



AAHANA

Igniting Change

Annual Report 2015





An Introduction

We are on a mission to bridge the gap between societal hierarchies that are found to be the root to many social issues we see in this world we live in. Our team is focused on building our programs in the United States and India to create a platform to inspire the next generation of socially conscious leaders. We are currently working with our partner organization, The Human Research Foundation, we run a boarding and day school for deaf and disabled children in Hitmatnagar, Gujarat, India. In the United States, our Birthday Pledge program, Angles of Awareness Speaker Series, and University Chapters were created to bridge the gap between our lives in a “developed” world and the realities of what may be happening right in our backyard.



Our Mission

We strive to abolish ignorance through the education of social inequalities to empower communities in India.

Our Vision

To empower individuals to be the agents of their own change.



Our Core Values

To shed light on issues we are sheltered from and instill change through education and raising awareness.

To provide advisement and support to groups to create a global network of young leaders and change makers.

To harness our passion, integrity and honesty as an organization to empower children, supporters and ourselves to create real change in the lives of others in the world.

To give others the skills and tools to empower themselves- we are not a charity organization, we are an empowerment organization.

We strive to embody altruism and believe in doing something for you, not the image you portray.

Shift in the organization

Since January 2015, we have shifted our approach and restructured the organization. While we were initially focusing on creating opportunities for women and disabled children in rural India, we decided to take a sustainable approach with a broader mission. Rather than focusing on individual vulnerable populations, we are now focusing on communities as a whole. While we are still working with the Human Research Foundation to run Mamta School, we are working on developing new programs to support these children after they emerge the school and enter back into the communities they came from.

To support our new mission, we have added members to the core team. With an inspired team, incredible partners, and new ideas, Aahana has morphed into the organization we knew we had the potential of being.





Total Donors: 102
Total Amount Donated: \$31,949.52
Average Amount Donated: \$431.74
Number of Children Helped: 67
Average Donation Per Child: \$476.84
Students involved in University Chapters: 130



2012 At a Glance

Total Donors: 6

Total Amount Donated: \$5,002.00

Average Amount Donated: \$833.67

2013 At a Glance

Total Donors: 25

Total Amount Donated: \$13,457.26

Average Amount Donated: \$538.29





2014 At a Glance

Total Donors: 43

Total Amount Donated: \$13,489.26

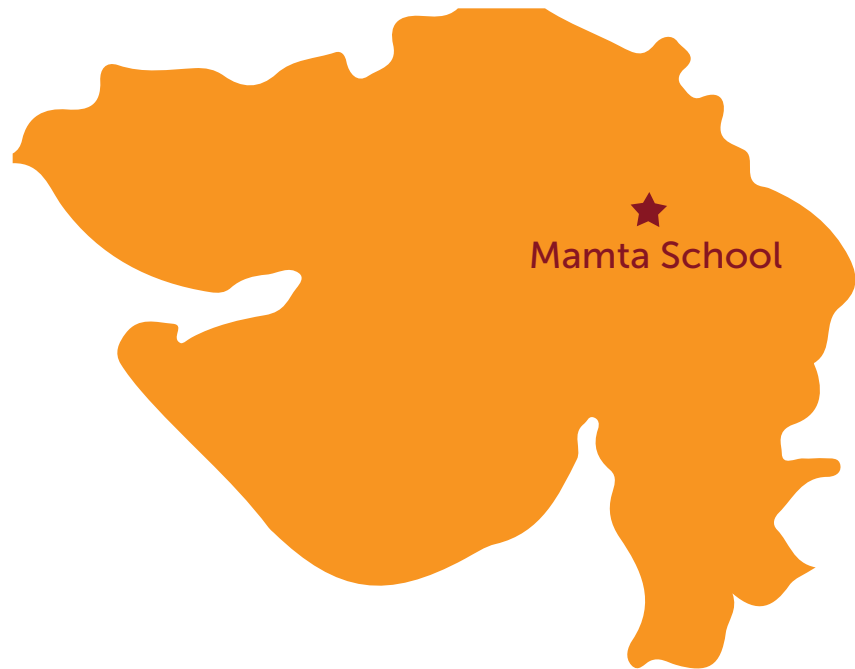
Average Amount Donated: \$313.70

In India

Our First Partnership

In August of 2012, Aahana developed a partnership with the Human Research Foundation to break the negative stigma related to mentally and physically disabled children from rural villages in India. Through the partnership, Aahana and the Human Research Foundation have successfully started Mamta School. Located in Hitmatnagar, Gujarat, the Human Research Foundation has played a major role in positively affecting the children in Mamta School. Our hope is to continue our work with the Human Research Foundation to create sustainable solutions for more disabled children from rural Gujarati villages.

