



NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2013

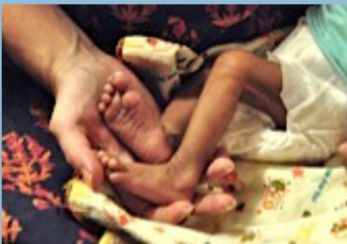
WHO WE ARE

Started in early 2013 by a small group of moms wanting to volunteer their time to hold and cuddle orphan babies, ABC has now grown to have over 50 registered volunteers. We are currently working with 2 orphanages and close to 60 infants. More than 80% of these children are girls. Our primary focus is on special needs children (underweight, physically or mentally disabled).

Our Board – Lindsey Ford (Founder), Anastasia Shmeleva, Glacibel Ruiz, Indu Dewan, Latika Krepanand, Luchelle Kromhout, Pajaree Chakravarthy, Dr. Pavitra Yarlagadda, Radhika Reddy, Rebecca Thomas, and Dr. Rebecca Verghese.

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WHAT WE DO

Volunteer activities range from cuddling, feeding, changing babies, massages, to medical runs, and fundraising.

We are fortunate to have Dr Sivaranjini Santosh (Magna Clinic, Birthplace) and Dr. Mahesh support us with free medical check ups.

We are currently in talks with other doctors and hospitals for concessions with check ups, diagnostics, physiotherapy, procedures, etc.



BABIES WE HELPED

Thanks to the generosity of our members and donors we have been able to provide basic medical care for around 20 children and hospital care for 7 children. Procedures range from abscess draining to staph infections, pneumonia, etc. We had two children discharged healthy after being hospitalized for over a month.

This baby was brought to the orphanage with a heart condition. At 10 months, he was not eating well and was unable to sit up and had very limited mobility. ABC took him to a pediatric cardiologist. They found he had low oxygen levels and needed emergency surgery. Although he had complications, he was treated successfully and is now a happy healthy baby who is able to move his legs and he is making progress every day. Thank you for helping us help this cute baby



Abandoned at the age of 7 months, this baby boy was born with severe Cerebral Palsy. He was very malnourished and weak. After arriving at the orphanage he was constantly ill and did not have the resistance to fight infections. Recently, one such infection became severe and he went into septic shock. He was admitted to the hospital (via the support of ABC) and after a month and a half in the ICU, he is healthy and doing great!

His hospital bills and special needs requirements are expensive and ABC would like to thank all of our donors who helped us help this child.



WHAT WE RAISED

So far, ABC has raised over 8.5 Lakhs via fundraisers and individual donors. The ABC Board has contributed a large percent of this amount via donations for specific children and via our monthly pledge of 2000 rupees per member.



MONEY SPENT

Since May, ABC has spent close to 9 Lakhs on the care of the orphans. A large portion of the funds has been used for medical purposes (hospitalizations, diagnostics, etc.). Remaining funds are allocated for disposable diapers, wipes, sanitizers, soaps, diaper creams, etc.

OUR EVENTS

ZUMBATHON (Charity Zumba Event)

Zumba Trainer Connie Paola organized a zumbathon on October 6. 60% of the proceeds were given to ABC.



International Potluck Lunch

Organized by Douha Ead, Venetia Anastasia Omiridis, and Meera Kohli on October 24. 100% of proceeds came to ABC.



Donation Items

MEDIA COVERAGE

If you want to donate any items, we always need newborn size diapers, Vaseline, Diaper Rash Cream, Candid B Cream and hand sanitizer.



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Want to be a volunteer?

Our next volunteer orientation will be in December. Please check our Facebook page for updates and more information.

