

If opportunity does not knock, build a door

– Milton Berle

Help us to get slum children like Pinky into college



Pinky is from Delhi's Sonia Gandhi camp, a slum in Kailash Nagar infamous for its poor living conditions. She was just three years old when her mother died and subsequently abandoned by her father.

The little girl was left in the lap of her elderly grandparents who despite facing extreme poverty raised her and sent her to school.

A bright student since her childhood, Pinky started excelling in her studies and aspired to complete her education and become a teacher.

A year-and-a-half ago, bad luck again struck when her grandfather, the sole income earner of the family passed away. The death left both her and ageing grandmother to fend for themselves, with little hope of Pinky completing her High School education.

It was at this point, Asha stepped into Pinky's life and provided the necessary counselling, guidance, motivation and resources to the family.

Now at 16, she has not only beat the odds by successfully appearing for her class 12 board exams last month but has also become a role model for other children in her community.

However, with the minuscule pension of her late grandfather, Pinky's further aspiration of attending college and becoming a teacher is a distant dream.

About 1700 Asha young people have received tertiary education through Asha's Higher Education Programme. This year, we are planning to increase the radius of education to every child living in the slum communities of Delhi.

Our Asha ambassadors and graduates are making every effort to reach out to penurious and bright students living in the slum communities so they can attend the Asha Centres to reap the benefits of higher education.

Together we can make it possible for people like Pinky to realise their dreams. We encourage you to join us in this mission by donating generously to make a difference in the lives of these children and young people.

What a great joy it is to share with you that out of 700 Asha students who had appeared for class 12 examination this year, nearly 200 have scored 70% and above. These young champions untiring perseverance and relentless energy have overpowered the unfavourable conditions of slum life.

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- 2. To donate by cheque:** Make a cheque payable to ASHA(USA) and mail it with the form below to: Mrs Louanne Hempton, Co-ordinator, ASHA (USA), 98 Sweetwater AVE #6, Bedford, MA 01730, USA.

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Account Name: Australian Friends of Asha for Slums Limited
Account No: 147 414 122

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