

UPLIFT
HUMANITY
INDIA





MISSION

To empower youth to break the cycle of recidivism through cross-cultural and hands-on education.





VISION

We won't stop our fight until every child has access to a quality education, and equipped to make the right decisions to become productive members of our society.





ONE CHILD'S DREAM

Just like the kids in the movie posters, Rakesh always dreamed of being a pilot. He began his journey with Uplift Humanity at age 12, when his parents abandoned him at a local orphanage. Bombarded with the harsh realities of life, Rakesh had become alien to compassion and love that every child needs while growing up. There is a Rakesh in 31 million other orphans, who live in absolute darkness but hope every day for a speck of light to change their story.



THE CIRCUMSTANCES

There is a perception that kids who are behind bars are bad and deserve to be there. But it's much more complicated than that. The majority of these kids are institutionalized because of the effects of desperate family conditions, severe poverty, or even mental disorders that have never even been diagnosed. With little to no source of income, the situation is dire for these kids and an education is a farfetched dream at best. The worsening situation leads to diminishing opportunities and a plummeting self-esteem, which corners these children into committing crimes and compromising their will.

A LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER

When people ask why I started Uplift Humanity, they usually expect a sad story of an interaction I had with an orphan on the street or an incarcerated juvenile.

But I didn't have any of those. I started this powerful organization because I was simply looking for a way to spend my time every summer back when I was in high school. I thought to myself, "If I'm traveling to India every year for personal holiday, why not actually do something while I'm here?" It was that very question that led to the creation of what is today Uplift Humanity India.

I wanted to help incarcerated youth and orphans because these kids receive little to no attention, but are the ones who need it the most. Most people think that kids who have committed some crime are just bad, and deserve to be behind bars. But it's so much more complicated than that. We need to realize that these kids aren't born bad, but rather are placed in situations where they are negatively influenced to make poor decisions.

That's why I started Uplift. I wanted to share with the world the untold story of what life is really like behind bars.

It's because of our luck that we were born into the hands of loving parents who were able to provide us with healthy food, clean water, and a quality education. Through Uplift, I want to empower these children to make the right decisions in the future – to ensure they obtain employment once released.

I believe in second chances, and I invite you to as well.







OUR METHOD

Uplift Humanity India is dedicated to combating juvenile recidivism through two key platforms:

1. Academic Program
2. Summer Program



ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The Academic Program is perhaps the most crucial element of the on-site work we do at juvenile centers. We teach orphans and juveniles to understand and speak English as well as vocational training to provide skills that are relevant and directly applicable to creating a sustainable career upon release. The Academic Program also provides us with a year-long period to evaluate our juvenile class, allowing us to make more informed decisions about scholarship grants and educational sponsorships for our program graduates. As part of the program, we sponsor the building of libraries and computer labs in order to stimulate the intellectual curiosity and give the kids a chance to work further on their own.



SUMMER PROGRAM

Our Summer Program remains an essential part of our overall mission. Each year we take teenage volunteers from the United States to one of our three rehabilitation centers in India where they teach juveniles crucial life skills such as moral decision making, self-esteem development, daily etiquette and public speaking.



OUR CORE VALUES



COLLABORATION : We believe in the power of unity and team spirit. Whether it is our volunteers, teachers, students or even the external community, we strive to work in a cohesive manner to impact these children in the most efficient and positive way possible.



