

Thank you to Donors and Sponsors

It's a privilege to be associated with this brilliant group of people who don't know each other and yet can come together and collectively make valuable contributions to the overall project, even if it's not with money.

On behalf of Angela, Jyoti, Monalisa, Pinki, Anupa, Gunjan, Chandini, Ragini, Shivani, Babo, and Vishay, I say thankyou for your contributions, your suggestions, your great ideas and your interest in the Monalisa Project.

DONATIONS: Thanks to Angela May for tirelessly working to achieve so much in such a short time.

Thanks to John and Annalisa Cook. John has given many art lessons to the children and they have been proud to follow his guidance and improve their art. After all, art is important across the cultures. If you see Angela, ask to see the children's art with John's helpful hints and ideas. In fact, that's something that we should put here.

Thanks to Sue MacAulay, a generous donor who has no conditions attached to her gifts. The children had been very afraid at night without windows or doors. Sue heard of this and made her gift available for what Jyoti considers the highest priority. Thankyou Sue. Now they feel safe and warmer too.

Thanks to Peter Clark, Wyn Dane, Elsa Marshall, Diana Mund, Fil Adams, Bernadette Seebacher who have provided financial assistance for the overall project. Your donations have enabled the housing, feeding and educating of children to continue in excellent conditions. A couple more rooms have are being plastered and painted.

SPONSORS:

We've talked about how hard it can be to come up with \$50/child every month. Perhaps each child could be sponsored by 5 people at \$10 each. This gives the child a sense of extended family - parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters and on and on. It's also really hard for Jyoti to make ends meet each month, but incredibly she does. And she keeps detailed records about everything. All ideas on this are welcome. <>Ruth Fell is sponsoring Pinki and Baboo

John and Annalisa Cook are sponsoring Monalisa and Jyoti. <>Lani And Michael Smith are sponsoring Anupa. Monalisa, Pinky and Anupa all share the surname - Sarkar, so we are thinking that they are probably sisters. It is nice that they are being raised in the same home by Jyoti.

With the sponsorships it's so good for the Indian children to feel a part of your lives and they are all very grateful to have you in their lives. But more than that, as Lani said, "If we help the children with their education, then they will be able to pass that on when they grow up".

Thanks to everyone involved in this project. It's especially nice to know that we are working as a group here for the group there. It's somehow more personal this way. And me - what's my contribution? Well, I'm now a blogger! And in this I can offer a forum for everyone to put in ideas, or just say hello to everyone else. So come in and don't be shy. Please.