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 project 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 2012 — 2013

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 children relatives cannot support them.

We do this by funding a Home and School in Tuni in the state of Andhra Pradesh in southeast India which is run by our NGO Partner, the Nazareth Association for Social Awareness (NASA). Through NASA SLA also funded a Home in Hyderabad and education for the children in a local school until lune 2013 (see p5 for more details). It has in developing its work with children. 🔀

Founder's Introduction

A child's perspective on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Allow us to tell you what we are thinking or feeling. Listen to us, hear what we say. Protect us from anyone who would be cruel Wrap us up against the cold and rain. Give us shade from the hot, hot sun. Ensure we have enough to eat and drink. If we are sick, nurse and comfort us. Teach us to read and write so that we grow up to be the best we can be. These are the rights of every child whatever our colour, caste or religion. Help us create a new kind of world: more compassionate, more sharing, more respectful so that we may live in peace.

These rights are held uppermost in SLA's thinking and decision making. It is an ongoing journey for justice, human dignity and the breaking down of barriers. SLA is now a teenager, there are exciting changes taking place and we are happy to show you how we are developing. We are proud of the children, of their inner strength and commitment to find their potential and of their very evident joy of life. We thank our Indian Partners for their dedicated work and you our dear supporters for your continued interest and loving support. Together we can create a better world for these children.

Gillie Davidson MBE



1380+ children cared for

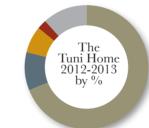
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children immunized against multiple diseases

high school graduates

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REASON FOR CHILDREN COMING TO THE TUNI HOME



Orphans (one or both parents deceased) 69% Marriage breakdown Children with HIV+ parents 7% 2.5% Physically disabled 11.5%

(e.g. parents physically disabled or in abject poverty)



2012/2013 **Projects**

Hyderabad Tuni Andhra Pradesh Andhra Pradesh





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........ more teachers on school staff

IN 2012 - 2013

100%

graduation rate

from high school

new bathrooms built





Tuni Home

SLA funding feeds, clothes, houses, educates and provides medical care for **over 500 children**.

This year SLA and our local NGO partner focused on maintaining and upgrading the basic infrastructure – buildings, sanitation, water, power and food supplies – supporting the children, thereby completing the last three-year development programme planned together. We are looking forward with great excitement to the next three years!

New works in 2012/13 included a security wall, six bathrooms for the girls and a replacement generator. We also invested heavily in human resources, for example bringing in five new teachers and four tutors to assist the children with their studies.

Consistency of care, educational excellence and sustainable development have been our watchwords during the last three years, perhaps best illustrated by the normalising of what would once have been exceptional successes. For the third year running there were no cases of measles, whooping cough or TB and for the second year in a row 100% of children graduated from high school.

This was all achieved despite severe challenges, most notably the impact of rising inflation of 10-11% on food costs, catastrophic flooding after the November 2012 cyclone and the urgent need to relocate over 100 children. This latest, urgent challenge has led us to launch the Raise the Roof Appeal.





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



Raise the Roof Appeal

We are making this extraordinary appeal to supporters because we urgently need to build a new accommodation block within our main campus for 100 of the youngest boys aged 3-10.



Our Indian partners have been forced to temporarily house them in the dining hall in response to unacceptably dangerous traffic risks along a road that leads from the boys' campus to the main campus, which is where all the children have their meals and go to school.

The back road the boys have to use has recently become a busy thoroughfare since a new highway was completed, with an average of three serious accidents a month. Despite our partner's efforts with the police to control the traffic, and despite the supervision of staff, commuting has become too risky for the younger boys.

We therefore need to raise £50,000, the equivalent of 20,000 bricks (£5 buys two bricks), to build five bedrooms and bathrooms for these boys.

For more information, please visit www.sla-india.org





Palla John's story

Palla John is 10 years old and has been at the Tuni Home for seven years.

Both his parents died of AIDS when he was only three. Palla John cannot really remember either of them. He has no brothers or sisters and was brought to the Home from his village 50km away as he had no remaining relatives to look after him. Although one of the smallest children in his class he is by far the brightest and a very quick learner. He is very popular and goes out of his way to help friends with their studies. He is very settled and is a lovely, quiet boy who hopes one day to work in the medical field.

