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RAPHAEL

Dehradun India



Raphael, the beginnings. Leonard Cheshire and Sue Ryder saw a need. In northern India, they set up tents on leased forest land on the outskirts of Dehradun to provide care for outcasts with leprosy, tuberculosis and disabilities.

Raphael today provides vital humanitarian programs free of charge, residential care for over 200 children and adults, and day programs for another 250 people with disabilities. It has developed into an attractive complex of substantial buildings scattered among the Sal trees beside the Rispana River. Essential operating costs are provided by ongoing funding from Ryder-Cheshire Foundations in Australia, New Zealand and Target TB in the UK. Raphael is not yet ready to stand alone financially, and new sponsors and donors are urgently needed to maintain and develop services to meet the endless need.



Raphael comprises several distinct communities and programs.



Shiv Sadan is a village-like group of dwellings providing permanent homes for post-leprosy patients. Thankfully this number is reducing with the lowered incidence of leprosy in India, but it remains a disease of shame especially when its disfiguring effects can no longer be hidden. In the security of Raphael these people have meaningful work and a safe haven.

The Little White House is a home for children of parents with lep -

rosy. Links with their parents are maintained, and there is caring supervision from warm-hearted house parents. A good education is ensured at local schools in Dehradun, and many of these young people move on into respected fields of work such as nursing, teaching and hospitality. Most grow up to lead normal lives free from the stigma of leprosy.



Ava Vihar is a home for children and adults with intellectual and physical disabilities. They receive care and training in independent self care, and there is a lovely supportive relationship between these people and those from the Little White House. A bequest from Australia established the Barbara Cottage. This is a separate dwelling to allow four young women with disabilities to live independently, but with supervision.

Specialised Day Programs are provided for the residents of Ava Vihar and others from Dehradun and surrounding districts. Individuals are assisted to develop their potential, and become better equipped to live in the outside world. Special education teachers, allied health



staff and instructors provide assessment, treatment, education, rehabilitation, and vocational training in the Day Centre and Rehabilitative Workshop.

Community Based Rehabilitation for Children. A CBR mobile team visits poor rural villages to identify and support children with disabilities who were previously isolated and neglected. As well as physiotherapy, wheelchairs, ramps and other equipment to aid



mobility and independence, are provided. Parents and teachers are educated in how best to assist the children and are given ongoing support.



Tackling Tuberculosis. The small hospital with 26 in-patient beds and

an outpatient clinic treats over 240 TB patients every month, including those with virulent Multi Drug Resistant TB. The 85% success rate far exceeds the national average for similar services.



Overseas volunteers, mainly from Australia, NZ and UK, are welcomed at Raphael. They stay in a self-contained unit, and work in various programs supporting the staff. Residents love having people of all ages from overseas to visit and work with them, and it is often a life-changing experience for the volunteers. Anyone from gap students to retirees is welcome to apply.

Please tick the box in the More Information section.

Sponsorships. Ryder-Cheshire offers a Sponsorship Scheme where Sponsors contribute \$365 a year (just \$1 a day) to support either a Raphael resident, a TB patient bed, the Specialised Day Programs or the Community Based Rehabilitation Program for Children. Payments can be varied if the Sponsor prefers, and are tax deductible. Sponsorships are vital to Ryder-Cheshire's fund-raising efforts. For more information, please fill in and return the tear-off slip.



The Future

The Government and people of India are struggling to meet an overwhelming need for the provision of care and services to those with illnesses and disabilities. Through Ryder-Cheshire, Australians have been supporting Raphael to do just that for over fifty years. This support has made a huge difference to thousands of marginalised people, bringing hope and dignity into their lives.

Ryder-Cheshire needs your assistance to continue

How Can You Help Raphael?

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