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Organization Story

Gwalior Childrens Hospital (UK/India): Thanks to our online volunteers!

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Gwalior Childrens Hospital Charity is working to help and provide for the poor, disabled and destitute, especially children, women and elderly of Gwalior and Chambal region in India, one of the most backward and oppressed areas of India. This charity has been working there for last six years through hospitals, rural clinics, a mobile hospital, an eye centre, a school for special needs, and orphanages. We are associated with the Online Volunteering service for the last two years and have been supported by volunteers on line bringing this work to new heights.

Mr. Robin Prentice from Australia has designed new website www.helpchildrenofindia.org to raise the profile of charity and has been managing it for the last two years.

Ian Foster, also from Australia, has worked tirelessly working all the time to publicize the needs of this charity and edit the new letter "Healing hands" published every three months to help us in this endeavour. He was awarded volunteer of the year 2003 by United Nations Volunteers programme.

Lewis Smiler from USA publishes our newsletter online at , and keeps up our mailing list up to date.

These are few of many outstanding volunteers online who came to us through the Online Volunteering service and have continued to work with us since. So far there are 47 online volunteers, including, teachers, doctors, technicians, and journalists etc. who have been helping or have helped us in organizing our work and continue to do so. Seven of them even visited Gwalior and worked with us to train our staff and students and provided their expertise to the community there.

We are in the process of organizing training courses at Gwalior with the help of these online volunteers. We are very much obliged for such an overwhelming support from UNV's Online Volunteering service in bringing up this work to provide in the areas where it is needed the most.

To commemorate the International volunteers day our volunteer from Edinburgh Bonny Squair with our friends and supporters in Scotland, are organizing a gala evening full of music, entertainment, sit-in dinner, dance and much more at the famous assembly halls in Edinburgh.

We are sure for all the help from all these volunteers and UNV's Online Volunteering service, helping us to achieve our aims and reach our objectives, maybe with some delay. Through this message we will like to convey our gratitude and thanks to all the volunteers and the staff at UNV's Online Volunteering service for their support.

With regards, Dr. B.K. Sharma

For more information about Gwalior Childrens Hospital Charity, please visit their <u>Group Profile</u>.

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