

Seeds of Love Insider

Welcome to the Seeds of Love Insider series, featuring volunteers, donors and SOLWW movers and shakers. Through these series, learn how individuals work alongside our organization in realizing our goal of making a difference to children's lives around the world.

Sadak Chakma: Growing and helping the next Chakma generation through Education

In this month's issue, we highlight **Sir Sadak Chakma**, Principal of Mahabodhi Residential School (MBRS) in Tuichawng, India. Sir Sadak, as fondly called by the students and staff of MBRS has made it his mission to educate the poor and empower the underprivileged Chakma community.

Please tell us something about yourself that you want us to know about you.

I am Sadak Chakma, the Principal of Mahabodhi Residential School (MBRS) in Tuichawng, India. I have dedicated my life to serve the Chakma community and strongly believe that the best way to help the deprived and underprivileged Chakma children is through education. It is not an easy task on my own, but only made possible through kind hearted people like you.

How long have you been involved with MBRS and what are the obvious changes to the program compared to before?

I have been with MBRS since it was established in 2016. Before 2016, there was no high school facility at Tuichawng. Students who complete elementary school had to leave the village in order to continue their education. Since most students are poor and their family cannot afford to send them to school, most students had no other choice but to drop out. But since MBRS opened in 2016, many local children are now enrolled in IX & X standard classes with no need to leave the village.

Based on your experience in working closely with the Chakma community, what specific issues can SOLWW help resolve?

The Chakma community is fortunate and grateful to have known and met Ma'am Dana. Her sincere personality and generosity together with SOLWW organization is a big help to the poor Chakma families in educating their children. Today, we clearly see how education effectively transform lives through SOLWW's scholarship program.

Can you share with us story of a student whose life was changed after being helped by SOLWW?

We have many children whose lives are uncertain and with a very high chance of dropping out from school due to financial constraints. But a name that comes to mind is Talash; Talash is an orphan that was raised by his grandmother and uncle. In order to go to school and help support the family, he had to work as a day laborer after school and during school breaks. But with SOLWW's scholarship, he now stays in a hostel where he can better focus in his studies and not worry about school fees. Talash is an exceptionally good student and I know that he will be successful in the near future. There are also other students such as Nijeni; whose life has changed due to SOLWW. Without your help, all of these would not have been remotely possible.

Now that they are a part of SOLWW program, what is their future outlook?

All the 18 students who are part of SOLWW scholarship program are not only grateful but filled with hope. They are happy that they're able to continue their studies in Silchar, Assam as they plan and look forward to a brighter future. They aspire to be successful and give back to MBRS and the Chakma community.

With so many great non – profit organizations to support, please tell our donors why it is important to continue supporting SOLWW?

As I stand here on the other side of the world, seeing the need of the children and experiencing the difficult lives of the Chakma community, I would like to tell all the donors that it is important to support SOLWW's work. We are thankful to you and SOLWW for supporting the Chakma community. The sad plight of the Chakma will remain unchanged and they will never get a chance to tap their full potential without proper education. And without education, community development and advancement is almost impossible. Please continue to support SOLWW so that in turn they can support the education of Chakma children.

I'm sure there have been several instances during your tenure at MBRS that you were ready to quit. Sir Sadhak, please tell us what inspires you and keeps you going?

SOLWW's education program has inspired me to work even harder and continue to dedicate my service to MBRS. I know that my dream of lifting up the Chakma community along with the education of the Chakma children will produce a stronger and better equipped new generation. I am secure that with the help of the SOLWW program, this will soon become a reality.

If I could bring one of the donors to sit down with you, what would you like to say to them, to reassure them that their support is making a difference?

I would like to salute all the donors, and thank them with humble gratitude. You are all amazing and your support is making a big difference to the lives of Chakma children. Your continued support has given them a golden opportunity to continue their studies, invest in a better future and in return give back to their own community. We are honored to be a part of SOLWW's mission.

In Their Own Words...

Letters from children whose lives we've touched and made an impact through your compassion and generosity.



Arkhaw Chakma is currently in 8th grade and grew up in an orphanage run by monks. Despite this setback, Arkhaw is dedicated and a top ranking student in his class who thoughtfully volunteers in the library where SOLWW recently donated a variety of books. Would you like to help support **Arkhaw** or another child to continue to go to school? Give now to provide a boy or a girl this life changing opportunity!

Remember, no matter how big or small the act of service, what you're giving is hope. A simple proof that kindness in humanity exists, that may even restore a person's faith in others. And I assure you, there's no better feeling in the world than being able to make a difference and even change a life. It's a win for Arkhaw or another child - and ultimately, it's a win for all of us!

TO, DANA LE MOM Yes, I can help you for Library. 2. Yes. I will cover the books with Plastic cover. And I will take care of the books. R.I will good take care of the touch pad/tablet and laptor. And I will the teach the other people and small kids Yes, I will take help broom Didto. 3. I will study hared. -×-x-x-x-x-x-* Take care your seeds of Love. 4. Take care your health. Don't do over task. And welcome give thankyou brom my side for your daughter and son of their kind donation. 5. Really you are look like my Mother. It we meet on Internet I will called to you 'Mom'. B. I hope you will come later. 7 We will miss both of you. Your loving son/student Arckhaw Chakma

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Lives are changed because of YOU -- and we are grateful.

Please continue to join us and make an impact to children in need around the world.

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