



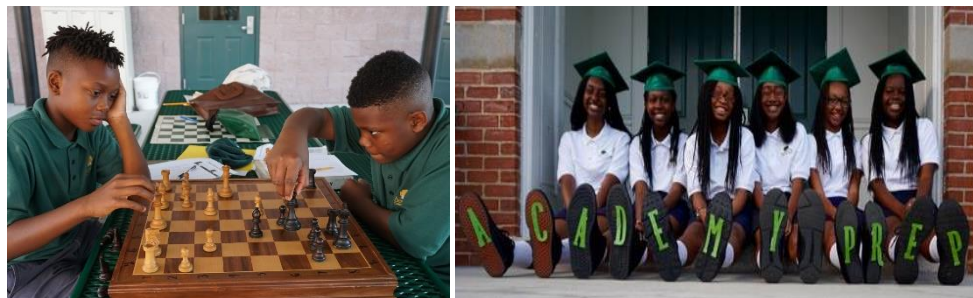
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*For the 2017 donation cycle, Children Across Borders (CAB) raised over \$500,000 to support 15 charities in the USA and India. Let's take a look at the difference being made by thinking local and acting global...*

## Donations – U.S.A.

### Academy Preparatory

Academy Prep Center of Tampa is a rigorous private middle school for students qualifying for need-based scholarships. Academy Prep students attend school eleven hours a day, six days a week, eleven months a year.



*Children Across Borders donated \$15,000 to Academy Prep in 2017 in support of their 11th Month Program.*

The 11<sup>th</sup> Month Program at Academy Prep, using funds from CAB donations, allows students to participate in enrichment activities such as chess club, debate, dancing, and photojournalism that help them grow socially and emotionally. In 2017, 164 students participated in the summer session. At the end of the summer, 85% of students stated that they were ready for the fall semester.

CAB is thrilled to provide continued support to a program which provides free curriculum and enrichment courses during the typical summer off-month of June.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about Academy Prep.

## Grants/Donations Report



2017

### USA DONATIONS TO DATE

- Academy Prep - (\$76,500)
- Girl2B - (\$7,500)
- Kids and Canines - (\$28,500)
- Pepin Academies - (\$74,000)
- Project Starfish - (\$50,000)
- Starting Right, Now (SRN) - (\$84,500)
- Train Up First - (\$74,000)
- Voices forChildren - (\$62,000)
- 1Voice Foundation - (\$70,000)

### INDIA DONATIONS TO DATE

- Ashraya Creches & Neelbagh School - (\$49,000)
- Colvale Migrant Children's School - (\$39,000)
- Hemophilia Society - (\$46,500)
- Kashi Kids (\$26,400)
- Mathrushree Mentally Challenged School - (\$48,000)
- S. Ramakrishna School- (\$41,500)

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



**FEBRUARY 23, 2019** - Dance the night away at the much-anticipated **Bollywood Nights** *Cirque du Bollywood Party* at the Tampa Museum of Art ([www.childrenacrossborders.org/bollywood-nights](http://www.childrenacrossborders.org/bollywood-nights))

## **Girl2B**

Girl2B started in 2008 when Alfonso and Christine Paradines, two working professionals living in New York City, took a trip to India and witnessed the incredibly real and raw hardships that young girls faced each day in West Bengal, a village outside of Kolkata.

Through continuous research, networking with grassroots organizations, fundraising and long nights of no sleep, the couple committed themselves to a new mission to save more girls and combat the ongoing poverty that so many of them faced.

***In 2017, CAB was happy to bring in Girl2B and grant, for the first time, \$7,500 for yearly program running costs of the Girl2B coaching centers. These coaching centers provide personalized coaching aimed to bridge the educational gap of the girl versus mainstream education; allowing the girls to reach a point of education that is required for most decent paying jobs and all government jobs in India.***

Through education and vocational programs, Girl2B empowers girls so they achieve financial and social independence, becoming agents of change in their communities. CAB's reach is strengthened by donors like you.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about Girl2B.