Hyderabad Home Update

We regret to inform supporters that the Hyderabad Home for 60 children which SLA has supported for six years is no longer operating.

SLA stepped in when the Director of the Home was killed in a car accident and the original funder abruptly withdrew support The initial emergency arrangement was for one year, but SLA's funding continued until 2013.

In Autumn 2012, the Director informed us that she wished to retire from running the Home. In Spring 2013, she made it clear that she also wished to vacate the premises and use them for other purposes. By June 2013 we concluded that using alternative rented accommodation and enrolling the children in other schools was not a viable solution.

We have sought to ensure the future of the children. All have been offered a transfer to the Tuni Home which is familiar to them through their Christmas visits. No child will be without support as most have at least one relative. SLA has offered to provide funding to cover the educational costs of all the children so that they can continue their schooling.





One day in Hyderabad, near a railway station, a teacher found a malnourished, filthy 2-year old girl wandering the streets crying.

Shalini had been abandoned by her parents and nobody the teacher asked knew anything about them. So she took Shalini to the same Hyderabad Home that would later be funded by SLA. The staff and other children took good care of Shalini and she gradually recovered, growing up to become a happy, friendly child, yet knowing nothing of her family, where she came from or her real age.

In 2011, the children from the Hyderabad Home went to the Light of Love Home in Tuni for Christmas. Shalini quickly made friends and decided she wanted to stay to begin a new life in Tuni. She is now studying hard at school. She is an exceptionally kind girl and helps care for two much younger children in the Home who are HIV-positive.

Social Enterprise Project

As part of the joint vision with our Indian partners for a sustainable future for the Tuni Home & School the Social Enterprise Project (SEP) has been examining ways to:

Generate funds for the Home locally

Increase long-term self sufficiency and sustainable funding

Provide training and employment for some of the children

SLA secured dedicated funding to research and establish a social enterprise to achieve these goals. After first developing an extensive network of support and expert guidance, we scrutinised potential project areas and drew up a shortlist of six which underwent further detailed examination.

Dairy/agriculture was identified as the most promising and so SLA and NASA have now moved into the due diligence phase. 2013/14 will therefore be a critical, exciting year for the project. The next steps are:

Finalising the specific dairy/agriculture enterprise to be adopted

Building a clear business plan with income targets

Initiating the project and developing it in line with our goals

This is a very exciting stage and further enhances the partnership between SLA and our Indian partner as we take steps together towards a sustainable and secure future for the Home, and most crucially the children we care for.



Education

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

In 2012/13 SLA continued to fund 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 30 teachers.

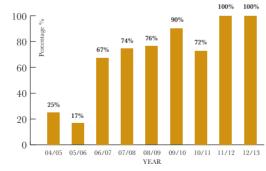
In 2012/13 SLA also funded education for all children at the Hyderabad School from Kindergarten to Class 10.



Results achieved in Class 10 (age 15-16) are generally accepted as the best measure of the quality of a school in India. In 2013, 37 out of 37 children at the Tuni Home passed their external state Class 10 exams, the second year in succession the school has achieved a 100% pass rate! Over half of the students achieved an A-grade pass. This continued record of excellence is further validation of kev innovations introduced in the last two years, including beginning the Class 10 syllabus before the end of the previous academic year and an intensive study course between January and March. The expansion of teacher numbers from 25 to 30 and the arrival of four tutors to help with homework have also contributed.

The expansion of 'English medium education' continued, with the Tuni Home providing classes taught in English from kindergarten up to Class 6, a class beyond the previous year. The new computer lab went into full operation, with an IT skills curriculum devised by the new computer teacher taught to 275 children in classes 5 to 9. This is a major step forward with regard to IT skills as there is no state syllabus. This programme has been jointly funded by SLA and GlaxoSmithKline.





HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION (10TH CLASS) PASS RATES 2005-2013

Synthetic Phonics Programme

In September 2012, Dr. Pauline Dixon of Newcastle University led a team to Tuni to train the teachers to deliver the 'Jolly Phonics' Programme to children in classes 1-4. The aim is to enable children to read and spell phonetically in English. Lessons are taught in an interactive way, very different from how most subjects are taught in India. The teachers loved the course and their enthusiasm continued into the classroom.

