



Annual Report 2008

December 31st

Dear Sponsors, well wishers & our Friends,

This year has been a great year! We keep score of every thing we do and measure the progress month by month. It is because of our hard work and dedication of our team of sponsors and administrators; we are able to succeed in our operations. We now have 191 sponsors supporting this cause, including fifty-one new sponsors who joined this year. Due to this tremendous support and team effort we were able to provide an education for 600 children.

Our volunteers work in partnership with the guardians/parents of the children in monitoring and improving the lives of our children for a better tomorrow. We are a 100% results orientated team with proven track record of our children's educational success.

Once again, we left no child behind in 2008. All the new applicants are currently going to school with our support. We would like to thank all the sponsors and volunteers; without their time and willingness to serve we would not be able to make a difference in the lives of these many children.

Regards,
Sam & Rena Vonumu
Founders – Vonumu International

Our Results

2005 Supported 164 children. Out of them, 21 students got ranks in their respective grades

2006 Supported 275 children. Out of them, 42 students got ranks in their respective grades

2007 Supported 496 children. Out of them, 83 students got ranks in their respective grades

[2007-2008 school year Awards Recipients](http://www.vonumu.org/2008awards.pdf) (<http://www.vonumu.org/2008awards.pdf>)

The Boggavarapu Foundation has been providing outstanding children with cash awards who secured ranks in their respective grades. This is a great incentive for children as well as encouraging and inspiring to continue to do well in school. We conduct annual reward ceremonies every year. A detailed report has been sent to all our sponsors for the 2007-2008 school year.

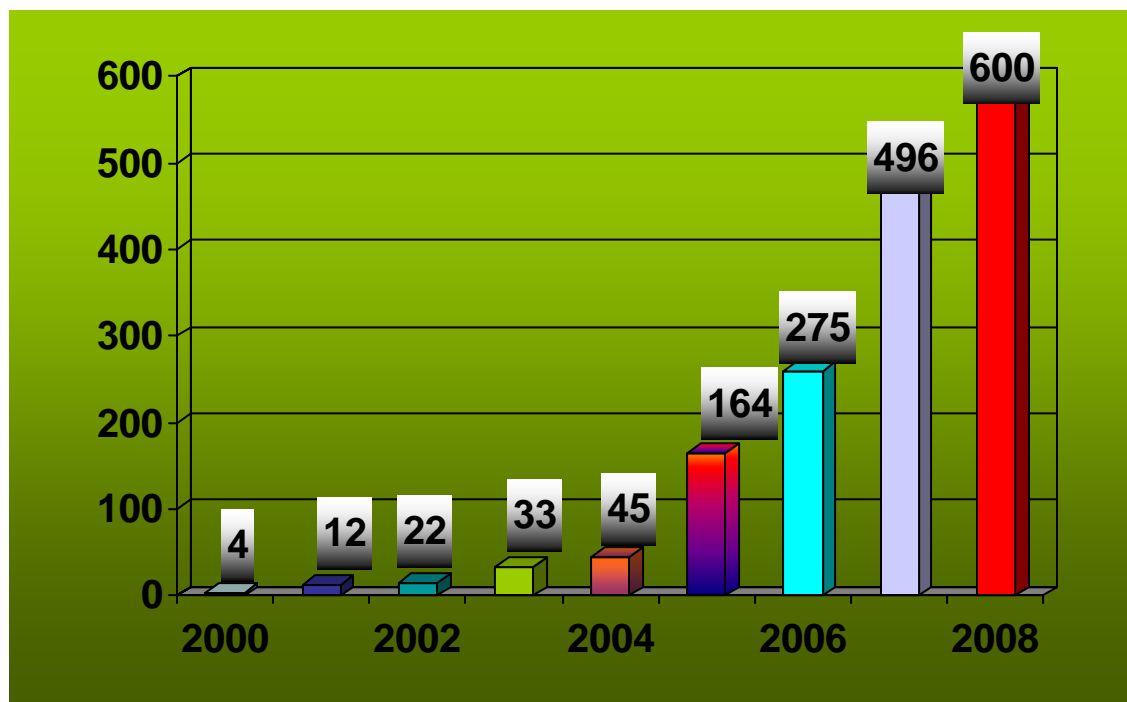
[India Visit 2007/2008](http://vonumu.org/reports/Sams_India_Visit_2007-II.pdf) (http://vonumu.org/reports/Sams_India_Visit_2007-II.pdf)

OUR MONITORING PROCESS

All our volunteers in India conduct parent meetings locally in every city, town or village once a month. The meeting is mandatory for all the children along with their parents or guardians to attend. During these meetings, we review the progress reports of each child to see where they stand in their respective grade/class. We provide additional resources for those who need a little extra help. Because of these meetings, not only do the children benefit, but the parents are becoming more responsible and involved.

OUR GROWTH:

We started this project with just four children. The chart below shows how we have grown each year and have provided educational opportunities to more children with the support of our great team. As we enter into 2009, we know it will be a challenging year, as we have received almost 300 new children waiting for help. Yes we can! We need to live this motto and as we have succeeded these past years, we know we will succeed in finding help for these 300 new children in 2009.



