



# One! International Poverty Relief

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## ANNUAL REPORT

### 2013

#### ***Who we are***

One! International Poverty Relief (One! International) is a registered Canadian charity and a non-government, non-profit, non-sectarian organization that depends on financial support primarily from individuals as well as businesses and other organizations.

#### ***Our mission statement***

Our goal is to teach literacy, numeracy and life skills to children living on the streets of Mumbai and Nallasopara India by providing educational services and also associated social welfare services such as nutrition, health care, medicines, housing support and micro finances.

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# TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS

## Message from the Founder

We approached 2013 with a high from the successes of 2012 and were not disappointed.

We overcame a huge milestone this year by registering 11 students for Grade 10 through the National Institute of Open Studies. This was poignant for its obvious educational implications, but even more so, in giving these students official identification; they were finally 'citizens of India'. They will be able to use this identification to procure a birth certificate, bank account, further studies, etc. The students have been studying hard since June and are very hopeful now for their futures.

With the building of our Nallasopara school in 2012, 2013 was filled with enjoying the facility and optimizing its use. Having an outside play area allowed teachers and client staff to encourage fitness and respect for nature by starting a garden and planting trees. The students of the Nallasopara school have become caring individuals and are very protective of the school and its teachers.

With inflation and development in Mumbai through the roof, the families of our Khar Danda school continue to struggle to make ends meet and secure a small plot of land for their families. They also continue to strive for control of abuse amongst members, and substance abuse (alcohol and 'ganga'). Though these problems are still prevalent, they are far less than in the past. The Khar Danda school students have been encouraged by the registration of older brothers and sisters for Grade 10. Most didn't imagine it was something they could ever attain, and they are now determined to get there themselves.

Our annual events were special this year. At our Annual Program we attempted our first play – a joint production of Annie by both schools. It was a very proud moment for everyone – teachers and students alike – when they saw it come together cohesively. Our teachers took on the unthinkable this year with their Annual Trip – a 28 hour train journey to Kerala with 80 students! They managed with little concern and the smiles from the experience were heart-warming.

We are very proud of our past volunteer Honey Blakeman for her dedication to One! International and the children. She was instrumental in the registration of our sister organization in the USA.


Locally, myself and One! International were honoured with the Newsmaker of the Year Award in Strathcona County. We branched out of the Edmonton area this year with volunteers putting on an event in Winnipeg and an event in Vancouver.

The feeling amongst volunteers (India and Canada) this year was one of hope and positivity and it was inspiring to be around. They carried us through 2013 with excellence and will lead us into 2014 with hope, vision and a strong sense of the One! Family that I am so proud to be a part of.

