



# NEWSLETTER 2011

**T.R Residential School for Poor Children**

**Educational Organization for Orphans and Handicapped Children (EOOHC)**

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In 1992, the Tenali School (EOOHC) was established by Dr. Tadiboyina Venkateswarlu in Tenali, Andhra Pradesh, South India to promote the welfare of disadvantaged, abandoned and handicapped children. It is a non-sectarian, not-for-profit school for orphans, handicapped and disadvantaged children.

Over the past nineteen years, Tenali school has protected orphaned, abandoned and handicapped children from the terrors of street life and delinquency by providing education, health, nutrition, room and board and careers to its students.

As the school emerges from its teenage years and moves into future, we celebrate the many accomplishments that have been made possible by the contributions of several individuals who have created hope for hundreds of orphaned, handicapped and abandoned children in India.

This edition features some of the milestones, academic and vocational training provided, some testimonials from alumni and a catalogue of volunteer visits since its inception about two decades ago.

I do hope that this newsletter would continue to encourage you as you support this laudable vision of emancipating the world of poverty, illiteracy and exploitation.

## Founder's Message

Dear friends,

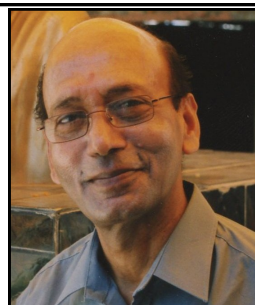
The present newsletter is dedicated to the memory of my mother who passed away on January 19, 2011 with heart attack in India. The 2011 newsletter provides highlights of the Tenali School progress since its inception in 1992. The school has produced 125 students with high school diplomas. Out of the 125 graduates, 45 students were females. All of the graduates with high school diploma are either pursuing post secondary education in colleges, and universities or employed by the public and the private sectors; some even self-employed with small businesses.

On March 6, 2011, I was present at the 18th anniversary of the school in Tenali which was filled with local community leaders, guardians, relatives/ families of Tenali school students as well as 3 volunteer teachers from the University of Tours, France (Melinda, Odette and Celine). All children in grade 7 and 10 have successfully completed public exams which were conducted by the department of Education, State Government of Andhra Pradesh, India in March 2011.

To make the school self sustainable in the long run, lots of hard work, planning and resources (human and financial) are required. I firmly believe that I can count on your support in the future, in order for the children to receive quality education, and lead peaceful lives with dignity and freedom.

Thank you.

Tad Venkateswarlu  
University of Windsor.



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## Journey so far: Academic & Vocational Training

When established, the school admitted 25 orphans and handicapped children in Grade 1. However, the school has since grown to accommodate 20-25 students into a new grade each year— by hiring an extra teacher. The range of vocational courses has also grown progressively over the years.

Tenali School is not just an educational institution but a family. Our teachers, who are not mere employees but foster parents to these children, ensure that they receive a vibrant childhood. The school offers a complete syllabus including mathematics, science, social science, Telugu, English and Hindi. There are also classes in arts, human values, physical education, yoga and vocational training workshops in carpentry, tailoring, embroidery, gardening, candle making, electrical wiring and detergent making. Currently, the school has 12 full time teachers in academic courses, 3 part time teachers in vocational areas and 4 support staff. The enrolment in grade 1 to grade 10 consists of 135 children who come from the poorest backgrounds.

Tenali School has an on-site first aid clinic that is super-

vised by volunteer physicians who attend to health matters and emergencies on a weekly basis.



Founder Tad Venkateswarlu with teaching staff at the school garden named after Francis M. Lukacs

## Future Plans

Our focus is long term sustainability, as the school continues to enhance its students' right to education and literacy. Some of the prospective projects are:

- Purchase of 5 acres of land to accommodate recreational activities, vocational training and staff rooms
- Construction of permanent buildings to replace the present temporary sheds
- Creation of \$100,000 trust fund for the school to make itself sustainable in the long run.

## ALUMNI PROGRESS (2000-2011)

Namasthe!,  
I studied from 4th

to 10th grade at the Tenali School. I got 1st class in 10th grade. Since my admission into the school, you have been providing free books and pens. I also learnt carpentry, chalk & candle making and tailoring. The school garden is a very beautiful, conducive, peaceful and healthy environment.

I like the fact that you conduct meetings with teachers in order to assist with school work. Many local people have attended the 'eye camp' conducted each year.

Now, I am at T.J College pursuing a certificate in either Chartered Accounting or B.Commerce and Computer Science but I am not sure about it due to financial limitations. So I request you to help me in attaining my goals and aspirations. If there is anyway that I can work with the services in Tenali school, it would help me greatly.

I hope God will give you a healthy and wealthy life.