Continous assessment was carried out throughout the academic year and the improvement was very significant. Even more importantly, children involved were running into lessons, laughing and smiling, and at night many would sit with their vocabulary jotters desperate to be given words to practice. This coming year a class of children is continuing with a reading and writing programme, while our three youngest classes will learn the 42 initial sounds.



Further Education

SLA's aim is to send 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 education) and other Further and Professional education courses. This nevertheless presents a

SLA supports students throughout the duration of their course and also supports students who want to pursue apprenticeships or other vocational qualifications.

In the academic year 2012/13, SLA was able to fund 79 students to attend further education courses, up from 64 the previous year. For the current 2013/14 academic year, SLA has agreed to support 90 students.

The students are engaged in a wide range of studies, from pure science to engineering, from nursing to pharmacy, and from audio engineering to laptop technician's qualifications. SLA's partner has a dedicated coordinator for Higher and Professional Education who visits colleges periodically to monitor the welfare and progress of the students.





Kishore's Story

Kishore lost his father to AIDS in 1997 when he was just five years old. He, his mother and younger sister were supported by our Indian partners and the children entered the school.

But then he discovered his father had huge debts which he now had to clear. Without telling anyone, this teenage boy went to Hyderabad to work in a garage workshop, effectively as a bonded labourer. Eventually our Indian partners found him, paid the debts and released him from his bond back into the home and school.

He went on to graduate from high school and, despite losing both his sister and mother to AIDS, completed an audio engineering diploma in 2012. Now he is training as an apprentice in a TV studio in Hyderabad.

Health

SLA funds **complete health care** for the
children in the Tuni
Home.

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



She closely monitors the children's physical growth and diet, ensuring a continuous improvement in their overall health. She also has in her clinic life-saving equipment like anti-venom, adrenaline and a nebulizer

Dr. Sowmya conducts a daily clinic and monthly checks on the children with the assistance of two of the older children who are now qualified medical lab technicians.

She also immunizes all new arrivals at the Home against numerous diseases including Measles, Diphtheria, Tuberculosis, Hepatitis, Tetanus and Whooping Cough as part of SLA's comprehensive vaccination programme. In 2012/13, 111 children were vaccinated. As a result, for the third year running there have been no cases of Measles, Whooping cough, or Tuberculosis in the Home.



MONTHLY COST TO PROVIDE HEALTHCARE FOR ONE CHILD



Supporting the local Community

Our Indian partners provide numerous charitable services to local communities, for example the free monthly medical camps Dr. Somwya provides for impoverished villagers.

Older children like Kumar Raja (see opposite) also take part, showing extraordinary compassion, commitment and maturity as they serve those less fortunate than themselves

In November 2012, the town of Tuni and surrounding areas were effectively cut off by severe flooding up to 7 feet high. Our partners swung into action and many of the children set to work preparing and distributing some 15,000 food packages for families affected as part of the emergency flood relief. Some of the older boys even helped carry elderly and sick people from their inundated homes to safety, helping to earn NASA a State Government award "appreciating the efforts and the concern shown by NASA and the Light of Love Children's Home" We are delighted, proud and thankful that the children are growing up to become such outstanding citizens.





Kumar Raja's Story

When I was 6 months old, I got polio. I needed help with everything.

Meanwhile my father, a day labourer, got ill and couldn't work anymore. He had to sell his tiny plot of land to help my sister get married and my brother had to give up school to help him.

Then, in 1998, I was brought to the Light of Love Home and I started to live happily as I was less of a burden on my father. In 2005, SLA gave money for me to have corrective surgery in Mumbai. The pain after the operation was unbearable but after that I was filled with happiness when I could walk without any help. I am so very thankful.

Now I have completed my BSc degree to become a medical lab technician and I am helping Dr. Sowmya at the Home's clinic and the medical camps. I am hoping to do a Masters degree and start a life of service.

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 150 SLA supporters have visited India to assist our partne in the day-to-day running of our projects and experience firsthand the work being done by SLA.

"The children are among the happiest I have ever had the good fortune to engage with and I have been a teacher for more than 35 years!"



