



# UPDATE

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**Editor's Note:**

We are pleased to bring you this latest update from Hope. We humbly draw your attention to the piece on legacy giving – a difficult topic for all of us but something which could provide a valuable lifeline to the project in years to come. **Thank you.**



Hope Heroes at The Great North Run

We were delighted this year to have 5 official runners and 1 freelance at the Great North Run on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September: Cheryle Berry, Claire Hildred, Dawn Rogers, Sue Testo. Heather Rostron and Richard Green. We applaud their dedication to their training and preparation and their sterling efforts on the day in completing the gruelling challenge, all in very respectable times. Between them they have raised well over £3,000 for Hope for which we are truly grateful. It forms a substantial part of our income. Places on the Great North Run are highly prized! Each year we take 5 places for Hope so if you or anybody you know would like to take up the challenge in September 2018, we would be very happy to hear from you.

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### Festival of Onam

In early September staff and children of Hope enjoyed the festival of Onam, celebrated by Malayali people, both in Kerala and all over the world. Marking the traditional rice harvest, it comes as a welcome break for the children who have been back at school for three long months. It means several days off school and work for children and staff.

The centre-piece of Onam is the Pookalam – amazingly elaborate and brilliantly coloured designs made entirely from flower petals. The children from each house rose to the challenge and produced some beautiful creations. Sue Coventry was on hand to help with the judging of the designs and Youth House were proclaimed winners. Well done, boys!



### Volunteer Extraordinaire

Our very regular contributor to the work of Hope, Sue Coventry, has just spent another fruitful spell working with the staff and children. Having spent her career in the field of social work, Sue has annually given of her time and expertise in a range of different areas including staff development and training across the board, developing policies and procedures to improve the quality of care for the children and developing and running Child Rights Workshops – much enjoyed by both children and staff and geared round giving the children a voice in their life in care.

Sue will write a full report on her work at Hope in our next edition.

### Football news

Now that the monsoons are over, football training has resumed and the children are looking forward to another season of hard work and competition. We are pleased to report that two of our girls have been chosen to play for the Allappuzha district team which is a great honour.





### Higher Education

As our regular supporters will know, we place a great emphasis at Hope on the provision of quality education for our children, believing that it is the key to a bright and successful future.

Following another year of excellent academic results, two of our children have started their studies at university. Arun is studying Business with Aviation and Akhila is doing an Arts degree.

We congratulate them on their achievements and wish them every success.

In addition, two of our girls, Sreekutty and Geethu, successfully finished their nursing studies and both are now working.



Introducing our new member of staff, Ann Maria, social worker with particular responsibility for the welfare of our older girls.

### **Remembering HOPE in your will.**

**We know that your first priority when making a will is to provide for your loved ones, but many people find that even after they've done this they can leave something to a cause they hold dear.**

As an existing generous supporter in your lifetime, you might like to consider leaving the children of Hope a gift in your will to ensure for them a secure future and leave behind a better world.

Leaving Hope Community Village a gift in your will is a valuable way you can support us. It costs nothing during your lifetime but will have a powerful impact in future.

One simple way to make changes to an existing will is to use a codicil. The codicil is on the website and simply makes a legacy to Hope Community Village. For more complex changes we would recommend you consult with a solicitor and consider having your will redrafted.

Once completed, the codicil should be kept in a safe place together with your will.

Things to remember:

1. The signing of the codicil will need to be witnessed by two adults at the same time.
2. The completed codicil will need to be kept together with the copy of your latest will. It is recommended that a copy of your latest will and codicil is kept with your solicitor, and/or trusted family member or friend who is not an executor, beneficiary or their partner.

**If this is something you would like to consider, please visit our website: [www.hopeindia.org](http://www.hopeindia.org)**

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**We would be very pleased to hear from you.**



### Welcome Visitors to Hope

Staff and children at Hope were very pleased to welcome Sibi Jose, long-standing supporter of Hope, and his family from the award-winning Tharavadu Keralan Restaurant in Leeds city centre. His son Chris had celebrated his First Communion in Leeds earlier in the summer and decided to donate his gift money to the children of Hope. Photo shows Chris handing over his donation to Hope Director, Santhiraj.

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