

# OneVoice

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

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#### Greetings!

As this November issue of OneVoice goes online, our president, Laurie Kelley, is in Pakistan visiting our program partners and beneficiaries. This is her fifth visit to the country--the first being in 1999. Her last visit was in 2007, so she has returned to find many positive changes in hemophilia care and many of the children she once knew all grown!

As Laurie continues her trip, she wants to find sponsors for 13 children from Pakistan that are currently eligible for support. One boy has already been sponsored and we have pledges for three more—that leaves just nine children waiting!



President Laurie Kelley enjoying an exchange with beneficiaries in Karachi, Pakistan.

Please help Laurie come home (December 10) to good news! You can sponsor Awais (right) and other children from Pakistan by clicking **here**.

As we enter this season of counting blessings, the board of directors and team at Save One Life count the blessing of YOU and your support of all we do.

We send you best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season!

# 2017 Sponsor of the Year Lawrence and Rebecca Stern

We are pleased to announce our 2017 Sponsor of the Year! Lawrence (Larry) and Rebecca (Becky) Stern have supported a total of 55 beneficiaries since 2010. More than half of the 40 beneficiaries they currently sponsor are located in India. Seven more children are in the Philippines, four in Nepal, and one each in Pakistan and the Dominican Republic. Their ages range from nine to 24. They also sponsor one adult, Rauf Ahmed in Pakistan, who serves as our key contact for our program partner in Lahore. Thank you, Larry and Becky!

# Welcome New Sponsors!

Lincoln and Jasmin Gambrill
Caroline Graham
Hearts4Hemophilia
Chris and Heather Iverson
Victoria Kitzman
Bobby Monahan
Patricia Parton
Leonora Gerspach Siegel
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We thank this current sponsor who took additional beneficiaries:

SABHA

### A Child to Sponsor

Save One Life assists
children who bear the double
burden of poverty with a
bleeding disorder.

For \$22 per month, you can help a child meet his basic needs.

Show someone you care! Please **sponsor** today!



Awais, 6, Pakistan

### 2017 Goals: Update

Goal 1: 1500 sponsorships

To Date: 1465 sponsored beneficiaries (97%)

Goal 2: 40 scholarships



Executive director Martha Hopewell presents the 2017 Sponsor of the Year award to Lawrence and Rebecca Stern.

### A Trip to Bangladesh and India

The Hemophilia Society of Bangladesh (HSB) joined Save One Life as a program partner in 2015. In a country with an estimated 165 million people, conservatively there are at least 15,000 with hemophilia. HSB has just over 500 registered patients, and 22 are enrolled in our sponsorship program.

Executive director Martha Hopewell traveled to Bangladesh in late September to meet our key contacts and beneficiaries. She also distributed sponsorship funds and gift-filled backpacks that had been prepared by members of the Hemophilia Foundation of Oregon.

Martha arrived toward the end of monsoon season, so travel was marked by heavy rains, flooding and muddy pathways. The country was green and lush, and families warm and welcoming.



A very rainy walk to a country hamlet in southern Bangladesh.

To Date: 53 scholarships awarded (132%)

Goal 3: 12 micro-enterprise grants (MEGs)

To Date: 18 MEGs awarded (150%)

Donate Now

### Sponsor Letter

Dear Save One Life Team:

It is great that your are addressing the issue of bleeding disorders around the world. Every year over 10,000 people die due to bleeding disorders; many due to the lack of or inadequate treatment. This suffering is why it is important to support those who are unable to pay.

I can personally connect too, because all my life I have had hemophilia. I understand how hard it is living with this disorder, even though I have the needed medical supplies.

My mother wanted to do something to help people not as fortunate as me, and we discovered Save One Life. We now sponsor a child. What you are doing is very powerful and shows that good people are out there

> Campbell Hunter Bozeman, MT

Newman's Own Holiday Challenge

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\$500,000

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Save One Life is part of the Challenge!

### Our campaign:

Raise \$25,000 to send 30 boys to college in 2018.

You can help us fundraise!

Visit our CrowdRise site to donate and participate as a fundraiser:

Save One Life at CrowdRise

And don't forget, this holiday you can help us by purchasing through Amazon Smiles!



(Left to right) Abdullah, Yasin and Nazrul receiving their backpacks. Our key contact, Mr. Najmul Alam, who has hemophilia B, is on the right.



Solaiman receiving his sponsorship funds from Martha.

Martha continued to India to visit four program partners in the states of Assam, West Bengal and Orissa. Her primary goal was to meet the executive committees of the hemophilia chapters and review progress of our scholarship and micro-enterprise grant programs.



A visit to scholarship recipient Dhanmani (left) and his family in Assam.

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### Come See Us!

### **ASH Annual Meeting**

(American Society of Hematology)

Atlanta, Georgia December 9-11

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We acknowledge these corporations for their valuable organizational support in 2017:

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Martha with India program coordinator Usha Parthasarathy (kneeling) and the executive committee and youth leaders of Durgapur chapter in West



**Bronze** 



## A Sponsor Visit to Beneficiaries

Shanta Kalyanasundaram, founder of our sponsor SABHA, Inc. of Georgia, traveled with her daughter, Sindhu Vijayasarathy, and our India program partner, Usha Parthasarathy, to four program partners in southern India to visit ten of her 23 beneficiaries in November.

Shanta and Sindhu also focused on meeting with women's groups to learn more about mothers' concerns and needs. Right on the spot they provided direct aid to some mothers to help them manage better.

Shanta and Sindhu were particularly generous to two mothers. The first, a widow, lost her 18-year-old son and SABHA beneficiary, Vignesh, to a GI bleed



Shanta with Usha, scholarship recipient Rubinath and his mother.

in July. Shanta provided her with funds to buy two goats to start a dairy. The second mother asked for scholarship support for her son, Rubinath, also a beneficiary. SABHA has committed to pay for all four years of his education.

In addition to sponsoring 23 beneficiaries, SABHA has also pledged to give funds annually to our scholarship and micro-enterprise grant programs starting in 2018.





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### **Stay Connected**





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