2008 Financial Report

We received a total contributions of \$61,698.64 from 191 sponsors as well as few company matching funds. The report will be available online for anyone once it is ready.

[Copy of 2007 financial statement from IRS.](http://www.guidestar.org/FinDocuments/2007/201/814/2007-201814364-04196199-9.pdf)

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New Name for our Organization

We are changing our organization name from “Vonumu International” to the new name as shown in the picture below from 2009 onwards. Sam & Rena Vonumu felt that this organization belongs to all and we are working as one big family to support the underprivileged. Therefore, to encompass our goals as a team, this new name would support this common goal. The name that was chosen, Uplift A Child, is our hope for these children as they receive an education. We are working to complete the legal process on the name change which may take a few months to complete.



Uplift A Child International

Sponsors Meetings

There were three sponsor meetings in 2008, two in New Jersey and one in Maryland. Sponsor meetings are always enjoyable as well as opportunities to focus on results. The following items were completed at these meetings.

1. Connecting with other sponsors.
2. Focus on our common goal, of meeting 100% of supporting underprivileged children, which strengthened and inspired those who attended to do more for our own communities.
3. Provide a brief to all our sponsors in detail on how our work efforts are working in India along with pictures and video presentation.
4. Provide an opportunity to all the sponsors to meet and ask questions to Sam and Rena about the sponsored children.



The sponsors meeting in Maryland was held at the Sligo auditorium in Takoma Park on June 14, 2008. We are happy to have Mr. & Mrs. Krishna Rao, the founders of the Hope for Humanity organization attend our meeting.

The Tapana Foundation is also working with us to support children's education this year.



The New Jersey meeting was held at Dr. Lava & Dr. Navin Boggavarapu.'s residence at Marlboro, New Jersey on April 12, 2008. They hosted our program for 3 years in the past and we are thankful to them. We had many families from all over New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York and Canada attend.



2008 Sponsors Visits

We are thankful to many sponsors who took time to visit some of their sponsored children during their trip to India. It is a great feeling for the sponsors to actually see their sponsored children. We hope and encourage all our sponsors to visit their sponsored child one day.



Sponsor: Hope for Humanity
From: College Park, Maryland
Visited their children in Vizag

Mr. & Mrs. Sadanala Jesudason
From: Takoma Park, Maryland
Visited their children in Vijayawada

Sponsor: Sowmya Nekkhalapudi
From: Sterling, Virginia
Visited their children in Vijayawada

There are many others who visited their sponsored children however were not able to send us the pictures. We are very proud to say that all of our sponsors connected with their sponsored children and established a great relationship which is everlasting for both the children and the sponsors.

Thank You

We are thankful to each and every sponsor for their commitment to education for each of these children. In particular we would like to thank the following individuals for their help in various activities this past year.

1. All our 191 Sponsors who contributed towards all our 600 children for education
2. All our Volunteers in India & USA for their hard work in monitoring all our children's activities.
3. Mr. Shankar Bandi Naidu's family, Mr. Joseph Kalekuri's family & Roy Thanukula.
4. Mr. Anil Veeragandham & his team for helping us maintain and manage our website.
5. Mr. Surya Rao Challapalli for helping us with providing transportation to visit the children during annual programs and Rs. 7500 towards award ceremony expenses.
6. Mr. Srihari Rao Bollina for helping us with providing transportation to visit the children during annual programs and Rs. 7500 towards award ceremony expenses.
7. Dr. Lava & Dr. Naveen from Boggavarapu Foundation for sponsoring 83 cash awards for the most outstanding children who got ranks in their grades
8. Mr. Rama Chandra Rao for providing food for 600 at 50% cost and taking no profit in Vizag.
9. Mr. Chandrasekhar Bommisetty & our partners at Telugu Foundation in Hyderabad for helping us with India financial transactions.
10. Mr. Nagabhusan U for donating Rs. 10000 towards food expense.
11. Ms. Bavani Shankar for helping us with a project for the children.
12. Ms. Parimalam & Kiran Kokonda for helping us with a project for the children.
13. Ms. Priya Karipalli for helping us with proof reading our communication.
14. Mr. Venkata Basava Punniiah & his team for monitoring and helping all our children in Pedalanka, Guntur.
15. Mr. Raja Mallepeddi, Swathi Public School & Mallepeddi family in Pedalanka for hosting & Coordinating a grand event in pedalanka village, Guntur, AP, India.
16. All the school principals all over India supporting our charity programs and helping our children at their schools.
17. Seventh-day Adventist Schools for helping our children with 50% discount in tuition fee
18. Mr. Ashok & his team for helping us provide school uniforms with discount
19. Mr. Suresh & Sunil Basrani family for supplying more than 1000 pairs of shoes at 50% discount for our children.
20. Mr. Kuldeep & his team for helping us with Tailoring for our children.
21. Mr. Chandrasekha & his team for helping us with thousands of books at a nominal rate for our children.
22. Our Board of Directors, friends & all our well-wishers who helped us round the year

We welcome your suggestions/advise. Please write to us if you like to help sponsor a child or volunteer.

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