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The supported organizations of the Apex Foundation have many things in common. They are all exemplary in the spirit and dedication of their founders, leaders, and staff. They each focus on helping individuals to help themselves, and they share a common belief in building the skills and attitudes necessary for self reliance in those to whom they provide relief.

### A Partial List of Supported Organizations



#### **The Academy for Severe Handicaps and**

**Autism (ASHA)** is a residential program for autistic children founded and run by a remarkable young woman, Jayashree Ramesh, who is trained in learning disabilities and whose family donated the house in Bangalore. [Learn More...](#)



#### **The Association of People with Disability**

**(APD)** provides education, training, and medical services to children and adults with disabilities, with the aim of equipping them to become successful in mainstream society. APD's founder, Hema, is an amazing woman with disability whose force of personal example inspires, guides, and challenges other people with disability to achieve self-sufficiency. [Learn More...](#)



**Bala Vidyalaya** is a nonresidential, private, and nonprofit voluntary educational center for hearing impaired infants and preschool children (birth to five years).



**Bapuji Children's & Old Age Home** provides a home to destitute, abandoned infants in India. In an interesting innovation, some care for the children is provided by another group of beneficiaries -- abused and abandoned older women. This unusual organization grew out of an act of personal kindness by an American woman living in India. [Learn More...](#)



**Chhatravas Chandra Arya Orphanage** was founded in 1918 by the notable national religious leader, Swami Shraddha Nand Ji, according to the principles of self-reliance. Today it provides a home and education through Grade 12 to well over 1,000 boys and girls in one of the worst slum areas of New Dehli. Nearly all the 600 girls and 500 boys were abandoned or orphaned as infants, but they are on their way to becoming self-reliant, productive adults. [Learn More...](#)



**Child Aid Foundation** provides a safe, clean home for 50 previously homeless children in Vijayawada and education for about 300 children of the slums. The founder, Dr. A. Goswami, acquired the land and raised the funds himself through local donations to create and run the school and residence. The children keep it clean and tend the grounds themselves as part of their education in taking responsibility. [Learn More...](#)



**Khmer Charity** provides the children of war-torn Cambodia with an array of educational services, including, libraries, an audio/visual laboratory, e-mail capability, and English as a second language programs.



**Manavodaya**, or Human Awakening, promotes a unique model of participatory development in the remote villages of India by helping beneficiaries establish and run their own self-financing groups, promoting thrift as a mechanism for achieving financial independence. The founder, Varun Vidyarthi, was a highly successful engineer when he decided to change careers 23 years ago. His wife, Amla, holds a Ph.D. in microbiology and co-founded this organization. [Learn More...](#)



**Opportunities, Alternatives and Resources (OAR)** of Fairfax County, Virginia, near Washington, DC, was originally called Offender Aid and Restoration by founder Jay Worrall in 1971. Today, this unique organization led by Executive Director Derwin Overton focuses the energies of its 150 volunteers and 20 professional staff on helping offenders in the County criminal justice system and their families cope with extraordinary life situations and successfully integrate back into society. Visit <http://www.oarfairfax.org/>



**The Saikorian Association's Project Krushi** provides education, rehabilitation, and medical care to homeless children in India.



**Very Special Arts India (VSAI)** provides specialized remedial arts therapy to abandoned, abused, disturbed, and disabled children in Delhi. The founder, Ambita, is a wonderful, driven young woman who gave up a comfortable, affluent life to dedicate herself to impoverished children.