



Children Across Borders has donated over \$300,000 in 2014-2015 to help sustain our sponsored organizations in Florida and India.

Listed below is a description of select recipients and donation allocation.

USA

Academy Preparatory Tampa, Florida

Academy Preparatory is a rigorous private middle school that serves children of low-income families from grades 5 to 8. Academy Prep students attend school for eleven hours a day, six days a week, for eleven months of the year. Academy Prep's students qualify for need-based scholarships determined by the Federal Free or Reduced Program. Academic classes are taught separately by gender during the school day for a full college preparatory curriculum of "the basics" plus music, art, and physical education.



\$30,000 has been donated in 2014 - 2015 to help 150 students that qualified for the '11th Month Program', which provides a high quality free educational curriculum and enrichment courses like swimming, cooking, creative drama, African dance and more during the vital summer months.

Kids And Canines Hillsborough County, Florida



Kids and Canines work with at-risk teens, teaching them how to train assistance dogs. The bond between student and dog help these at-risk youths succeed in school and college. The dogs also go on to have productive working lives, working as assistance dogs providing independence to kids and adults with disabilities. Students that participate in the kids and canines program have an improvement in overall attendance rates by 67%, average GPA increased from 2.1 to 3.0, 83% increased their reading comprehension scores, and 56% of students showed a decrease in out of school suspension. To date, students have trained 84 dogs of which 64 have been placed as therapy dogs.

\$8,500 has been donated in 2015 for the expense of two new dogs entering the program that work with at-risk middle school students from the Dorothy Thomas campus (affiliated to Hillsborough County School District.)

The Pepin Academies Tampa, Florida

The Pepin Academies is a SACS Accredited, tuition-free, public, not for-profit charter school for students in kindergarten to age 22 with specific learning related disabilities. Pepin's mission is to create a high intensity, low threat therapeutic learning community. Pepin strives to break the destructive cycle of learned helplessness by developing students who are mentors, teachers, and role models.



\$30,000 has been donated in 2014 - 2015 for the 'Let's Go' combined math and reading program instruction and assessments for approximately 250 elementary and middle school students. The program has been proved to be most effective to students, and teachers benefit from the diagnostic data it provides. With the help of funding for this program, students improve academic performance as the tool individualizes to each student learner.

Project Starfish Tampa, Florida

Project Starfish is a non-profit 501c3 international organization that collaborates with healthcare providers in Southern India, to provide both general medical care to rural children and adults, currently focusing on sustainable diabetic screening and treatment clinics.



\$30,000 was donated in 2014 - 2015 to help the Holy Cross Hospital in Nagercoil, India, to purchase medical equipment for the PICU (Pediatric) & the NICU (Neonatal) Department improving their infrastructure and helping the hundreds of kids that were treated at the hospital.

Children Across Borders helped establish the pediatric and neonatal departments for the Holy Cross Hospital providing urgent care for over 500 children.



Starting Right, Now Hillsborough County, Florida

Starting Right, Now is a program meeting the needs of the growing population of homeless families and children in Hillsborough County. Starting Right, Now intervenes in a uniquely holistic way for students by creating an individualized program for each student. They help students tour college campuses, fill out applications, complete essays and help acquire financial aid.

\$30,000 has been donated in 2014-2015 to help with the following:

- Renovations to the Haven Poe Building, so all unaccompanied youth can reside under one roof.
- Providing two hot, nutritious meals a day to 24 students that reside at the Haven Poe Facility.

Train Up First Tampa, Florida

Train Up First is a Life Skills program that provides academic solutions to at risk youth with a focus on Hillsborough county. This program provides life skills training as well as academic support and mentoring while also developing leadership qualities such as teamwork, responsibility, commitment, sportsmanship, and

\$30,000 has been donated in 2014 - 2015 to help support the Train Up First program in 17 Hillsborough County middle and high schools reaching 1,738 youth, a 30% increase from last year.



Voices For Children Hillsborough County, Florida

Voices For Children partners with the guardian ad litem program of Hillsborough County to support and advocate for the abused and neglected children in the dependency court system.

Children Across Borders funds the Children's Need Project which consists of purchasing basic items like clothing, toiletries, supplies for school, tutoring fees, etc. that help foster kids lead normal, day-to-day lives.

Children Across Borders also continues to provide for the Courthouse Dog Project where Tibet and her handler, Brenda,



not only assist in court proceedings, but also attend forensic interviews with children and review sexual assault medical exams. Tibet provides compassion and helps these children stay calm and build confidence to tell their story in court.

