HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE YEAR 2013

In July 2013, BigHelp has provided school bags, note books, pens, pencils and erasers to 180 students from 6 government public schools in and around Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. All of the 180 students are from poor socio-economic background, many of these children are orphans and each one of them is financially poor, but determined to continue their education. **BigHelp has come up as a real big help in their lives**

Bighelp collaborated with a local non-profit organization at Vijayawada, Arise & Shine. This helped in screening hundreds of families and short listed the children who were struggling with poverty and those who could not meet their basic educational needs.

20 students were provided with bicycles in Z.P.H. School, Beluguppa village in Anantapur district who are commuting from Nakkalapalli village which is 5 kilometers away from their school at Beluguppa.

BigHelp is reaching the people in need

Bighelp has conducted a quiz program in Z.P.H. School Kodugal, Jadcherla Mandal, Mahaboobnagar district at Mandal level to foster a competitive spirit among students. Total 12 schools participated in this quiz program.

National Merit Scholarship has been setup by BigHelp to help meritorious students from Government Schools, but financially poor, to help them continue their higher education after passing out their 10th grade. Each winner of this award will be receiving scholarship of Rs.5000 per year for up to 6 years or until they complete their graduation or technical degree. BigHelp selects the winners based on their GPA earned in their 10th grade, their financial status, community service and extracurricular achievements. Total 12 winners have been selected for the academic year 2012-13 and presented scholarships. Any orphan child that lives in any part of India, who is financially backward, studied 10th class in government public school and received the GPA of 9.8 or more (out of 10), is eligible to apply for this scholarship.

That is BigHelp for Education

BigHelp believes Education is the most powerful weapon which you can change the world

Education facilities and infrastructure are the basic needs in any school. The poorest of the poor can't afford a hi-tech school. Government Schools are the only resource for them to be educated. Lack of facilities in those schools is bound to hinder their progress in catching up with others. Keeping in view the importance of modern technology in education, BigHelp provided computer, computer table & chair, CDs with rhymes and library books suggested for the students of primary classes in Greater Visakha Municipal Corporation Primary School, Maddelapalem, Visakhapatnam district, Andhra Pradesh.

BigHelp donated

- 45 benches with desks for students, Sports Material and 20 chairs for staff of Nehru Municipal Corporation High School Maddelapalem, Visakhapatnam district.
- > Provided 2 computers to Government High School at Vijayapuri South, Guntur District.
- Provided books and Philips LED TV to Kurmaguda Academy for Relief & Education (KARE), Kurmaguda, Hyderabad.

Health of the children is as important as their education. Hence, a Medical camp has been conducted by BigHelp in Jalluru village, Pithapuram Mandal, East Godavari district. A team of 5 doctors from nearby towns, Kakinada and Rajahmundry, have volunteered and provided free services during the camp and performed Physical examination, Dental checkup and Eye examination for 220 students at Jalluru Primary school.

**When you know better you do better, join BigHelp!! **



Through the relentless work of BigHelp volunteers in various districts, students have achieved recognition at state and national levels. Some entered into prestigious institutions for jobs and studies. Some excelled in sports at state level and entered national level. BigHelp looks towards them with a satisfaction that redeems its labor.

Here is the showcase of the achievements from students supported by BigHelp.

- Manikanta Veeramalla, from Macherla project, who has been sponsored by Bighelp since he was in 8th grade, currently in final year of his Engineering, has been selected as a "Technical Associate" at ITC Ltd, one of the top companies of India, through Campus interviews.
- Sangeetha Gaje, from Yellareddy project in Nizamabad district, who has been sponsored by Bighelp since she was in 5th grade, got admission in International Institute of Information Technologies at Basara, one of the prestigious educational institutes of India.

- Two students Bhavani Raparti (8th class from Godicherla) and Krishna Priya Challa (9th class from Ramalingapuram project) received "National Means Merit Scholarship" through the National Talent Search Examination organized by the Central Government of India.
- Bighelp students from Gavaravaram Project in Visakhapatnam district were selected for "Paryavaran Mitra Plus" and received an award from Dr. Abdul Kalam, Ex-President of India, for spreading awareness in schools for maintaining eco-friendly environment through GreenHelp program.
- Durgakondalarao Kommireddi from Undrajavaram project achieved 9.7 GPA in his 10th grade and stood first in his Mandal.
- Vaishanavi Yakkanti from Tarlupadu project and Kalyan Chand Pekala from Naupada project achieved 9.8 GPA in 10th class public exams and selected for Bighelp National Merit Scholarship.
- Praveen Kumar from Annavaram project in Cuddapah district was selected for National Hand Ball under-17 tournament "59th School Games Federation of India" at Ranchi, Jarkhand. He represented Andhra Pradesh Handball Team on 24th Dec 2013 at Ranchi.
- K.Aruna was selected for National Handball Under-17 tournament "59th School Games Federation of India" at BILASPUR, HIMACHALPRADESH. She represented A.P. Hand Ball Team on 16th Dec 2013 at BILASPUR.