Since 2011 SLA has offered groups of 10-14 volunteers of any age between 18 and 70 working trips to the Tuni home, focused on specific projects that the team could prepare for in Scotland. The purpose of the projects undertaken is to make an immediate and long-lasting difference to the children. The visits also include an element of sightseeing elsewhere in India.

Previous groups have built sports courts, refurbished classrooms, helped construct a tuition centre and equip a computer lab. Volunteers arrive with a sense of common purpose and leave feeling they have helped develop the Home and School.

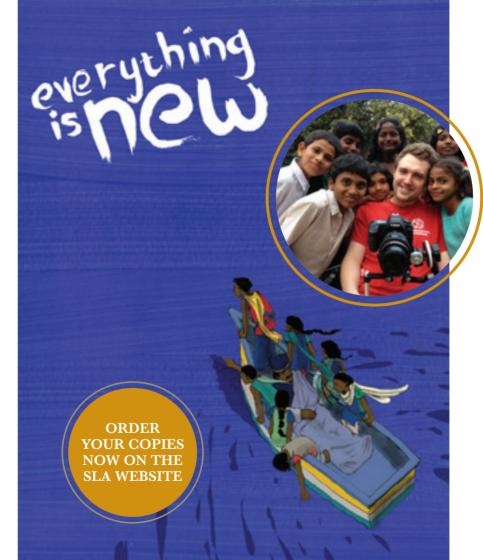
Volunteer visits have proved so popular that we have already filled the two planned visits in 2014. They have also been an extremely effective way to recruit Ambassadors for SLA who have made extraordinary efforts to support our work on their return from India.

Our first two volunteer groups raised £29,000, enough to educate 345 children for an entire year.









Everything Is New

Over the New Year the Scottish arts community **Transgressive North** returned to India to celebrate the completion of the 'Everything is New' project in aid of SLA. The project includes two albums titled Sun Choir and BOATS, and a feature film, all starring the children in Tuni.

The highlight was the world premiere of the Everything is New film which saw the local cinema packed out by all the children. The trip also included a Hogmanay dancing party when the children heard for the first time the final music from the CD albums, two further music video shoots featuring dance routines the children had devised themselves, and the filming of a documentary about the project.

To find out more, please visit: everythingisnewproject.com

You will be able to see and hear the results for yourself, when the project is released on January 20th 2014, on iTunes and Amazon.

WATCH THIS SPACE

Scotland News

We have welcomed 89 new regular givers this vear, thanks to our **Regular Giving** Autumn Challenge.

Regular Giving is so important as it a Regular Giver.

Brownies and Rainbows baked and sold Valentine's Day themed goodies for SLA as part of **Bake A Little Love** events across Scotland. Registration for the 2014 Bake a Little Love is now open. so contact SLA now to get involved.

SLA is blessed with an extremely active group of Fundraiser Ambassadors who this year raised an astonishing £5000 through initiating and running fundraising events themsleves.

To take one inspirational example: in the last two years Wallace Fyffe, who only took up art as a "wet weather hobby". has sold 100 paintings at solo exhibitions at the Edinburgh Merchants and Mortonhall golf clubs for the exclusive benefit of SLA, raising £,2944, enough to feed, house, clothe, educate and provide medical care for 86 children for 1 year.

We are so fortunate to have so many similarly committed people regularly fundraising for SLA. They are now recognised as our Fundraiser Ambassadors. We are looking for new Ambassadors willing to use their skills, talents and contacts to organise an annual fundraiser. It could be as simple as a coffee morning with friends or a quiz night, selling home-made goodies or organising a golf day. The target is to make it a reliable annual event, a fixture in the fundraising calendar that will help SLA plan. Please get in touch with your ideas.



Rice Relay Challenge

Focused on raising awareness of young people about the plight of poor children elsewhere in the world, and the 'global citizenship' element of the Curriculum for Excellence, the Rice Relay Challenge is SLA's sponsored rice relay and a key priority for our schools efforts this coming year. We are running a pilot project in 2013-2014, contacting all primary schools and nurseries in Edinburgh to invite them to participate.

The idea is for teams of children to keep filling a large container with (polystyrene) rice in an allotted time and see how many children in India can be fed. It doesn't take a lot of effort - do a little and change a lot!

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Please get in touch if you're interested.