\$24,000 has been donated in 2014 - 2015 to provide these children with the following items they need while in foster care:

- Financial assistance for medical, health and dental care, food, clothing, furniture, school supplies, and tutoring.
- To provide for Tibet and Brenda's expenses in helping these children at court proceedings and hereby minimizing traumatization.

1Voice Foundation Tampa, Florida

The 1Voice Foundation is a non-profit children's charity that raises funds and awareness for pediatric cancer research at USF under the direction of Dr. Tebbi. 1Voice has three major focuses: the CAUSE, the CARE and the CURE. The CAUSE of 1Voice is to support children with cancer and their families by connecting them with the financial, emotional and educational CARE needed, while funding pediatric cancer research for tomorrow's CURE.



\$30,000 was donated for 2014 - 2015 to 1Voice Foundation to fund the Equine Therapy Program for kids with cancer (\$15,000) and the Pediatric Research Lab at USF to help knock out Leukemia (\$15,000).

INDIA

Abilities Blind School Bangalore, India



A center for disabled persons, Abilities provides support to children and adults with disabilities such as visual and hearing impairments, orthopedic disabilities and mental retardation. They also employ and train blind people to transcribe books into Braille, which are then provided free of cost to visually impaired children for both learning and enjoyment purposes.

\$7,500 has been donated in 2014 - 2015 for

- Education: Teaching methods for those with disabilities, care for children who cannot attend regular schools, and distribution of school supplies.
- Health: For services that include regular medical check up's, prenatal care, surgeries, and Polio eradication programs.
- Training: For underprivileged local girls and siblings of those with disabilities, daily living skills for children with disabilities, and teaching crafts.

Ashraya - Child Welfare Organization Bangalore, India

Ashraya helps underprivileged children who may otherwise not have an opportunity to succeed. A new crèche was opened, which is a daycare center for children of working families. Two trained teachers run the establishment, keeping children off the street and aiming to assist in the personal development of each child. The children are provided with a nutritional meal daily and space to play. Parents have been very happy to see positive changes in their children.



\$12,000 has been donated in 2014 - 2015

- To continue to run the crèches for 50 children of migrant working families.
- To provide a quality education (teacher salaries, books, uniforms, food & clean drinking water) for 300 children from grades 1 - 12 at the Neelbagh School outside Bangalore in the state of Karnataka.



Colvale Migrant School for Children Goa, India

Father Jose Sequiera and his team run 10 centers for 315 migrant children in Goa and Maharashtra in India. They provide accommodation, food, education and transportation to these children.

\$10,000 has been donated in 2014-2015 to pay for the education of 30 migrant children as well as teacher salaries, uniforms, stationery, computers and a nutritious mid-day meal.

Hemophilia Society Bangalore, India

The Hemophilia Society educates parents in the management of Hemophilia (a hereditary blood clotting disorder) and provides blood to children that are affected by this. A small cut or injury can cause long hours of bleeding which leads to life-threatening conditions.

\$17,500 has been donated in 2014 - 2015 to Hemophilia management and treatment, helping physically challenged children with walkers, splints, medicines, etc.

- Awareness campaigns to educate the society on Hemophilia
- Counseling to both the patients and the parents
- Continuing education for medical workers that take care of the children



Mathrushree - Children's Home for the Mentally Challenged Bangalore, India

The Mathrushree Home is a nongovernmental organization that works for the welfare of the mentally challenged children in Bangalore, India. The ages of the children range from 1 to 21 years. There are eight trained teachers that provide education and recreation for these children.



\$17,500 has been donated in 2014 - 2015

- To help provide housing/shelter for 100 mentally challenged children ages 1-21 years
- To provide food 3 times a day
- To provide education and training for social and recreational skills
- To provide medicines and hospital care if need be

S. Ramakrishna Primary School Bangalore, India

This school's mission is to provide free education to under privileged children in rural/semi-urban areas, irrespective of caste, creed or religion, thus empowering them to claim equal rights as citizens of India. Their goal is to make these communities self-reliant so that they can live a life of dignity and be self-supportive. Children Across Borders supports Kindergarten to 10th grade. They learn three different languages and participate in activities like sports, computers, singing, and drama as part of their curriculum.

\$15,000 has been donated in 2014 - 2015

- For the free education of 500 children from 1st to 10th grades and providing uniforms, books & supplies
- To provide a mid-day meal
- To provide salaries for 17 teachers

