curriculum in the 2012/13 academic year for Class 5 to Class 9. In preparation, 16 computers were donated and a new computer lab set up by the July 2012 Volunteer Group in the newly-constructed Murray-Stevenson classroom block. The programme is being jointly funded by SLA and GlaxoSmithKline.



MONTHLY COST TO EDUCATE A CHILD



Shanmukrao’s Story

Shanmukrao has been at the Tuni Home for eight years.

His father has a crippling spinal condition and is bedridden while his mother cannot afford to both care for her husband and support her children’s education. An extremely bright and lively boy, Shanmukrao in 2012 passed his Class 10 exams (high school graduation) with a 9.7 out of 10 grade point average, the second highest mark in the entire town of Tuni which has a population of over 50,000. He has consequently secured a scholarship to attend a private intermediate college.

Further Education

SLA's aim is to enable as many young people as possible to attend university and college.

The success of Class 10 children in recent years has led to a welcome surge in numbers of children attending Intermediate college (a vital stepping stone to university-level education) and other Further and Professional education courses. ☆

This nevertheless presents a challenge for SLA as these institutions charge fees. As more SLA children move up the education ladder, the greater the expenditure. ☆

SLA Support

Not all children are academic, and so SLA also supports those children who wish to pursue apprenticeships or other vocational qualifications. For instance, in 2011/12 one of the children, after qualifying as an air conditioning engineer, set himself up as a self-employed air conditioning contractor working for construction companies.

For the academic year 2011/12 SLA was able to fund 64 students to attend further education courses. For the current 2012/13 academic year SLA has agreed to fund 85 students.

The children are studying and practicing a wide variety of courses and qualifications, ranging from pure science to engineering, from nursing to pharmacy, and from audio engineering to laptop technician's qualifications. SLA's partner has appointed a dedicated coordinator for Higher and Professional Education who visits colleges periodically to monitor the welfare and progress of the children.



AVERAGE ANNUAL COST FOR A STUDENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION



AVERAGE ANNUAL COST FOR A STUDENT IN INTERMEDIATE COLLEGE EDUCATION



CHILDREN IN FURTHER EDUCATION 2011/12

Health

SLA funds **complete health care** for the children in the two Homes.

SLA funds a qualified doctor, Dr Sowmya, who lives onsite at the Tuni Home and provides medical care to the children. ☆

Dr Sowmya closely monitors the children’s physical growth and diet, ensuring a continuous improvement in the children’s overall health. Whereas in 2005/06 200-250 children suffered from anaemia and vitamin deficiency today that number is just 50-60. Starting from January 2012, children now receive fruit twice a week. ☆

In addition to running a daily clinic Dr Sowmya conducts monthly checks on all the children. She checks their blood groups with the assistance of two of the older children who are trainee lab technicians, and immunizes all new arrivals as part of SLA’s comprehensive vaccination programme introduced in 2010. In 2011/12 109 children entering the Tuni Home all received the following vaccinations: MMR, Easy 5, Hepatitis B and Tetanus.

Dr Sowmya’s relationship building with the Government secured the visit of a **mobile HIV testing unit** to the Tuni Home in December 2011. The team tested 150 of the children for free. Any child found to be HIV+ now receives free antiretroviral treatment from the Government.



MONTHLY COST TO PROVIDE HEALTHCARE FOR A CHILD

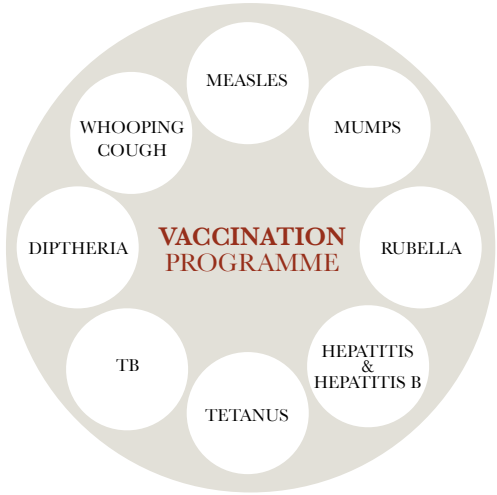
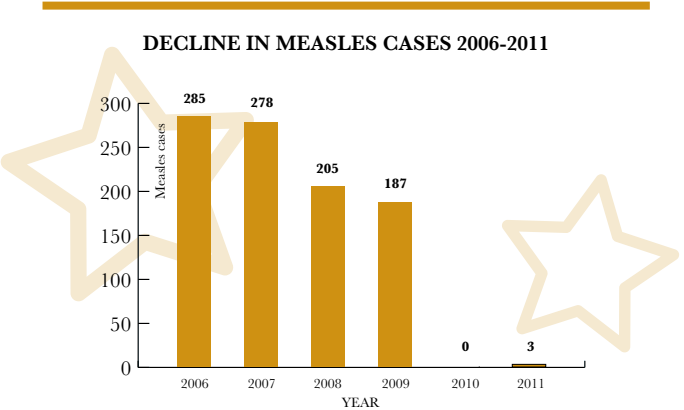


