



From the first visit in 2007 huge improvements have been realized with the help of Connecting Hearts. From living in an open shed with a corrugated iron roof, one toilet and one water well in 2007 to a new building in 2012. The locals donated the site and undertook the organization of the construction themselves.

The ultimate intention was and still is that the school will be a self-supporting organization, forming a special example with its own bookbindery, candle making, computer room, sewing workshop, a theatre stage (for dance and expression through vibration) and vegetable gardens for private use. The government has made funds available for this goal, but due to several setbacks among which the yearly (!) flooding this still has to be realized.

Footage of this unique project can be found on the Connecting Hearts Foundation website.

Anyone interested in above mentioned projects is very welcome to accompany our coordinator Elisabeth to these projects in India. You can always contact her.

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The coordinator is in regular personal contact with the various project operators and ensures that the money is well spent locally.

Single or regular contributions to our projects are very welcome on the account of Connecting Hearts Foundation, Brummen, IBAN: NL12RABO0121146146

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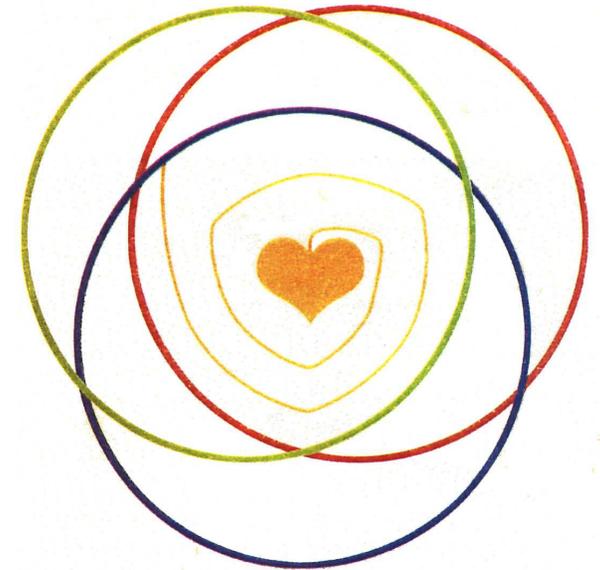
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The foundation's goal, through small-scale projects, is to provide basic needs for disadvantaged children and elderly people around the world, including education, regardless of nationality, religion or origin.

Currently, the following projects are being supported:

**Main project:
Happy Child Home in Puttaparthi, India**



Happy Child Home, a small orphanage, is led by Ranjeetha Devi. She is a heartwarming teacher who, along with two other teachers and two domestic workers, runs the orphanage. Together they are responsible for 40 children, almost all orphans and some from very poor families.. Ranjeetha Devi calls it a small nature school because of the eco-friendly set up.

From the opening of the school in February 2009 the Connecting Hearts Foundation sponsors the orphanage and pays part of the rent and provides the food, school fees, school supplies and books. Furthermore second hand children's clothing is brought over from the Dutch SWB Foundation.

This project is open to volunteers who, for a certain period in time, want to bring their knowledge into practice.

The principle of this project is that all children are entitled to love, attention, education and a

sense of belonging.

All children are taught in English. A few kids join the local International School and some of the older children attend college in Mysore. The children do their utmost and radiate happiness; that is exactly what Connecting Hearts aims for with its support.

The orphanage is located on a beautiful site just outside Puttaparthi, on the road to the Sai Super Specialty Hospital and the airport, but residence is not guaranteed since the building is not their own property. That is why our current goal is to build a new orphanage for Happy Child Home. Anyone willing to commit to this wonderful project is invited to contact the coordinator Elisabeth Colenbrander.

Sewing School in Puttaparthi, India



In 2014-2015 we have found a new location for expanding the Sewing School in Puttaparthi. Connecting Hearts provides for the rent, salary of the teacher, renovation, new sewing machines and small-scale projects in the area.

Our teacher Bargavi is fully committed to accompany about 35 women, 6 days a week. Recently a drawing table was purchased, a new tile floor put in place and a toilet installed.

Next to that we have rented an adjoining room; with the larger space the sewing school offers more possibilities.

The sewing school is very successful and has extended to more small-scale projects in the villages surrounding Puttaparthi, where teachers in their homes provide sewing lessons for about 10 women.



Each year we issue certificates, encouraging the women to further independent development.

The sewing school is a lovely and useful initiative that deserves expansion. Meanwhile contacts have been established with a women's organization and the Higher Business School in the vicinity.

Parivarthana School for deaf and mentally disabled orphans in Guntur (Andhra Pradesh), India



At this small school currently about 70 children, boys and girls, are residing. All of them are orphans, or disowned by their parents because of their disability. Day and night they are guided by four teachers who use professional sign language to communicate with them.