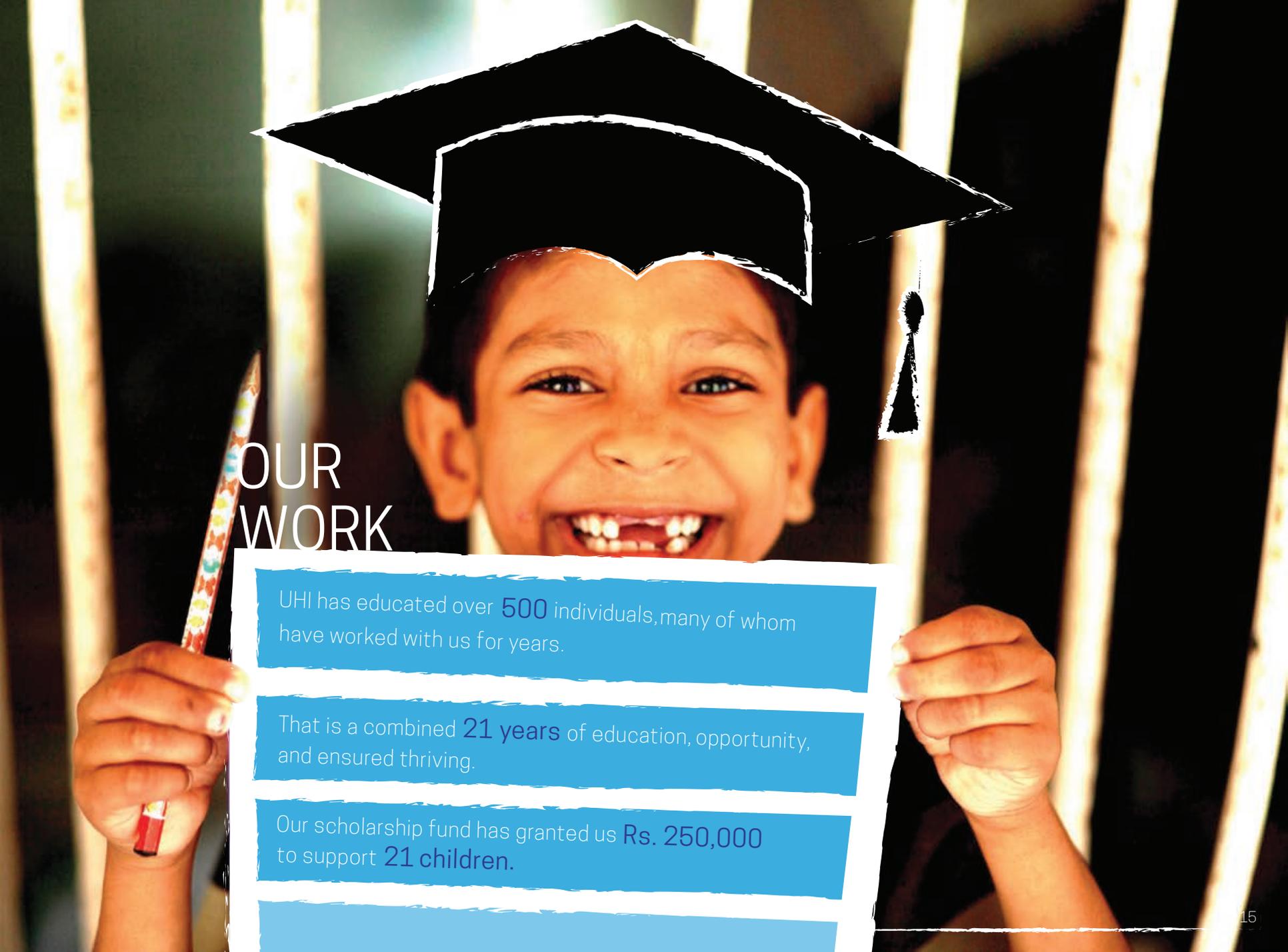
INNOVATION : We don't understand the word impossible, and don't plan to. Challenges and roadblocks are what drive Uplift Humanity India forward. We're always searching to develop the most cost-efficient and sustainable way to spread education.



EXPOSURE : Raising awareness and spreading knowledge works at the fundamental level to address recidivism. We not only want to shape the conversation, but we want to bring it to the front of the dining table.



DIVERSITY : We pride ourselves in our differences. Our team consists of individuals from various backgrounds, geographies, and experiences. We fuse insights, strategy, creativity, and a touch of imagination to help our students learn.



OUR WORK

UHI has educated over **500** individuals, many of whom have worked with us for years.

That is a combined **21** years of education, opportunity, and ensured thriving.

Our scholarship fund has granted us **Rs. 250,000** to support **21** children.

WE'RE SHAPING THE CONVERSATION

We want to spread the word and empower changemakers to join our story.
We've received media recognition and free ad space in over 100 news outlets.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

THE
HUFFINGTON
POST

THE TIMES OF INDIA



VOGUE
INDIA

The INDIAN PANORAMA
EVER TRUTHFUL

A REDIFF PUBLICATION
India Abroad

NEWS INDIA
INDIA

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI IS WITH US

“Uplift Humanity partnered with the Government of India in 2013. This new partnership has enabled us to increase our impact in India.

With the aid of local and national governments, Uplift Humanity has been launching locations all around India.”

[Uplift Humanity volunteers with Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi]





THE ROAD AHEAD

We are constantly trying to expand our work to more cities in India in an effort to inspire more juveniles and orphans. However, we recognize that education in and of itself is not enough. We're working to enhance the technological infrastructure in our facilities, improve health-care measures, and find ways to connect our students with employment. We're also aiming to build healthier and safer communities where children can attend schools without worrying about forces like child labor, prostitution, and gang activity. What began as a one-time summer program based on one person's desire to make a difference has now developed into a powerful charity with an ongoing dream to solve a crucial issue, not only present in India, but throughout the world today.







JOIN OUR FAMILY

Investing in education is the single most valuable investment you can make. We encourage you to join our fight. We have the right leadership to take us there, and we are continuously in search of the right volunteers and sponsors to be part of the transformation.



BE A VOLUNTEER

Volunteers help drive our cause in person and on the ground, actively impacting the children on a personal basis.



BE A SPONSOR

Sponsors help Uplift make this all happen. Sponsorship funds go toward building effective facilities for educating the orphans and juveniles we work with, providing the materials we need to train our children, and helping place our students in institutions of higher education.



FUNDRAISE

Set up a sports event, bake some cookies - you can do anything to fundraise for Uplift. Every cent makes a difference.

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