Abishek & Blessey’s Story

Blessey (5) and Abishek (3) lost their parents to AIDS.

Both children are HIV positive. None of their relatives were willing to care for them so the District HIV Department, on the recommendation of the mobile HIV testing unit that tested Tuni Home children, brought them to the Home in January 2012.

When they arrived Abishek’s condition was deteriorating rapidly but through intensive care with antiretroviral drugs and a fortified diet his health improved. Both children are now receiving antiretroviral treatment and their health has improved. Blessey is a very unique girl, she takes care of her brother, just like a mother would, at the tender age of five.



Kamala's Story

Kamala was born in 2002. She lived in a remote village in terrible circumstances.

Her family had nothing. The only way of making money was to cut wild grass on the road edge and try to sell it to farmers for animal food. If no-one bought the grass there was no money for food.

The family lived in a shelter made only from mud and grass. Five years ago, after very heavy rainfall the roof collapsed and Kamala's mother was killed. The family were then forced to live rough on the roadside. A nurse from the Home was told their story and she went to find Kamala and brought her to the Home.

When Kamala arrived she did not have much language and could barely communicate. However, it was clear that she understood everything and now, after four years, she is almost top of the class. She clearly loves her teacher who has really encouraged her and built up her confidence and she also has a small group of friends with whom she plays happily. If she had remained living rough her future would have been very different. Now she has people who care for her and a chance of living a life with choices.



Salmanraju's Story

Salmanraju contracted polio as a boy, suffering severe scoliosis and losing leg power until he could only move about on all fours, crab-like. With four other children to support on a rickshaw driver's earnings, Salmanraju's parents appealed to the Tuni Home. He was brought to the Home aged 9 with his little brother.

In 2005, SLA arranged for Salmanraju to have corrective surgery to his legs in Mumbai. With intensive physiotherapy and extraordinary hard work in the face of excruciating pain, he was walking with crutches within six months. He can now stand and walk unaided.

An inspiration to all, Salmanraju is one of the first children to become professionally qualified, gaining a Diploma from the School of Audio Engineering (SAE) College, Chennai. He is currently looking for studio work.

Now a young man, Salmonraju has shown that children born into terrible disadvantage can transform their lives through their own bravery and the love and support of others.



Volunteer Group Visits

SLA welcomes volunteers to India to help directly with the work there.

SLA has always had an active overseas volunteer programme. Since 1999, over 130 SLA supporters have visited India to assist our partner in the day-to-day running of our projects and experience firsthand the work being done by SLA. ☆



“All the fundraising at home makes so much sense when you see what has been achieved here. Only now, having been here, can I begin to understand.”
DAVE EASTON

From 2011, SLA has offered group volunteer trips to the Tuni Home, focused on specific projects that the volunteer team could prepare for back home in Scotland and then execute once in India, making an immediate difference to the children’s lives and also extending outreach into the local community. Also included is an element of sightseeing elsewhere in India.

Two highly successful pilot trips in February and November 2011 helped construct a tuition centre for a local fishing village, built sports facilities in the home grounds, set up the new computer lab, painted classrooms and conducted craft, sports and cultural workshops with the children. They made an enormous impression on all those involved.

These trips have recruited new ambassadors for SLA, raised over £29,000, and allowed long-time supporters to see for themselves the impact of SLA’s work with NASA.



