

# OneVoice

Caring for families with bemophilia around the world — one at a time

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### Greetings!

Facebook can be a fun and sometimes frustrating place to keep in touch with others, but nothing beats it when it comes to spreading good news, and requests for help. Facebook has gone wild in March as it's Hemophilia Awareness Month. Red ribbons and blood drop icons abound...

But so do photos of children in need in far away places. We have a campaign to get 31 children sponsored. We already have 16. Can we get just 15 more? Spread the word

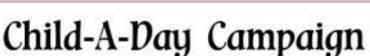


Laurie Kelley Founder and President

on Facebook by sharing our newsletter and our posts. Ask your Facebook friends to help us reach our goal. Sponsor a child, make a difference, and make Hemophilia Awareness Month more than a rallying cry; make it a month where little lives are forever changed!

Laurie Kelley and the team at Save One Life

# Hemophilia Awareness Month and World Hemophilia Day





Goal: 31 children

We are halfway to our goal!

Just 15 more sponsorships to go before

World Hemophilia Day

Show your solidarity! Sponsor one of these boys:



Andy, 4, Honduras



Evereil, 6, Philippines

# Welcome New Sponsors!

Nikki Cunningham James Nagler Laura Pavlas Faith Winstead

We thank these current sponsors who took additional beneficiaries:

BDRN--Bleeding Disorder Resource Network Glenn and Beatrice Pierce

## Save the Date!

Save One Life's 15th
Anniversary Gala
will take place in
New York City
on September 29

Mark your calendar!!

Details to follow

## A Boy to Sponsor

Save One Life
beneficiaries face the
tough challenge of poverty
with a bleeding disorder.

An annual sponsorship is \$264. Save One Life sends 90%, or \$240, overseas to assist the beneficiary and his patient organization.

Show someone you care! Please <u>sponsor</u> today!



Emmanuel, 4, Ghana







Niraj, 15, India

# New Program Country Welcome, Hemophilia Society of Bangladesh!

Save One Life is pleased to welcome the Hemophilia Society of Bangladesh (HSB) as our 16th country since our founding and 42nd current program partner!

HSB was established in 1994 and now has over 650 registered patients. There are an estimated 12,500 people with hemophilia in the country. Similar to most of the countries where we work, outreach to educate and identify patients is a major focus of HSB, as well as lobbying the government to increase hemophilia support.

We look forward to having children available to sponsor very soon!



Young members of the Hemophilia Society of Bangladesh

## **Never Lose Hope**

### An inspiring story by scholarship recipient Anil Gabu

When I was a small boy, I lived with my family in a village of 3,000 people in the state of Gujarat in India. Both of my parents were farm laborers, earning less than \$100 per month. We lived in a one-room hut on the farm where my parents worked.

My two younger brothers and I have severe hemophilia A, but we didn't know it back then. It was a very difficult time. All of us suffered brain hemorrhages. My left knee became so badly crippled from untreated bleeds that I was bedridden and missed years of school.

You can imagine the incredible change that happened when my family learned about the Hemophilia Federation (India) and the local chapter in Rajkot. We moved to the outskirts of Rajkot to have better access to medical treatment, and the chapter took us under its wing.

The chapter sponsored me to receive corrective surgery on my knee in Pune. When I returned, I went back to school and started

ninth grade at the age of 21. It was



Thanks to Michael Grela at KYNE for designing this beautiful poster for Save One Life! Let us know if you would like to receive one!

**Poster** 

#### In Memoriam

We are very sad to share news of the loss of Richie Navasquez, 40, from the Philippines, on February 14, 2016. He passed away while being treated for a bleed in a hospital ICU.



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We acknowledge these corporations for their valuable operational support:

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Scholarship recipient Anil Gabu at the door to his family home

difficult, and I felt very odd going to school with classmates who were seven years younger than me!

After completing tenth grade, I decided to pursue a thee-year diploma course in information technology. At this point a new ray of light came into my life through Save One Life, which awarded me a scholarship for my education. With medical support from the chapter and financial support from Save One Life, I was bound to succeed.

Today I am so proud to announce that, at age 26, I cleared my diploma course with a 7.96 out of 10 and got admission into Surat Government Engineering College on my own merit!

I am so thankful for the support I've received from all corners of the world for my development and studies. Thanks to all who helped transform my life!

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Cyclist Barry Haarde is the first person with hemophilia and HIV to bike across the USA! Here he is marking the start of a Wheels for the World tour by dipping his back wheel in the Pacific Ocean.

## Wheels for the World Rolls Again!



Yes, Barry is riding again! From Everett, Washington to Key West, Florida, Barry plans to log 5,000 miles and help raise \$50,000 for Save One Life! His tour will run from July 17 to September 11.

This is the fifth year Barry has cycled to raise awareness about hemophilia and funds for Save One Life. To date he has ridden over 10,000 miles and helped to raise over \$150,000!

Learn more and make a donation!

#### **Your Save One Life Team**









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#### **Stay Connected**





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