Tania Spilchen  
Founder / President

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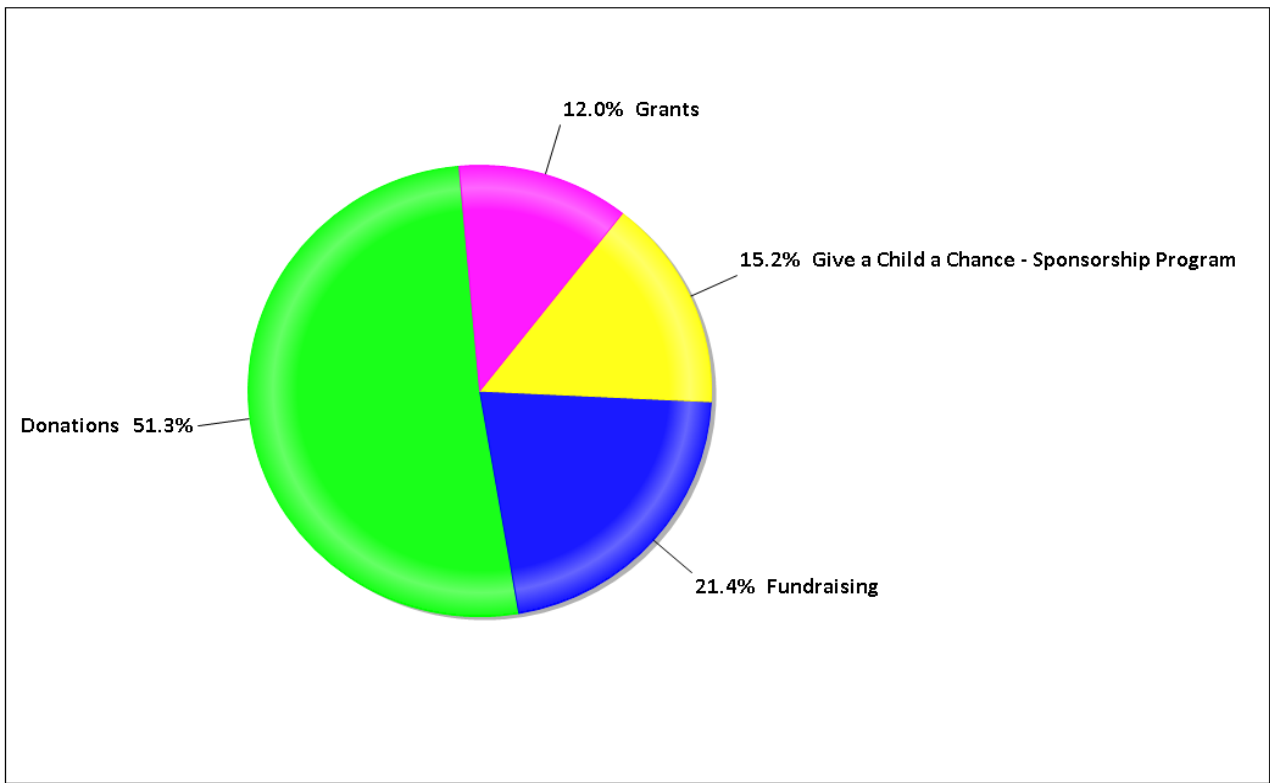
**Financial Summary** Our Goal: Maximize the benefits for the street/slum children of Mumbai and surrounding area while minimizing administrative spending.

<b>One! International Poverty Relief</b>		
Statement of Financial Position		
December 31, 2013		
	2013	2012
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 94,787	\$ 58,196
Staff advances	2,712	3,336
Loans and notes receivable (Note: 5)	4,220	2,512
Prepaid expenses (Note: 3)	12,529	21,988
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>114,248</b>	<b>86,032</b>
Property and equipment, net of accumulated amortization (Note: 2b, 4)	2,458	2,488
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 116,706</b>	<b>\$ 88,520</b>
<b>Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Deferred revenue (Note: 6)	\$ 9,280	-
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>9,280</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>9,280</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Invested in capital assets	2,458	2,488
Operating funds	104,968	86,032
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>107,426</b>	<b>88,520</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 116,706</b>	<b>\$ 88,520</b>
<b>Approved on Behalf of the Board:</b>		
_____ , Director		
 _____ , Director		
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.		
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# One! International Poverty Relief

For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

Composition of Revenue



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## NUMBERS IN INDIA – SUMMARY OF YEAR:

### KHAR SCHOOL

Number of Children Registered – 95

Number of Children Attending – 50-75

Overall Attendance Percentage – 66%

Number of Children Receiving Services but not Attending (too young or too old) – 25

Number of parents involved – 65

### NALLASOPARA SCHOOL

Number of children Registered – 220

Number of children attending – 175-195

Overall attendance percentage – 84%

Number of Children Receiving Services but not Attending (too young or too old) – 35

Number of Parents Involved – 120

## SUMMARY OF YEAR – STAFFING AT BOTH SCHOOLS

Professional Staff – 14

- Includes: 3 School Managers/Social Workers, 2 Medical Coordinator, 8 Teachers and 1 full-time Social Worker
- All staff members have overlapping roles; helping in social work and teaching

Client Staff – 16

- Includes: Cooks, Cleaners, Student Teachers, and Errand Runners etc.

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## VOLUNTEERS – INDIA

One! International has been very fortunate to attract volunteers from all over the world who have gone to India to work with the children for varying periods of time.

Volunteers in India are responsible for assisting the children to grow academically, as well as in areas of personal health, sporting activities, creative play time, and learning about future opportunities for themselves and their families. Typical duties of a volunteer include teaching classes (usually to the younger children – basic hygiene, English, mathematics, cooperative play, etc.), sharing their skills with the Indian staff, and administrative tasks (example: reporting). Volunteers also help with organizational duties, and activities such as drama, art, field trips, and other activities.

The Health Professional Volunteer Program which is coordinated from Canada, and started in 2012 recruits health professional volunteers for shorter periods of time for specific health projects.

