



## INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9

» [Our Unsung Hero & Founder President Arunbhai Bhansali recently passed away. Read more about him below.](#)

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Today is International Literacy Day, an occasion to advocate for children around the globe who lack access to basic education. In India alone, millions of children do not reach the secondary level, for reasons ranging from poverty to discrimination and even neglect from family members.

“Educate 2 Success helped me become a better person. I’m less afraid and feel better about life.”

— *Rameshwar Bandu Mhaske, an E2S Beneficiary*



To help brilliant students who have the desire but lack the resources to attend college, we offer loan-scholarships through our Educate 2 Graduate Signature Program. Since launching this program just over 10 years ago, we've helped thousands of underprivileged students earn degrees, which pave the way for quality employment that can elevate them and their families out of poverty.

**Share & Care’s Educate 2 Success Signature Program** provides at-risk children in rural India with resources to stay in school. In addition to tangible items like textbooks and uniforms, students in this program also receive a range of long-term personal benefits, as demonstrated by our hundreds of success stories. Here are just three ways E2S helps marginalized children reach their full potential.

### 3 Ways Our E2S Program Helps At-Risk Children

1. **Builds Friendships & Social Confidence:** Many students are noticeably shy when entering the program; however, based on our reports, more than three quarters of beneficiaries choose to participate in planned E2S social activities. These simple and fun interactions have positive effects on the students’ ability to develop friendships and other healthy relationships.

2. **Advances Autonomy & Independence for Young Women:**

Statewide, the average marrying age for girls is 17. For female E2S beneficiaries, the average age is 19–20. These educated young women will help to create a permanent cultural change in their families and communities.



3. **Develops Leadership Skills:** E2S beneficiaries are given tools to become mentors and role models. Through classroom presentations and student-led lessons, children are encouraged to showcase their individual talents and learn how to share knowledge with their peers.

If you believe every child deserves access to a basic education, please join us in celebrating International Literacy Day with a contribution to E2S.

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## Our Unsung Hero & Founder President Arunbhai Bhansali: (1941-2018)

**Arunbhai Bhansali, a philanthropist, an entrepreneur, and a visionary co-founder of Share and Care Foundation for India passed away on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 in New Jersey.** He is survived by his wife Sudha, sons Manan and Maulik, grandchildren Kaia and Aran, and sister-in-law Tejal. Until the night before he went to the hospital for an open heart surgery, he remained engaged in pursuing charitable endeavors and communicating to project team members to chart a course of actions to help the challenged.



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