



Programs that work!



Geetha, a graduate of the Women's Empowerment Project, runs her own stitching and textiles shop

Save A Family Plan incorporates sustainable approaches that break the cycle of poverty. This newsletter is the first in a series that will highlight what it takes to create successful and sustainable programs that really do combat poverty as we "partner with the poor for a just world."

Whether you have been a supporter for many years, or are new to our shared mission, we hope that you will enjoy learning in more detail about the key components of our programs - how they are implemented and how they ensure opportunities for success for our partner families in India.

In our earliest days beginning in 1965, Save A Family Plan operated with a simple charitable model: five donors in North America sent \$5 monthly to help meet the dire, immediate needs of a family in India.

In time, our model has evolved. Today SAFP programs focus on employment, education and

empowerment. In addition to being able to generate income to meet their own immediate needs, our partner families learn new ways to overcome barriers; reconnect with their communities and access resources that enable them to improve their health and safety; and provide education for their children.

Our programs require determination, on-going learning, and an openness to new ways of thinking. Families who join are committed, work hard, and are willing to examine what needs to be done to end the generational cycle of extreme poverty.

The Family Development Program is purposefully designed for the duration of six years. This provides the time necessary for field staff to really get to know the partner family, complete thorough assessments, and support them throughout their

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journey, not only as they start their new business, but throughout the formative years of their children. Together, they will share their successes, their struggles, their sorrows and their achievements. It really does take a village to raise a child. SAFP has created that village.

We look forward to sharing more details in the months ahead about the multi-faceted approach of SAFP that mitigates risk and lifts the family up in a holistic way by ensuring:

Basic Needs Met

Steady Employment

Education & Training

Local Resources & Connections

Relationship Building

Participatory Decision Making

Empowerment and Capacity Building

Focus on Empowerment

Partnering with a family in India is much more than just a financial transaction; it is the many personal connections they make: with the field coordinator, the SAFP India staff, the community they live in, the SAFP partner NGO (non-governmental agency), and you the donor.



These connections enable them to endure throughout the program and beyond. Despite the many obstacles that families face (such as illiteracy, language barriers, and postal service disruptions), the letters they send to you are their journals of their incredible, life-changing journey to break the cycle of poverty.

This newsletter is the first in a series. Look for upcoming features filled with information and colourful photos - on topics such as Education and Training, Local Resources and Connections, Participatory Decision Making, Field Staff, and more.



Join Save A Family Plan in 2025 as we celebrate our 60th Anniversary!

Dear donors: effective April 1, 2024, we are asking you to increase your support from \$22 to \$25 per month per family. For the people we serve, this small difference will have a huge impact! Read more at www.safp.org/increase-of-support.

Thank you!

Since 1965, generous donors like *you* have worked together with impoverished people and communities in India as partners against poverty.



Poverty is Complex. Our plan is simple.

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