£29000
Raised by Volunteer Groups in 2011

This money could provide:

402 children’s healthcare for 2 years

345 children’s education for 1 year

201 children’s food for 1 year

71 children’s food, housing, clothing, education and healthcare for 1 year.

“The children have had a profound effect on me, they are so full of joy and there is no self pity.”

LIZ STEWART

Scotland News

This year SLA launched **major new fundraising initiatives** in Scotland.

As part of the ongoing development of SLA the Trustees decided to expand the volunteer workforce and in 2011 created VoSLA (Volunteers for Scottish Love in Action) as a pilot project to create a new structure for volunteers to use their skills and resources to best advantage. ☆

VoSLA is also a way in which SLA can demonstrate to all its volunteers just how important their work is to the Charity, and that they are an invaluable part of the whole SLA team. VoSLA was established in September 2011 and will be fully reviewed after the first year. One of the first fruits of the project was a spectacular turnout of 130 volunteers to help run the Fireworks Extravaganza. ☆

SLA is blessed with an extremely active group of supporters engaged in numerous fundraising activities year-round, from trans-Mongolia rallying to Ladies Cinema Nights, Men Baking for SLA, and countless 'Schools for SLA' events introducing the next generation to their less-fortunate peers in India and the work of SLA.

YOU CAN JOIN IN...

JOIN VOSLA

BAKE FOR SLA

VOLUNTEER EXPEDITIONS

COME TO A SLA FUNDRAISER

ORGANISE A FUNDRAISER

BECOME A REGULAR GIVER

LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL



Valentines Day 2012 saw the launch of a new annual fundraising event, 'Bake a Little Love', a light-hearted

appeal to Girlguiding Scotland to organize Valentine's Day events, in particular the making and sale of heart-shaped baking. Nineteen Units from all across Scotland took up the challenge, raising on average £100 each.

SLA's intention this year and in the future is to expand participation to many more Guide, Brownies and Rainbows groups and establish Bake a Little Love as a fixture in the Girlguiding calendar.



Fireworks Extravaganza

The inaugural Fireworks Extravaganza in November 2011 was a crucial milestone for SLA. The first large-scale fireworks display on the south side of Edinburgh sold out within two weeks, was extremely well received, and is now set to become the high-profile annual fundraising event answering popular local demand that SLA has long sought.

Further embedding SLA's work into the community, the Extravaganza was sponsored by Ryden Lettings, hosted by George Watson's Rugby Ground, and supported by the NHS, the Fire Service and numerous companies and organizations. To cater for the demand, and maximise the return for SLA, the 2012 Fireworks Extravaganza featured two separate performances.



2600
tickets sold

130
volunteers

£14000

Profit made from
Fireworks Extravaganza
could fund:

389
children's healthcare
for a year

167
children's education
for a year

97
children's food for a year



Financial Review

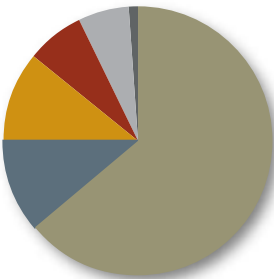
Summary from SLA's financial statements for the year 2011-2012.



SLA Income 2011-2012

Income for the year rose by £31,650 (8%) to £406,745. This was due mainly to increases in individual donations and fundraising, the latter following the success of the new fireworks event and the establishment of our new volunteer fundraising group in Edinburgh. The importance of individual donations is highlighted in the graph, although we appreciate greatly the huge efforts made to generate our other sources of income.

Individuals	64%
Fundraising	11%
Business, Schools & Other Organisations	11%
Trusts	7%
Volunteer Projects to India	6%
Others	1%

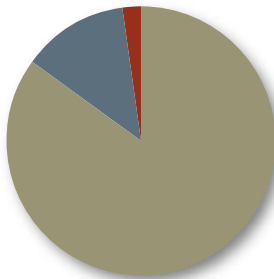


SLA Income 2011-2012

SLA Expenditure 2011-2012

85p of every £1 spent this year was on charitable activities. Our aim of keeping the costs of generating funds and governance to a minimum is helped enormously by our energetic volunteers.