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## **Kids and Canines**

Kids and Canines, located in Tampa, Florida works with at-risk teens, teaching them how to train assistance dogs. The dogs go on to have productive working lives, providing independence to individuals with disabilities.

Kids and Canines provides trained assistance dogs to children with autism throughout central Florida. The dogs change the lives of at-risk middle school students, who learn to care for, groom, and train the dogs during the school day.



***CAB donated \$10,000 to Kids and Canines in 2017, which placed four dogs with young people similar to CJ, who has autism. The dogs' companionship has allowed kids like CJ to attend school, graduate, find friends, and obtain employment.***

To date, the students have trained over 84 dogs, with 64 of them being placed as mobility, autism or facility/therapy dogs, with a placement rate of 76%.



***CAB puppies Porter (left) and Patriot, CAB funding pays for their on-going training at Kids and Canines.***

CAB is thrilled to support a program that provides the opportunity to positively change the lives of our youth, but in turn provide well-trained services dogs to well-deserving individuals in the community.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about Kids and Canines

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## **Pepin Academies**



Pepin Academies are tuition-free; therapeutic charter schools in Tampa, New Port Richey, and Riverview, that serve students from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 22-years-old who have specific learning and learning-related disabilities.

***Children Across Borders donated \$15,000 to Pepin in 2017 in to purchase the Florida Math Common Core math curriculum. This program comes with thousands of digital tools and interactive resources that helps students take ownership of their learning including independent practice and real-world practice that suits the student's needs.***

CAB is thrilled to celebrate the gifts of the Pepin students and knows much the community benefits from having this dynamic, tuition-free school in Tampa Bay.

[CLICK HERE](#) to take a deeper look inside Pepin Academies.



## Project Starfish

The mission of Project Starfish is to provide general healthcare services, as well as diabetic screening and treatment clinics in Southern India, with American and Indian health care professionals collaborating to sustain medial coverage in these communities.

***In 2017, CAB donated \$20,000 to Project Starfish to sponsor the screening of thousands of young patients in eight camps in rural Tamil Nadu. CAB's contributions also paid for medications used in the eight camps. With the \$20,000 gift in 2017, a second ventilator, as well as a CPAP machine for the neonatal intensive care unit was able to be purchased.***

Project Starfish's goals include providing sustainable healthcare for the rural populations of Southern India and screening, treating, and controlling diabetes in these Indian communities. Educating the people of these communities about leading healthier life to begin a change, in turn, improves their quality of life overall—as well as the quality of life for their children.



CAB is thrilled to be able to contribute to Project Starfish's unique missions surrounding the empowerment of children to take preventative measures by adopting their parents' healthier lifestyles while proactively engaging in their own health care.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about Project Starfish.

## Starting Right, Now (SRN)

SRN is a program meeting the needs of the growing population of homeless families and children in Hillsborough County, Florida. They intervene in a uniquely holistic approach, creating an individualized program for each family or youth. They take children to tour college campuses or vocational programs, assist in filling out the applications, help complete essays and even help with financial aid and scholarship applications. Since its start, the program has helped over 190 teens get into college, vocational programs or the military. Currently they have a housing facility for runaway children in the South Tampa area, called Haven Poe.

***CAB is proud to have donated \$20,000 in 2017 for the 45 students at the Haven Poe Shelter, providing hot meals and proper nutrition.***

SRN has been busy adding space at Haven Poe to add 20 more beds due to all their referrals. In addition, they are opening a building site in Pinellas County within the next few months to accommodate 45 youths. Donors, your generosity has helped end generational poverty in the Tampa Bay community, one child at a time.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read about how SRN got its start.



***Students and mentors volunteering for Brew-Haha, a fundraiser for Starting Right Now in September 2017.***

## Train Up First (TUF)



Train Up First (TUF), located in Tampa, Florida engages, motivates, teaches and inspires youth to take control of their journey through an interactive curriculum inspired by sports. TUF began as a student-athlete focused program, but, with support from CAB's grant, in a few short years they have moved their focus to the at-risk youth demographic.

