



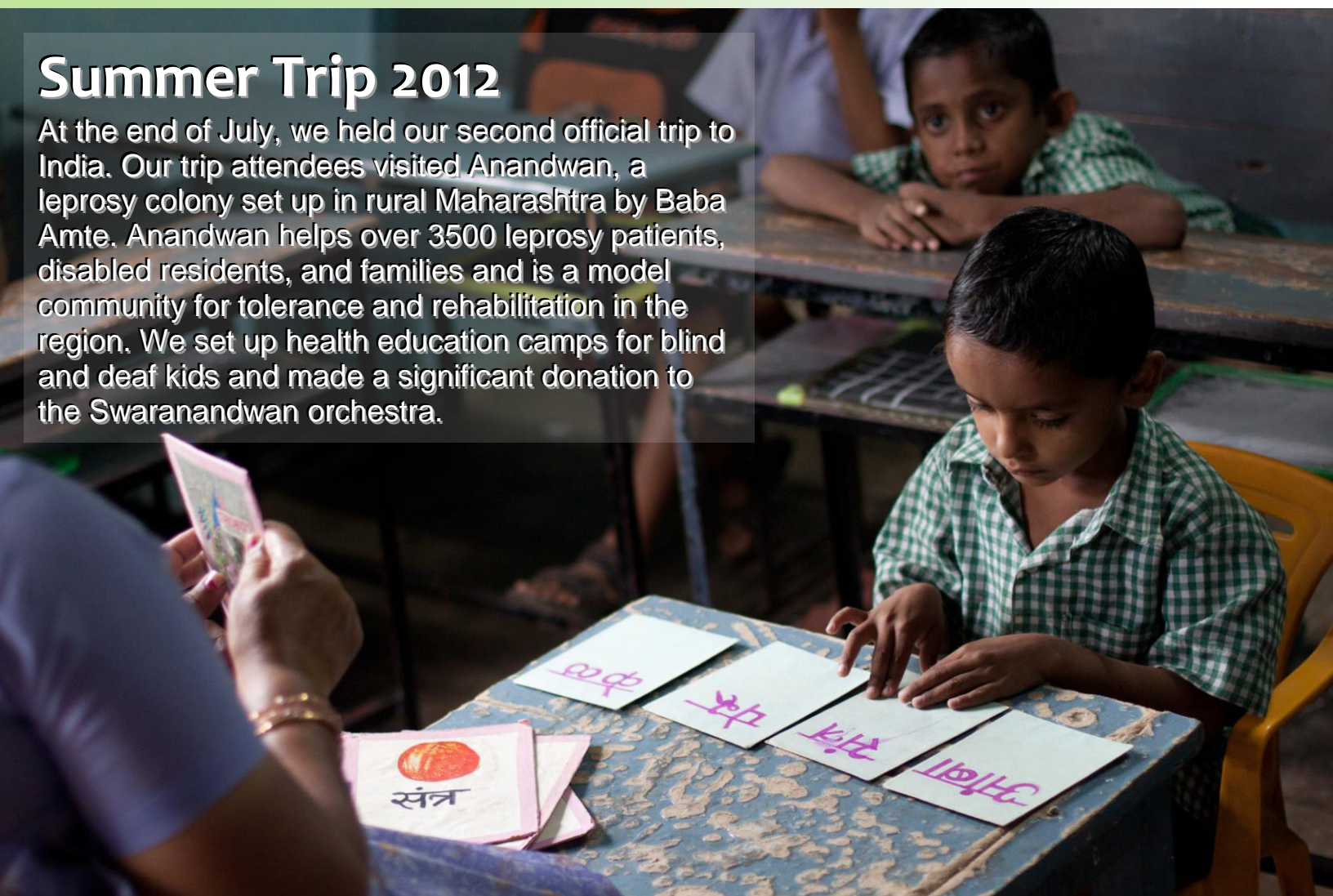
The Year in Summary

The 2011-2012 academic year was Project RISHI at UCSD's third year as an organization and the most eventful and successful one yet. We held about a dozen campus henna fundraisers, attended the innovative Clinton Global Initiative University conference, and implemented a newly planned project in India. During the spring of 2012 we met a personal fundraising goal of \$10,000 from generous donations and local fundraisers. A special thanks to **Irvington High School** and **Lynbrook High School** in the San Francisco Bay Area for their gracious contributions.



Summer Trip 2012

At the end of July, we held our second official trip to India. Our trip attendees visited Anandwan, a leprosy colony set up in rural Maharashtra by Baba Amte. Anandwan helps over 3500 leprosy patients, disabled residents, and families and is a model community for tolerance and rehabilitation in the region. We set up health education camps for blind and deaf kids and made a significant donation to the Swaranandwan orchestra.



Health Education Camps

In these villages, the general health information provided to children is uneven and in a format that is not age-appropriate. We created health education camps with age-specific activities and topics such as hygiene, first aid, and nutrition and presented them to blind and deaf kids in one-hour seminars. We created goody bags for them and filled them with supplies relevant to the seminars such as dental floss, band-aids, and hand sanitizer.



Swaranandwan Orchestra

Swaranandwan is the music & dance troupe of Anandwan made up of both disabled residents and previous leprosy patients. It works towards increasing the physical, mental, and emotional health of its performers through the concept of “therapeutic theater.” We donated \$7000 to them to help subsidize travel and equipment costs for the orchestra to perform internationally.



From Our Volunteers...

“When immersed in a community composed of patients with disabilities varying from broken backs to blindness, it is nothing short of amazing to learn that not a soul lies idle. Every single person willfully and (most importantly) happily finds a way in which to contribute and give back to the community.”

- Anvay Ullal, 21 years old

“Anandwan is truly an amazing place, and though it started as a home for the outcast and disabled, working there has shown me that its residents have more capacity, drive, and ambition than most people I've ever met.”

- Mugdha Golwalkar, 21 years old

The Upcoming Year

We have just selected our new leadership team for the upcoming year and are very optimistic about the new group of people and the fresh ideas they bring. We have already hosted a couple of fundraisers and are looking into applying to grants and reaching out to sponsors.

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