In 2013 there were 14 volunteers from countries such as: Canada, United States, Sweden, Germany, and Brazil who volunteered in India. There were 8 volunteers who volunteered for 3 months or longer adding to stability for the children. An Optometrist and a Respiriologist from Canada spent two weeks doing assessments and making necessary referrals for further treatment. In addition several ex pat volunteers associated with the American School in Mumbai volunteered once a week.

## VOLUNTEERS – CANADA

There is no paid staff in Canada other than a small percentage of the President's salary.

Volunteers are relied on for: administrative tasks, financial record keeping, contacts with local schools for awareness building, fundraising activities, and management of the Indian volunteer program, exploration of Grants and Foundation donations, and major fundraising activities such as the annual Gala held in January of each year.

In 2013 there was a core group of 15 regular volunteers, with an additional 20-25 called on for various functions. There are plans to expand the 'Virtual Volunteer' base of volunteers.

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## PROGRAMS

### Give-A-Child-A-Chance Program (GCC)

The GCC program helps to provide weekly meals, sporting activities, tutoring education, counseling for families and the children, encouragement to improve life circumstances, and support as required. Donations for sponsored children are used to provide for the needs of all the children of One! International. The children are given love and hope – a chance for a better future. One! International provides sponsors with a matched child's history: name, birth date, family, strengths, weaknesses, likes, dislikes and dreams. Every six months, as possible, sponsors receive their child's update, with two new pictures, art work, schoolwork or exams, report card, and news of the organization. Giving a chance to a child is only \$30 (CDN) or the equivalent thereof.

**In 2013, there were 66 GCC sponsors.**

### OPERATIONS SUPPORT PROGRAM (OS)

The Operations Support Program helps cover the operating costs incurred in order to carry out day-to-day functions; such as: teacher's salaries, rent, transportation, sports activities, and travel. OS donors typically give a monthly donation of \$50 per month. Some donors commit to varying amounts from \$25 to \$110 per month.

A one-time donation of varying amounts of money can also be donated for use in these areas. We have received donations ranging from \$10 to \$1000. All donations, regardless of the amount, are appreciated.

**There were 12 on-going monthly OS contributors, and numerous one-time OS donations during 2013.**



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## STEP SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

The Step Sponsorship Program provides operational funding for the One! International school in Khar Danda, Mumbai: Rent and Teacher's Salaries. Current annual operational costs for the school are approximately \$1500 per step. The school functions on a 10-step program, where a step is mostly equivalent to a grade. With the Step Sponsorship Program, corporate organizations as well as other organizations such as schools donate to help cover the operational costs of a single step classroom. The annual contribution of \$1500 establishes a connection between two incredibly different worlds and creates a foundation for a relationship – not just a donation. Step Sponsorship donors receive recognition on the One! International website, and an engraved plaque with a photograph from the children.

**There were 2 Step Sponsors in 2013.**

## EMERGENCY & MAJOR MEDICAL FUND (EMMF)

The Emergency & Major Medical Fund is dedicated to providing urgently needed medical attention/supplies as required – often in life-threatening situations. The program was started in 2011 following a tragic situation in late 2010. It became evident that a special fund to assist in special need situations was necessary

**24 donors chose to donate approximately \$5,000 to this fund in 2013.**

## CANADIAN SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Several schools in Canada request presentations to their students regarding life on the other side of the world. Presentations are made and many schools choose to do a fundraising activity as part of the awareness program. Numerous community presentations and/or displays are performed throughout the year.

**In 2013, One! International had 3 school partnerships and 5 community events.**

**In 2013, we were fortunate to have volunteers put on events in Winnipeg and Vancouver. All events widened the One! International support base.**

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## STORIES

### Child's Experience – Anand's Story (8)



Anand was involved in an accident with a rickshaw. Leave it to this character to be playing on a rickshaw. The incident left Anand with a badly injured foot, and yet he was still limping around with a twinkle in his eye and mischief in his heart. Not even a severe automobile accident was going to stop this one! Luckily, nothing was broken, but he did lose some skin and muscle. The good news is that there was no need for surgery, though originally doctors thought this would be required. Just like all the tough kids at One!, Anand healed and recovered miraculously, though he did spend a few days quietly sitting while the other kids ran and played. For a brief couple of days, he was forlorn and found comfort in a kulfī (Popsicle) or two brought to him by his father. Slowly, his spirit returned to normal, and though he will probably never have the same range of motion in his foot, he was young enough that he will adapt and find a new way to do back flips and run around like the trouble maker he is.

