



# 31 years of empowering, enabling and impacting rural India

*The Share and Care Foundation is transforming rural areas, thanks to its focus on education, women, youth and healthcare*

**D**id you know that just in Gujarat state in India more than 5,000 bright students every year give up on college because they cannot afford it?

Since 1982, the **Share and Care Foundation (SCF)** has been active in transformative work, particularly in rural areas, with a focus on education, empowering women and youth, and providing primary and basic healthcare.

In 2006, its efforts crystallized into **unique signature programs**, when it launched **Educate to Graduate (E2G)**, a 4 year college degree scholarship, to support brilliant, and driven high-school graduates who could not afford college fees to pursue a degree in the sciences. And the results have been positive and many dreams have been realized.

Dharmesh Guna of Surat, who scored 80 percent of the points in the 12th grade (a standard much harder to achieve in an Indian context), is in his final year, pursuing a degree in technology with the support of SCF funds and donors. His family annual income is \$1,000. During college campus interviews, he received a job offer from the Tata Technologies Ltd, with an annual starting salary of \$8,000, an income his father would have taken eight years to earn.

Or there is Abhishek Shirke of Vadodara, whose father earned \$250 annually. Abhishek often needed to relieve his father at work. And yet, he earned 60 percent of the points in his finals in mechanical engineering. Recently, he received a job offering him an annual salary of \$5,000 - 20 times his family's current income.

SCF is supporting 720 students at different stages in the four-year college cycle, while 100 students have already graduated due to the E2G program. The program's graduates are gainfully employed, their starting annual salaries ranging from \$4,000 to \$8,000 - multiple times their family annual incomes. Once through, they are able to help their own siblings go for higher studies without having to rely on help from others or loans.

This is the kind of work that prompted Drs Leena and Nitin Doshi of the Doshi Foundation in New York, to assert that *'this program will dissolve the barriers that have been blocking the full potential of a student and a future leader. We are privileged to deeply absorb vision and strategies of Share and Care that are incredibly powerful.'*

To fund this effort, SCF seeks to get \$1,000 per year, with a recommended four-year commitment.

Did you know that 100 million children in India do not go beyond middle school?

SCF's **Educate to Success (E2S) signature Program** will support high-school

education in 20 schools in seven remote states of north-eastern India. These areas are hilly and densely forested and are populated by tribes.

This is where we found Simran, who lost her parents to malaria when she was 10 and moved to her aunt's, where she did household chores and work on their farm in exchange for shelter and food. Today, Share and Care programs ensure that she goes to school.

The foundation aims to help 1,000 students by the end of this year. Besides enrolling 500 brilliant students, it has helped reduce absenteeism and dropout rate. It has helped recruit highly qualified teachers to raise the teaching standards by using unconventional techniques such as field trips and reading seminars. It has also increased the rate of college enrollment and literacy in northeastern India.

Make a difference by donating \$50 a year and/or \$200 to educate a child from Grade 8 to Grade 12, and \$500 to fund a two-year web development program for physically challenged youth.

SCF also takes special attention to address **Women Empowerment Programs for economic independence & health services**. Only 48 percent of adult women are literate in India, which is far below the male literacy rate of 73 percent.

Economic growth is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty. Opportunities for poor women to earn a living and providing preventive healthcare education and services promise a better standard of living both for the present and future generations in Indian villages.

Using a loan of \$250 from the SCF-supported Grameen Technique School, Rajani (now 35) opened a beauty parlor in a village near Bharuch, Gujarat. Today she employs three stylists and is expanding her business to a second location. The school offers courses on marketing and finance skills to help women earn a livelihood and support families.

Rajani's daughter visits a neighborhood school and gets education on preventive healthcare and receives nutritious mid-day meals. SCF supports more than 12000 boys and girls in 20 schools in south Gujarat and in the Rajkot area, providing preventive healthcare to combat disease and malnourishment. It also trains local doctors monitor the program through the year.

Donations to SCF enabled 7,000 women to earn a decent livelihood through 25 SCF-sponsored projects backing micro-entrepreneurship programs.

SCF youth wellness camps help more than 1,500 students in village and tribal schools every year. Visiting physicians from the US examine them once a year and, teachers and families are educated on preventive healthcare, hygiene and nutritional needs.

Support women with \$300 for a skill training course, \$1,000 for the micro-finance loan program for entrepreneurs, \$200 to combat polio, cataract and provide preventive healthcare for a child, \$350 for sanitation and hygiene programs, and \$5,000 for the youth wellness initiative for village schools.

Did you know India is ranked number 144 out of 188 with an infant mortality rate of 52.91? (5 years average ending 2010)

SCF's **Healthcare to Unreached (H2U) Signature project**



Girls who are part of the Help Her Learn and Earn Program

aims to help people in remote areas of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Orissa. Results in Rajasthan have been particularly encouraging.

There is Madu Devi, 30, who was eight months pregnant, when the community-based health team brought her to the Health Center in Rajasthan. She had received no prenatal care until then. A mother of 3 children, she had lost 2 during delivery, and suffered two miscarriages. Her prenatal checkup and ultrasound revealed a fetus of 32 weeks with no heart beat, indicating it was dead. After counseling, Madu Devi and her shocked family agreed to have her admitted to the facility and get the stillborn baby delivered, thus saving her life.

There are many such success stories from this center and thousands of sad ones from parts of India where such help is not available. SCF hopes to duplicate this model center in other villages needing our help.

SCF investments helped cut down infant mortality rate from 79 percent per thousand to 0 percent in a year. The infant vaccination rate went up from 13 percent to 55 percent. Of the 3,500 patients who received healthcare, 1,350 were women and 760, children with 206 prenatal visits. 9 babies were delivered at the center. Besides, more than 5,000 people received healthcare education.

Impact the unreached by donating \$50 for healthcare education, \$100 for the vaccination program, \$200 for prenatal care, and \$500 and more to set up a healthcare center.



SCF argues that compassion should inspire action



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- SCF provides quality education to kids (E2S) and college education to brilliant but needy students (E2G)
- SCF has talented, motivated staff and caring volunteers.
- SCF is committed to research-proven methods and measurable results.
- And.....because disadvantaged women and children need your help.

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