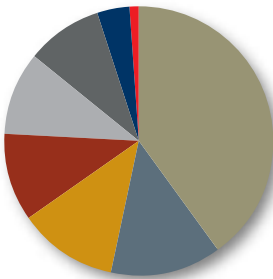
Charitable Activities	85%
Cost of Generating Funds	13%
Governance Costs	2%



Total Expenditure 2011-2012

Expenditure on charitable activities increased by £88,305 (34%) to £349,849 due principally to: capital projects carried out during the year; the first full year of operation of the social enterprise project; inflation in food prices; and increased maintenance.

Food, Clothing & Accommodation	40%
Social Enterprise Project - India	13.5%
Development, Monitoring & Evaluation	12%
Further Education	10.5%
Capital Projects	10%
School Education	9%
Medical Care	4%
Others	1%



Charitable Activities Expenditure

SLA ended the year with an overall deficit of £5,537. We were satisfied with this outcome in a year when the environment for charity income remained very challenging. We were able to spend where necessary through the application of restricted and designated funds, and through a reduction of £13,354 in our general funds.

At 30th June 2012 SLA had total funds of £525,391. Our largest single fund is £302,422 being the continued maintenance of a reserve to cover a minimum of 12 months operating costs. We believe this is essential to provide security to the children in the Homes, particularly whilst harsh economic conditions continue in the UK. The donations we receive from individuals are fundamental to our success and enable us to maintain support for the two homes in India. We now are planning to develop new ways of helping more destitute children in India.

The financial information set out above has been extracted from the audited accounts of Scottish Love in Action for the year ended 30 June 2012. A copy of the full set of audited accounts, including the report of the auditors, French Duncan LLP, which is unqualified, can be obtained from the trustees at St Ninians Centre, 140 The Pleasance, Edinburgh, EH8 9RR.





Future Goals ☆

Continue funding care and education for 600 children in India

Further develop the English Language Programme

Continue to support children proceeding to Further and Higher Education

Develop with our Indian partner a social enterprise to enable the Tuni Home & School to move towards financial sustainability

Investigate new projects/ partnerships to make education available to children otherwise denied it, with financial sustainability a key parameter.

I wish to help the work of SLA ☆

Please tick the stars below as appropriate.

☆ I enclose a donation of £ towards the work of SLA helping to care for children in India.

☆ I wish to make a regular donation to SLA:

£3 ☐ £7 ☐ £12 ☐ £34 ☐ £ Other

Monthly or Annually

Starting on 1st ☐ 15th ☐ 25th ☐ of (month) 20 (please tick as appropriate)

*Please complete the direct debit bank form overleaf as well as your details below.

☆ I would like to Gift Aid my donation

☆ If you would like your gift to maintain its value in the future, please tick this box and we will increase your direct debit automatically by 5% each year (for example, 50p on a direct debit of £10)

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Signature

Date

Mr/Miss/Mrs/Dr/ (other)

Address

Telephone

Email

SLA would like to send you further information about our activities.

I would like to receive this ☆ By email ☆ By post ☆

If you DO NOT wish to receive this, please tick this star. ☆

SLA will not pass your details on to any 3rd parties.

If you are contemplating giving through a legacy, please consider SLA.

*Gift Aid Explained

If you are a UK Taxpayer and donate money to a registered charity, you have the option of giving by Gift Aid.

Choosing to give in this way enables SLA to increase the value of your gift by 25p in the pound at no extra cost to you. In turn this will allow SLA to continue its development and assist with core costs within the UK.

You must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims on your donation in the appropriate tax year.

Please return this form with your donation to:

Scottish Love in Action St Ninian's Centre,
140 The Pleasance, Edinburgh, EH8 9RR.



Originator's Identification Number

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Scottish Love in Action, St Ninian's Centre, 140 The Pleasance, Edinburgh, EH8 9RR.

DO NOT RETURN TO YOUR BANK

Name and full postal address of your Bank/Building Society

To The Manager	Bank/Building Society
Address	
Postcode	

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Bank and Building Societies may not accept Direct Debit Instruction for some types of account. We will send you a copy of the Direct Debit Guarantee for your reference and confirm details as soon as we receive your complete Direct Debit Form.

Instructions to your Bank or Building Society

Please pay Scottish Love in Action of the United Kingdom Direct Debits from the account detailed in this instruction subject to safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with Scottish Love in Action and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society

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