The situation with Anand's family has deteriorated, and his parents are no longer together, effectively divorced. Because of this, Anand's sisters, Radha and Sanjana have been sent away to live with their grandfather in their native village. Their absence has been a sad void at school.

As far as school is concerned, Anand is showing great promise; he is smart and knows his letters, but is reluctant to put work in during class time. Outside of class, he has sought English words to copy, which he has done with fervor. His final English exam was strong, and his knack for language comes naturally. He has also found a new friend, Minaz, who is a trouble maker just like him. They have been practicing all kinds of whistling techniques together, but have yet to master the loon call, which one of the volunteers had shown him.

We look forward to seeing how Anand grows and changes; he is turning out to be a charming young man with uncanny intelligence and personality!

(Excerpt from a Give-a-Child-a-Chance sponsorship update)

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## Parent Experience – Rekha’s Story

Rekha (39) has been working at the Khar Danda school since 2003. Through the school, she has learned work ethic and self-pride that she could not only contribute to her family, but be the big bread winner. She has had a huge learning curve over the years (including her battle with alcohol and family violence) but has taken it one step at a time. Her efforts to change, though they may have seemed slow at times, were always clear and she always wanted to better to try to be better. We are extremely proud of how far Rekha has come on her self-chosen path of bettering herself. She is the proud mother of one of registered Grade 10 students.

## Staff Experience – Mahendra and Chitra’s Story

Mahendra joined One! International soon after the loss of his mother in 2006. Chitra joined One! International soon after the separation from her husband in 2008. Both were enthusiastic teachers but both aspired to more than that: they wanted to lead. As the years went by, they showed more and more initiative and began to hone their leadership skills. This year they were invited to be managers: Chitra as a Manager of the Khar school and Mahendra as Manager of Education and Events. They were honoured and are very proud of their roles. Both are working hard to constantly learn and improve their skills.

## Volunteer experience (India):

“I feel honored and privileged to have had the opportunity to work with so many dedicated and generous individuals. Thank you for the experience.”

**Max Rea (USA, 20)**

“Two years and a million amazing memories later, volunteering with One! International has been one of the most rewarding and enjoyable experiences of my life. The moment you walk through the door, the students have nothing but unconditional love & admiration for you. You’re the theme of every art class, a part of every game, in the middle of every hug. The children make you feel loved, but it’s the Staff that make you feel comfortable & part of something bigger than yourself, a Family. The older sisters who fight for the best bargain in the market, the aunts and uncles with a kind word and a helping hand, the cousins with endless torrents of questions and jokes ... It’s amazing to see people of all backgrounds work together to build a better and brighter future for our students. This experience has been a fantastic start to what I hope will be a lifetime of love and memories as a part of the One! International Family.”

**Honey Blakeman (21, USA)**

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## PARTNERS

Please see web page for a current list of major sponsors/partners. <http://one-international.com/sponsors>  
Two of our major supporters are: Children's Hope India Inc., and Alberta Government – Community Initiatives Program – International Development.

## THANK YOU

One! International Poverty Relief would not be able to have the success it does without the support and assistance of numerous individuals and organizations, both Canadian and world-wide.

Assistance and support has been provided to One! International in many ways:

- Volunteer Board of Directors
- Staff and Volunteers in India
- Volunteers in Canada and other countries of the world
- Give-A-Child-A-Chance donors
- Step Sponsorship Program Donors
- Emergency & Major Medical Fund donors
- Operational Support donors
- Corporate and School Partners
- Attendees/Participants of fundraising Dinners, annual Gala and Silent Auctions
- General monetary donors
- Gifts in Kind
- Legal and Accounting Services
- Organizational management services
- Marketing strategies (newspaper, radio, TV)
- Support from the Yoga Community
- Moral support from family, friends and strangers.

Thank you for giving One! International your love and support throughout the year. Together we can make a difference in this world – One! step at a time.



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## List of Board Members

### *Board of Directors*

Tania Spilchen, President/Founder  
Gordon Sustrik, Legal/Secretary  
Lisbeth Overheu, Chair  
Norman Viegas, Director

### *Management Team*

Tania Spilchen, Manager, Indian Operations  
Marilyn Spilchen, Manager Corporate Operations

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