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Dear Friend,

"Despite a lack of evidence of any good karma ... I was dealt a good hand. I came to the US, did an MBA and joined a high caliber firm. I never had to worry about my next meal. The situation of the world's dispossessed, deprived masses became uncomfortable reality only on my annual trip to India. What caused my awakening was not any sudden realization that over 35 million of India's children do not go to school or that one in every six girls would not survive past her 12th birthday because of discrimination and neglect. It happened because I worked next to Americans who seemed to care quite deeply about their contribution to their community. I got involved with CRY America.

If you ever wonder what impact your donation to CRY America might have, you should do what I did – visit one of our project sites. I went to Aarambh, a project that works with the children of migrant workers living in the slums of Vashi, on the outskirts of Mumbai. Like all the 12 projects supported by CRY America, Aarambh is having an irreversible impact on the lives of thousands of children all over India, helping them overcome the handicaps of caste, gender, and socio-economic circumstance that they are born into.

Much more is necessary. Much more is possible. But it cannot be done without your help and support. Why not plan a visit to a CRY America project yourself, on your next trip home, and then tell us how you would like to become a part of the CRY America family.

My best wishes to you and your family for the holiday season."

Srivatsan Rajan
Trustee and Supporter
CRY America

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Honor Roll

Enthusiastic CRY America supporters, **Vikram and Mrunal Rawal**, raised over \$1,000 for the CRY Pittsburgh Action Centre at their Diwali party. [More ...](#)

Home Decorators Collection, one of America's leading direct marketers of home décor and improvement, contributed \$50,000, which will benefit two CRY America supported projects: Shramik Vikas Kendram and Disha. [More ...](#)

CRY America partnered with the **Indo-American Arts Council (IAAC)** for their Sixth Annual Film Festival, a panorama of South Asian films. The 5-day festival, which opened with a star studded gala premiere of Mira Nair's *The Namesake*, rolled out sixty features, documentaries, short films, and post-screening discussions with actors, filmmakers, casts and crews, at several theatres across New York. [More ...](#)

CRY America was one of the non profits that benefited from Jessica Watkins's **Project Kite**, an outdoor public art installation promoting awareness of female infanticide and feticide in India. [More ...](#)

Dawn and Antis who will be getting married soon, have asked their family and friends to make a donation to CRY America in lieu of gifts to them. They have put up a web page on the CRY America site to inform people of their partnership with our organization. [More ...](#)



Kids at the Raleigh Durham action Center Walk 2006

A small contribution to CRY America at the end of your meal can bring happiness to millions of children. The **Coalition of Cuisine Artistes (CCA)** has partnered with CRY America to contribute to the cause for Child Rights through a fund-raising campaign this festive season. [More ...](#)

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Happenings@CRY America

CRY America Walk 2006 8 Action Centers, 550 Walkers/Runners, 850 Donors, 120 Volunteers and \$50,000 Revenue! These numbers speak only half the story – the story of the successful 3rd Annual CRY America Walk for Child Rights, a series of walkathon events held across several cities in the U.S. Starting in Boston on August 26th, the walk series continued at Portland, Pittsburgh, Chicago, San Francisco Bay Area, Raleigh-Durham, Southern California and the final event was at the University of Kentucky, Lexington on October 28th, 2006. [More...](#)



Hoops-4-CRY, a college basketball, corporate volleyball tournament, kicked off our Atlanta Action Center's fund raising activities. As a DJ rocked the floor and volunteers served up hot dogs and barbeque, 120 guests had a blast, dancing, eating, playing ball and getting their face painted. Event sponsors include BCG, McKinsey, Society of Women Engineers and individual donors. [More ...](#)



The Seattle Action Center raised over \$10,000 through 2 musical events. Over 500 people danced and sang along with famed Indian rock-fusion-jazz band **Indian Ocean** at their first concert in Seattle at Neumo's. [More ...](#) The annual **CRY Dandia**, a not-to-miss event in the cultural calendar of Indians in the area, saw over 600 people making tracks to the spacious gymnasium of Inglewood High School in Sammamish, WA, to dance to the music of local musical ensemble Pratidhwani. [More ...](#)

Story of Hope

A population mainly of Dalits, one of the most marginalized communities in India. A threadbare existence scratched out of agriculture, subject to the vagaries of the weather. A near absence of schools. That's Beed district, in maharashtra, Western India. Read how CRY America and its NGO partner **Kalapandhari Magasvargiya & Adivasi Gramin Vikas** were able to mobilize the community to ensure that their children got the opportunities they had not been able to dream of. [More ...](#)

CRY America Site

CRY America Products:

Wish loved ones and spread the word about child rights ... [shop for CRY America cards online](#) or send a [CRY America e-greeting](#).



Rajesh Munshi received the **Microsoft Leadership for the Asian Pacific Islander Community Award** on November 27, 2006. This award seeks to recognize a Microsoft full-time employee who consistently gives of their own time to serve others in the Asian Pacific community. This individual is a role model in the workplace and in the community and exemplifies the attitude that we should "reach out" to help others. Congratulations, Rajesh, and thank you for your outstanding contribution to promote the cause of child rights and build CRY. You are truly an inspiration to us all!

Thanks to all our individual supporters and corporate supporters, Hellenic Rugs Imports, Symphony Corporation and McKinsey Atlanta for buying CRY America Cards this festive season.

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. [More ...](#)

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