***Last year's donation of \$15,000 supported the donation of the TUF Life Skills Courses to the 23 Title I high school football teams in Hillsborough***

***County. The program started in September 2017 and will continue until June 2018. Each student is given a multi-rater assessment and real-time feedback. Based on score, there is customized TUF content for the student. 89% of TUF students experienced an improvement in their GPA with improved behavior.***

Social and emotional knowledge is a key factor in changing the lives of today's youth, CAB would like to thank our donors for helping pave the way to a brighter future for these youths. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about Train Up First.

### SEE WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING:

"The section on Self Control vs. Willpower really helped me with my decision making." – Kobe, 9<sup>th</sup> grade

"I learned that I am a brand on social media, in school, and in my community." – Tyimisha, 10<sup>th</sup> grade

"I enjoyed talking about the 5 Characteristics of Positive People." – Karyna, 12<sup>th</sup> grade

## Voices for Children

The mission of Voices for Children of Tampa Bay, Inc. is to provide support and advocacy for the abused, neglected, and abandoned children in the community, while the judicial system searches for a safe and healthy permanent home to place those children.

*In 2017, CAB donated \$13,000 to Voices for Children to continue the financial support of the Children's Needs Fund, which provides basic needs for children while they are in foster care, in addition to supporting Tibet, their courthouse dog, who helps calm the children's nerves and builds confidence when telling their story to the courts.*



It is the goal of Voices for Children to augment the support provided by the state by providing personal, educational, medical, and legal support that the state is incapable of providing to the children in its care. This includes recruiting, training, and supporting court appointed Guardians ad Litem.

CAB is thrilled to be able to make life as easy as possible for this population of children between birth and 18-years-old, as they are placed in the court system at no fault of their own. Thanks to our donors, these children feel nurtured, safe and provided for during their difficult journey. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about Voices for Children.



## 1VOICE Foundation

The 1Voice Foundation, located in Tampa, Florida, was created in 2008 to support children with cancer and their families by connecting them with financial, emotional and educational care while funding research for tomorrow's cure.



Mary Ann Massolio, the Executive Director, served as a pediatric oncology social worker for 25 years. She soon became an oncology mother herself, when her youngest child, Jay, was diagnosed with forth stage Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma at the age of nine. Jay lost his battle six short months later and Mary Ann has continued her fight personally and professionally.

*In 2017, we were happy to award the foundation with a total of \$15,000 towards the Pediatric Cancer Lab at the University of South Florida, to assist in preventing Leukemia. We are also pleased to support 1Voices's newest program, the Fit 4 Truth Weekend Retreats for Oncology teenagers. The retreat for patients and cancer survivors allows them to bond over their similar triumphs and struggles. The program includes team building, out-break sessions and five "Ways of Life" steps to stay strong and create your best life— mind, body and spirit.*



*Pediatric oncology patient horseback at Quantum Leap Farm, a certified equine therapy program that collaborates with 1Voice.*

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about 1Voice.

# Donations - INDIA

## Ashraya Creches & Neelbagh School

Ashraya, meaning *Shelter*, has a mission is to provide non-institutional solutions for underprivileged and abandoned children, as well as, empower abused, battered and abandoned women.



Co-founder Sharmila Seth with children from Ashraya during trip to Bangalore, India, December 2017.

In 1996, Ashraya started a residential school called Ashraya Neelbagh, for children of migrant labor workers. This is the only school of its kind in the country addressing the long-term educational needs of children of migrant workers.

***CAB is excited to announce that \$12,000 went towards the sponsorship of 30 children at the Neelbagh School, and hundreds of children at the Ashraya Community Crèches, which are child daycares.***

Currently, they run over seven crèches throughout India, with one in their women's center catering to over 250 children. Thanks to these crèches, families are keeping their children in school longer, providing a safe haven—ensuring a bright and successful future for the children.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about Ashraya Neelbagh.

