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THE SAVE A FAMILY PLAN NEWSLETTER



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IN INDIA SINCE 1965

Get to know us!

We are delighted to announce that many new donors have joined our mission to partner with the poor for a just world.

New donors may appreciate learning more about Save A Family Plan. For donors who have been around for years—or even decades—it might be time for a refresher course.

Our Mission



Save A Family Plan partners with impoverished Indian families and villages to break the cycle of poverty, empowering people to create better futures for their children and communities. We work with all people based on need, irrespective of their caste, creed, gender or political affiliation.

Participants for these programs are selected based on criteria such as poverty, serious illness, and deficient housing. (see next page for details)

Our Headquarters



Since 1973, Save A Family Plan has called St. Peter's Seminary home, located at 1040 Waterloo Street, London, Ontario, Canada. Our office is located on the third floor (see arrow). If you're around, come for a visit!

Our Teams



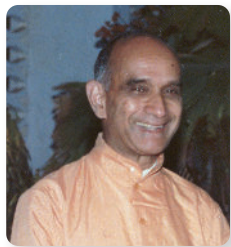
India team (L-R): Libin, Christin Joseph, Aby, Fr. Antony, Mary, Sibi, Job, Charles, Jayakrishnan



Canada team (L-R): Marisa, Nelson, Ashley, Belinda, Elizabeth, Fr. Marshal, Robyn, Christine

Our Origins

Save A Family Plan was founded in 1965 by Msgr. "Father Gus" Kandathil in 1965. An Indian-born priest and chemistry professor in Canada, he was inspired by the call of Pope St. Paul VI to respond to the dire poverty in India.



Msgr. Augustine Kandathil

The "plan" was simple: to partner donors in Canada, the USA, and elsewhere, with an impoverished family in India. Later, community development projects were added. Over the years, our model evolved from "charity" to a collaborative, sustainable development model.

Learn more at www.safp.org/60-years

How We Are Funded

SAFP is a registered charity in Canada and the USA. We do not receive government or institutional funding. We raise funds through: our annual year-end appeal; special appeals in response to natural disasters or gift-matching opportunities; and third-party grants or donations. Bequests (a gift planned in someone's Will) and investment income also provide funds.

In the event that a program has already become fully funded, or where conditions delay or prevent program implementation, Save A Family Plan may redirect donations to the most urgent needs.

How It Works

When a donation is received, it can be committed to the Family Development Program (FDP) or Community Development Program (CDP). Monthly transfers from Canada to India continually provide the funds that are needed to support families and projects in both programs.

FDP donors and benefactors are matched in a concept described as a partnership. It matches donors and their partner families over the six-year program. Donors and partner families connect through the exchange of information, photos, updates, personal correspondence, and ultimately a completion report. In some cases, donors are even able to meet their partner family when they travel to India, which is a life-changing experience for all!

Our Programs

The Family Development Program (FDP) is the six-year-long "plan" in which donors pledge \$25 per month to support partner families in India. These families work with local SAFP partners to identify practicable, sustainable ways to break the cycle of poverty. A cornerstone of FDP is the creation of a family small business that generates income for the the family's needs today and in the years to come.

The projects of our Community Development Program (CDP) help villages to identify and address their greatest needs, tackle poverty-related issues, and thrive. Thanks to funding from Save A Family Plan donors, Self-Help Groups, and local supports, projects are undertaken to make vital improvements in areas such as clean water, hygiene, sanitation, training and education, natural disaster rehabilitation, household power generation, and housing.

FDP Program Criteria

Currently, families are selected based on the following criteria, based on need and regardless of caste, creed, gender or political affiliation:

All three of these criteria:

- Child under the age of 15 years
- The primary applicant is willing and able to undertake a small business initiative
- Inadequate shelter for the family

And at least one of these criteria:

- A family headed by a woman with dependent child(ren) who and is widowed, divorced, or abandoned
- Family member with an illness such as cancer, chronic heart disease, kidney failure, Hansen's (AKA "leprosy"), bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, tuberculosis)
- Differently-abled family member (e.g., with paralysis)

And at least two of these criteria:

- Issued a Below Poverty Line (BPL) card by the gov't.
- Inadequate or no toilet facilities
- Limited or no access to safe drinking water



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Thank you!

Thank you for your generosity and caring. Since 1965, generous donors like you have worked together with impoverished people and communities in India as partners against poverty.



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Poverty is Complex. Our plan is simple.

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