Following the overwhelmingly positive response to last year's Extravaganza, which sold out in just 10 days, this year we put on two successive events at the George Watson's Rugby Ground in Edinburgh to meet the demand. These featured extraordinary displays from Pyromancer Fireworks, the MGA Academy for Performing Arts, PyroCeltica Fire Performers and George Watson's College Pipes & Drums. The first event sold out and the second was almost full.

The total audience of 4,650 contributed over £24,000 which has made an enormous difference in India. This is now firmly established as our highest-profile annual fundraiser and we are extremely grateful to our sponsors Ryden Lettings, George Watson's College, the NHS, Fire Service and our wonderful army of enthusiastic volunteers.

£24,000

Profit made by Fireworks Extravaganza could fund:

666 children's healthcare for one year285 children's education for one year167 children's food for one year

Ladies Cinema Nights

Our ever-popular Ladies Cinema Nights at the Dominion Cinema in Edinburgh have been star performers for SLA ever since our inaugural screening of Sex in the City in 2009 sold out so quickly we had to put on an extra show.

The recipe of blockbusters, champagne, canapés, prizes and even live music in the best seats in the house has turned this event into a dependable fundraiser, raising over £24,000 in the last five years.

THIS YEAR'S EVENT RAISED £3,300.

Profit made by Ladies Cinema Night 2012/13 could fund: 90 children's healthcare for one year Our 9th Ladies Cinema Night will take place in in the last 5 years March 2014.

Financial Review

Summary from SLA's financial statements for the year 2012-2013.

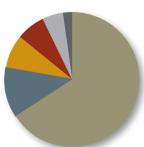
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SLA Income 2012-2013

Income for the year rose by £44,574, (11%) to £451,319, the main reason being increased funding for our social enterprise project in India, up by £46,000 to £75,375

The importance of individual donations is highlighted in the pie-chart and although that income is down in total, we were very pleased to increase the number of regular givers by 24%. Every donation – large or small, regular or not – is important, and valued.

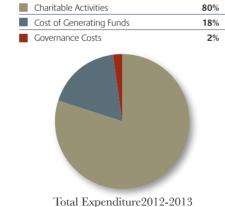
Individuals	66%
Fundraising	12%
Business, Schools & Other Organisations	8%
Trusts	7%
Volunteer Projects to India	5%
Others	2%



SLA Income 2012-2013

SLA Expenditure 2012-2013

Our aim of keeping the costs of generating funds and governance to a minimum is helped enormously by our energetic volunteers. 80p of every £1 spent this year was on charitable activities, compared with a more normal rate of 85p in 2012. The lower rate was due to expenditure on charitable activities having dropped by £24,198 (7%) for a number of reasons: Further education costs were down and capital expenditure was much lower than usual. There were, however, increases in costs for the social enterprise project and the new English teaching program. The Indian rupee weakened against the £ during the



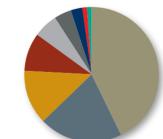
year, which balanced significant extra costs in India due to high local inflation.

We continue to work closely with our partner in India on budgets and good financial control.

SLA Overall Position

2013 was a successful year for SLA's finances. Total funds increased by





Charitable Activities Expenditure

£45,050 compared with the 2012 deficit of £5,537, and were £570,441 at 30 June 2013. Income through donations and fundraising continued to be robust. Costs were kept under good control.

We believe it essential to provide security to the children in the Home, particularly whilst harsh economic conditions persist in the UK and expectations are that inflation will remain high in India. To this end, our largest single fund continues to provide cover for a minimum of 12 months operating costs. We also anticipate growing expenditure on replacement capital expenditure and regular maintenance at the campus in Tuni.

Going forward we have agreed a strategy to identify and develop new projects to help more destitute children in India, although not necessarily related to the Home in Tuni. With the backing of the charity's strong balance sheet and successful track record of managing relationships and projects in India we are confident of this approach.

The financial information set out has been extracted from the audited accounts of Scottish Love in Action for the year ending 30 June 2013. 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 \\ \phi

sustainability a key parameter

Y I wish to help the work of SLA

Please tick the stars below as appropriate.

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SLA will not pass your details on to any 3rd parties.	
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Choosing to give in this way enables SLA to increase the value of your gift by 25p in the pound at r cost to you. In turn this will allow SLA to continue its development and assist with core costs within th	
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