## Colvale Migrant School for Children

The Colvale Migrant School is in Goa, India. Father Jose Sequira and his team run ten centers with over three hundred migrant children. They provide housing, food, education and transportation needs. Their goal is to keep children off the streets and in school by providing a safe learning environment.

***CAB provided Colvale with \$10,000 in support of the Shirhatti Classes taking place in the six villages serving 35 students per class.***



***The funding supports the teachers, picnic outings, holiday celebrations for the children, writing materials, as well as, the weekly snacks to provide the students with proper nutrition to focus.***

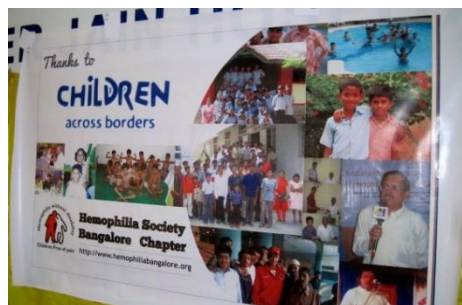
This year, thanks to our donors, over 220 children benefited. These students now have a passion for education and recreational activities—sports, outings and health education. Thank you making their dreams of a formal education a reality.





## The Hemophilia Society

The Hemophilia Society in Bangalore, India, is a registered organization affiliated to Hemophilia Federation of India. The society was formed in 1992, without any aid from the government to serve persons with hemophilia in and around Bangalore. The society provides educational and medical aid to those who have Hemophilia and are completing their education.



*In 2017 Children Across Borders granted \$10,000 to the Hemophilia Society to support this population struggling with such a painful blood disorder. The funding will continue to support the physiotherapy and exercise needed to enhance patient mobility, in addition to funding vocational and job-training to help those who have completed their education, but are having a difficult time finding a job. The funding also enhances the lives of the children by providing them with music, dance, and art classes, which allows them to develop their true talents and provide therapy while dealing with hemophilia.*

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about The Hemophilia Society.

## Kashi Kids



The Kashi Kids began with yoga teacher Kevin Ryder, as a way to enrich the youth of Dalit by raising and sending money for 4 poor children to attend a local school called the Alice Project. These children are from Varanasi, India, where unimaginable challenges are presented daily. The streets are riddled with crime, pollution, and dangerous drug abuse. Children typically begin working at the cremation grounds as young as 5 years of age.

*Funding for the Kashi Kids has gone towards changing the lives of youths like Yogi, who went from living in a single room with 11 other family members, to being the highest educated person in his quarter of town thanks to the resources given to him at the Alice Project.*



## Mathrushree Mentally Challenged School



Mathrushree is a special residential school for the mentally challenged children in Bangalore, India. With the help from Children Across Borders medicine has been given to children in a timely manner to lead them to a speedy recovery. With the growing acute shortage of water in India, donations from Children Across Borders made it possible for Mathrushree to add a bore well, which solved their portable water requirements.

*This year we are excited to announce that Mathrushree received \$10,000 from CAB to support the medical needs of the children, this includes surgical costs, medicine, milk for nutritional needs and ambulance transportation to hospital and other medical appointments, as needed.*

These children have finally found relief, care, and love thanks to donors like you!



*Co-founder Sharmila Seth with children from Mathrushree during trip to Bangalore, India, December 2017.*

## S. Ramakrishna Primary & High School

S. Ramakrishna Memorial Kannada Primary & High School is managed by the Bangalore Education Trust, a non-profit organization established with a mission to provide free education to underprivileged children in rural/semi-urban areas, regardless of background or religion, empowering them to claim equal rights as citizens of India.



*This year CAB granted the school \$10,000 which went to the purchase of computers for student classwork use and a laptop for the school administration.*

Thanks to the generosity of CAB, furniture for the nurse's room has been purchased, and the school is creating additional benches and desks for students. They are also taking proactive measures to obtain electrical recertification for safety, to update the current electrical work that is over twenty years old.



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