



## Asha Higher Education Appeal 2012

### Become a Hope Giver to Help Students Continue their Academic Journey

Dear friends,

This year I am delighted that 385 students have passed their Class 12 exams, required for gaining a place at college or university. Asha's goal this year is that all the children in this batch who aspire to higher education will be able to fulfill that dream.

But helping them all to achieve this will not be easy, and we need your help and your financial support to allow these children to continue their academic journey. **We still hope to send 5000 children to university within the next 5 years!**

One of the most important ways that Asha is able to plan our future programmes is with the support of regular givers. **In order to be able to fund Asha Educational Scholarships that provide college tuition to the most needy students we are asking you to become a monthly donor; an Asha Hope Giver.**

I would like to share with you the story of one student aspiring to college, a girl named Angeeta. She lives in Kalkaji slum colony. Her six family members live in a one room hut that only has



Dr Martin visiting students in their homes

a sheet roof. Her father suffers from debilitating diabetes that has left him blind and unable to work. He needs insulin that is a huge financial drain on the family. Her brother is the only one with a job and earns £45/\$70 per month to take care of the entire family.

Despite their difficult circumstances, the family wanted Angeeta to study so she could have a better life, but they were unable to help her financially with her academics. **This is where Asha stepped in.** We gave Angeeta sample exam papers and books and allowed her to study at the Asha centre which was more quiet and private than her crowded home. As a result of our intervention in her life, Angeeta became motivated to study hard and was recently rewarded when she found out her exam results. She scored 74%, an excellent result given the obstacles she has faced!



Angeeta with her mother after her exam results had been announced

**It is my deepest desire to see that Angeeta and all the students like her are able to go to college.**

*With your support we can help shape the direction of society to produce a more positive future for students like Angeeta. Covering the expenses of her college tuition fees will cost you only £15/\$25 per month! **Turn over to see how you can become a Hope Giver!***

With the financial crisis over the past two years, we have come to realise just how vital Hope Giving is to our work. This is because it provides us with reliable regular income that helps us to plan for the future. Here Mickey and Eleanor Robertson from Scotland explain why they chose to support us by becoming Hope Givers:

"We have followed the work of Asha for almost twenty years. The lives of many poor people have been transformed and lifted up, culminating in students from the slums being enabled to go to college, opening a door for them to leave behind a life of poverty. We frequently give thanks for all that Asha is involved in and feel privileged to have a small part of this 'love in action.'"



**Mickey and Eleanor Robertson**

The slum students in Asha's Higher Education Programme are making history as the first to ever from their communities to achieve higher education. We want this programme to grow and flourish so that an education movement will build in the slums of Delhi and across India. This could not happen without the support of our Hope Givers!

With my very best wishes.

Kiran Martin

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**For £15/\$25 per month, you can sponsor the tuition fees of a child like Angeeta.  
For a higher amount you can sponsor two or more children.  
If you are not able to give this entire amount, you can also contribute a portion  
of their higher education expenses.**

## **YES – I'd like to help a child on their academic journey**

**To donate online**, please visit our website at [www.asha-india.org/getinvolved/donate](http://www.asha-india.org/getinvolved/donate) and follow the simple steps to make your payment via a secure server. This is the simplest and most cost-effective way for us to receive your donation.

**If you want to make a one-off donation directly to Asha in India**, please make your cheque out to Asha Community Health & Development Society and post it to:  
The Administrator, Asha Society, Ekta Vihar, R.K Puram Sector 6, New Delhi – 110022, INDIA  
Email: [info@asha-india.org](mailto:info@asha-india.org) | Charity No. S/20849



**I would like to become a Hope Giver and give**  **£15/\$25** or  **£ \_\_\_\_\_** or **\$ \_\_\_\_\_** per month.

**I cannot be a Hope Giver at the moment, but I enclose a donation of** **£ \_\_\_\_\_** or **\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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