Letter from Sri Devi  
Now in 1st Inter Tenali T.J College



A group of Alumni from Tenali school

Name	Year	Current Status
Rajya Lakshimi	2002	Teacher at Tenali School
Venkayamma	2002	Married & tailoring job part time
Sravanthi	2002	Clerk in the local office
Venkhayya	2003	Working in HCV (cable television station) as technician
Sivakumari	2003	Married and part time tailoring
Arif	2003	Working in Shop as painter
Nagamalleswari	2003	Embroidery work
Rajesh	2003	Working in Shop as receptionist
Phanindra	2004	Working in HCV(cable television station) as technician
Papa Rao	2004	Taxi Driver
Sai Rajani	2004	Married and self employed
Manjula	2004	Married and part time job
I G	2004	Cellphone repairing
Durga Prasad, T	2005	Diesel engine mechanic
Sahitya, T	2005	Clerk in a local shop
Renuka	2006	Studying in University
Anusha	2007	Studying in University
Gousia	2007	Studying in University
Lakshimi P.	2008	Studying in University
Narayana	2008	Studying in University
Subba Rao	2009	Studying in University
Tirupatamma	2009	Married & self employed as tailor
M. Satyanarayana	2010	Studying in University

Fastfood center



Carpentry Workshop



Honey Making Workshop



Gardening



Children's Clinic



Chalk Making Workshop



Tailoring Workshop



Yoga Class

### MILESTONES

1994: A medical clinic and dorm were constructed to house the children

1996: Vocational training in tailoring was introduced; a two room guest house was constructed.

1997: Carpentry workshop was introduced to grades 8-10.

1998: Library with 300 books was opened and named as Chinnappa Chetty memorial library; a nurse/ teacher was hired to look after the clinic and to provide medication to the children.

2000: Candle making course was introduced.

2001: Television and cassette repairs course was offered.

2002: Embroidery course was started.

2003: Fencing around the school premises & five classrooms for grade 1-5 classes with semi-permanent structures were completed. All children in grade 7 and 40% of grade 10 (equivalent to grade 12 in Canada) passed the public examinations.

2004: Incense and chalk piece making courses were added as part of the curriculum.

2005: Compound wall, 200ft long and 6ft high was constructed and the rest of the area was protected by fence; 5 class rooms for grades 6-10 were con-

structed.

2006: Computer Basics course was introduced; the unfinished, compound wall around the hostel and clinic was completed to prevent animals from destroying the vegetation and to provide the security for the children.

2007: Child recreation center was built to commemorate the memory of Uma, founder's wife who passed away in June 2006. The center is equipped with different kinds of indoor games as a form of entertainment for the children during recess time.



Children playing games



Uma's Memorial Centre for Indoor games for kids

2008: Rainwater water conservation project was established to preserve and supply water to children.

2009: Vegetable garden was enhanced with top soil and fertilizer.

2010: Evening/ night time tailoring classes were introduced for unemployed adults as well as alumni.

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1999 Canadian Volunteers Fayez, Sholeh & Shajahan



2002 - Canadian Volunteer Norma Nidoff



December 1999-March 2000 Australian Volunteer Amy Stapleton

## Visits by volunteers since 1992

1. Professor Dan Boles, University of Windsor, Windsor, Canada - 1995 and 1997
2. Ms. Maya Primorac, Windsor, Canada - 1997
3. Ms. K. Chang and Ms. Kelly, New York, USA - 1997
4. Ms. Amy Stapleton, Brisbane, Australia - 2000
5. Mr. Fayaz Ahmad, Kingston, Canada - 2002
6. Ms. Sholeh Koorjee, Vancouver, Canada - 2002
7. Ms. Shazhan Amed, Montreal, Canada - 2002
8. Ms. Norma Nidoff, Windsor, Canada - 2002
9. Mr. C. Formagin and Ms. Amy Farkas, Windsor, Canada - 2003
10. Ms. Joanne Sabourin, Windsor, Canada - 2004
11. Professors Melinda, Rias-Tims and Odette Furois, University of Tours, France - 2005 and in 2009
12. Professors Melinda, Rias-Tims and Odette and a student Celine from University of Tours, France 2011.



1998-1999 Canadian Volunteers Dan Boles & Maya Primorac



Spring 2011- French Volunteers (Prof. Melinda, Prof. Odette Furois and Celine from University of Tours,



Spring 2004 - Canadian Volunteer Johanne Sabourin



Winter 2003 - Canadian Volunteers Amy Farkas & Christopher Formagin

The philosophy of the Tenali School and of the Educational Organization for Orphans and Handicapped Children is:

### **ALL IS ONE**

To continue the success of this school, your support is needed. Please send cheques or drafts payable to "EOOHC (Tad Venkateswarlu)" and mail to the following address:

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