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Dear Friend,

This e-letter brings to you an update on a whole lot of activities and events that each of our Action Centers has put together - some forthcoming while others have been organized with huge successes. Each of you, as a donor, supporter and volunteer have enabled CRY America to ensure thousands of children their basic rights to learn, to live, to play, to express and to be protected.

As an individual who coordinates volunteer efforts for CRY America, I take this opportunity to congratulate each of you who have participated in this movement for child rights. I am sincerely amazed by your dedication and commitment to the cause. Your energy, enthusiasm is really unmatched.



Every child deserves an opportunity and your work is indeed creating opportunities for thousands of children. The Right to Development assumes particular importance in the Indian context, especially after 60 years of Independence, which assured certain fundamental rights. Freedom to exist, freedom to get an education, freedom from hunger and disease, freedom to express, freedom to learn the skills necessary to earn a livelihood with dignity, freedom to realise ones true potential. While CRY America works for all underprivileged children, we encourage our NGO partners to focus on this right in particular. For instance, there are many impediments that come in the way of a child's education. Lack of schools, ignorance regarding the importance of education on the parent's part, or children having to work to supplement the family income. Along with our NGO partners we tackle the root of the problem to ensure children receive what is rightfully theirs – a secure childhood.

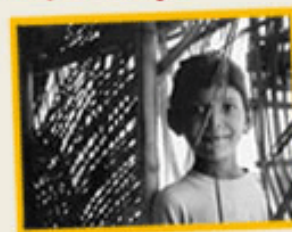
We thank you for changing the world of our children – every day. We have the power to positively influence lives of children! Let's keep going - let's do everything we can to the utmost of our abilities!

Thank you,  
Rajesh Munshi  
Volunteer Leader

## Honor Roll

- 7-year old **Anisha Patwardhan** celebrated her birthday in a very special way. She urged her friends to donate to CRY America instead of buying her gifts. [More..](#)
- Now get to cruise on the finest liners with CRY America!. California based **Alamo World Travel & Tours** have developed a special cruise package at discounted rates for CRY America supporters. [More...](#)
- CRY America is now registered with [www.artphilanthropy.com](http://www.artphilanthropy.com). Purchase an artwork and select CRY to make a donation. 25% of the purchase will be donated to CRY America.
- The **6th graders of San Domenico Middle School in San Anselmo**, California, raised both money, (\$1656) and awareness for CRY America. [More...](#)
- Cincinnati based Convergys Foundation has renewed their

## Story of Hope



Founded by a group of teachers back in 1989, **The Vikramshila Education Resource Society** is an educational resource center that focuses on the right to development. It creates, designs and provides innovative material and services facilitating better teaching enabling children to

commitment to CRY America and to underprivileged children for the second year, by donating \$10,000 for our initiatives in India.

- CRY America is proud to have The 2006 South Asian International Film Festival as a Promotional Partner. [More...](#)

actively participate in the learning process. [More...](#)

## Happenings @ CRY America



- **Uphaar 2006** : On 3rd June 2006, our Seattle Action Center did a fantastic job of organizing the third *Uphaar* charity dinner. [More...](#)

- **Festival in the Park 2006** : It featured a large selection of ethnic Indian food/snacks, drinks and desserts which were sponsored by a local Pittsburgh restaurant. [More...](#)

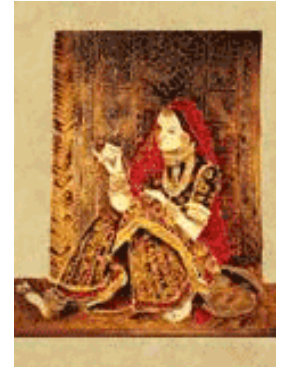
- **Laugh for CRY** : CRY America's South California Action Center successfully organized a comedy nite in aid of underprivileged children on June 10th 2006. [More...](#)

- CRY America's **Chicago Action Center** also successfully organized a comedy nite on the May 20th at Joes Bar in Chicago. This two-hour show was primarily organized by Mikey O Productions. [More...](#)

- **Dhamaka 2006** : CRY America's Bay Area Action Center presented Dhamaka 2006, an evening of song and dance, on April 22nd, 2006. [More...](#)
- **Rang Tarang** : The India Culture Club within Qualcomm organized Rang Tarang, on April 8th, 2006 - a fun filled evening of music, dance and skits to highlight the regional diversity in India. [More...](#)
- **Cryket 2006** : CRY America's New York-New Jersey Action Center organized Cryket 2006 for child rights on June 24th, 2006 at Johnson Park in New Jersey. This was a one-day six a side, tennis ball tournament in which teams participated and played against each other. [More...](#)
- **CRY Idol 2006** : On March 4th, the Seattle Action Center organized CRY Idol , a talent competition modeled on the popular television series *American Idol*. [More...](#)

## New @ CRY America

- We are pleased to bring you our 2006 collection of cards & have newly introduced the online shopping facility for products...do [Shop for CRY America cards online](#) and make a difference to a child's life.
- We are happy to bring to you a new, simple, cost effective option to invest in the future of children - **CRY DROPS** (CRY America Direct Remittance Option) - opting for this scheme will enable automatic monthly recurring donations from your Bank account directly into CRY America's Bank account through the ACH Debit process.  
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The Annual charity event **Walk 2006** is back on track for the 3rd successful year. Join us to spread the message of Child Rights in Boston, Portland, Lexington, RDU, Pittsburgh, Los Angeles, Bay Area and Chicago. [More...](#)

- CRY America presents **Pledge 2006**, our second annual benefit dinner hosted in New York on October 6 at the Roosevelt Hotel on Madison and 45th. Read more about the event and book your tickets online today!  
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- In October 2006, we plan to go live with our first global viral e-campaign - **Race for Child Rights**. We urge each of you to participate in it and forward the message of rights for all children to as many like-minded people you can. You will hear from us soon on the campaign but keep a look out for details on the site.

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