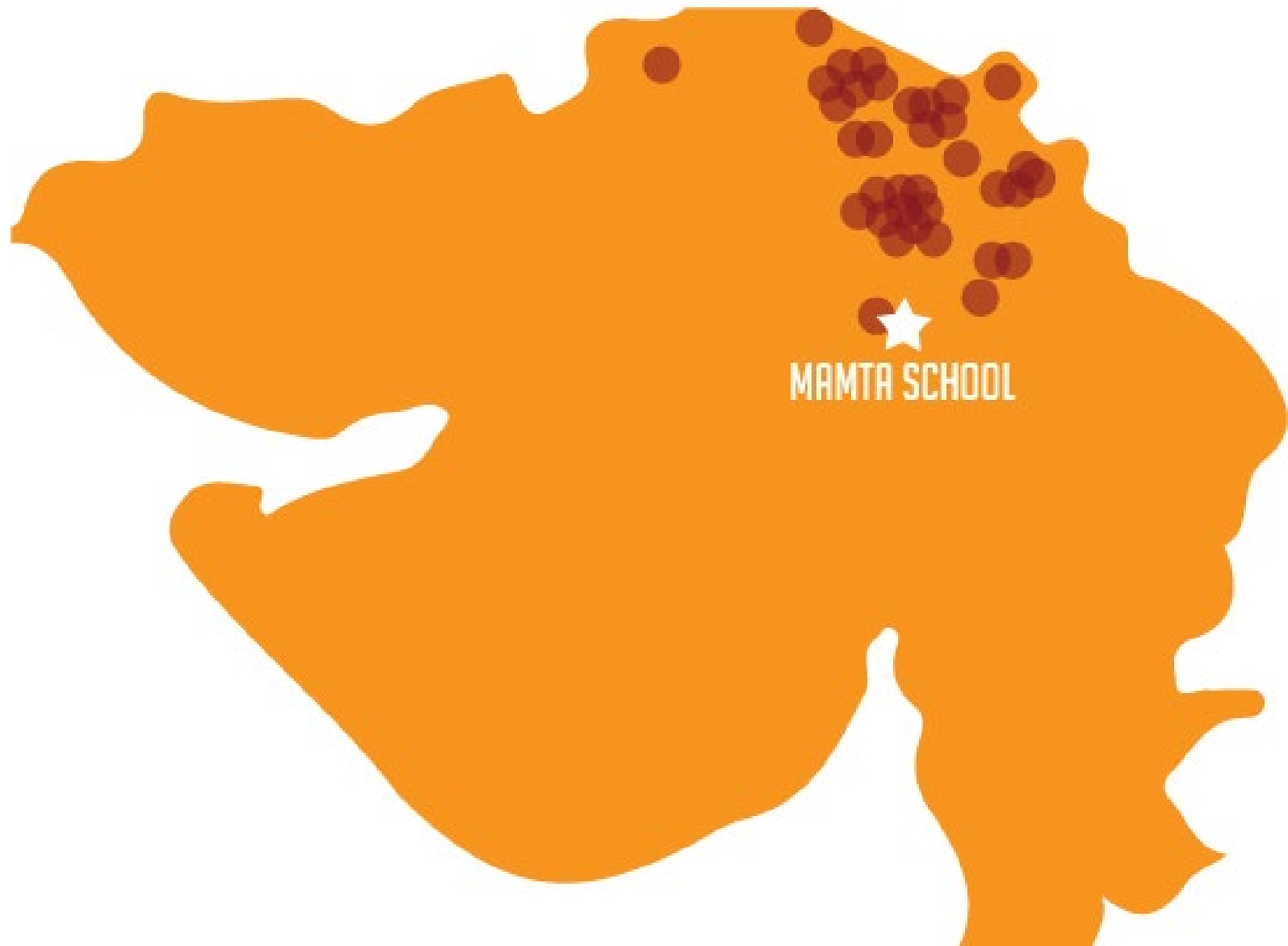
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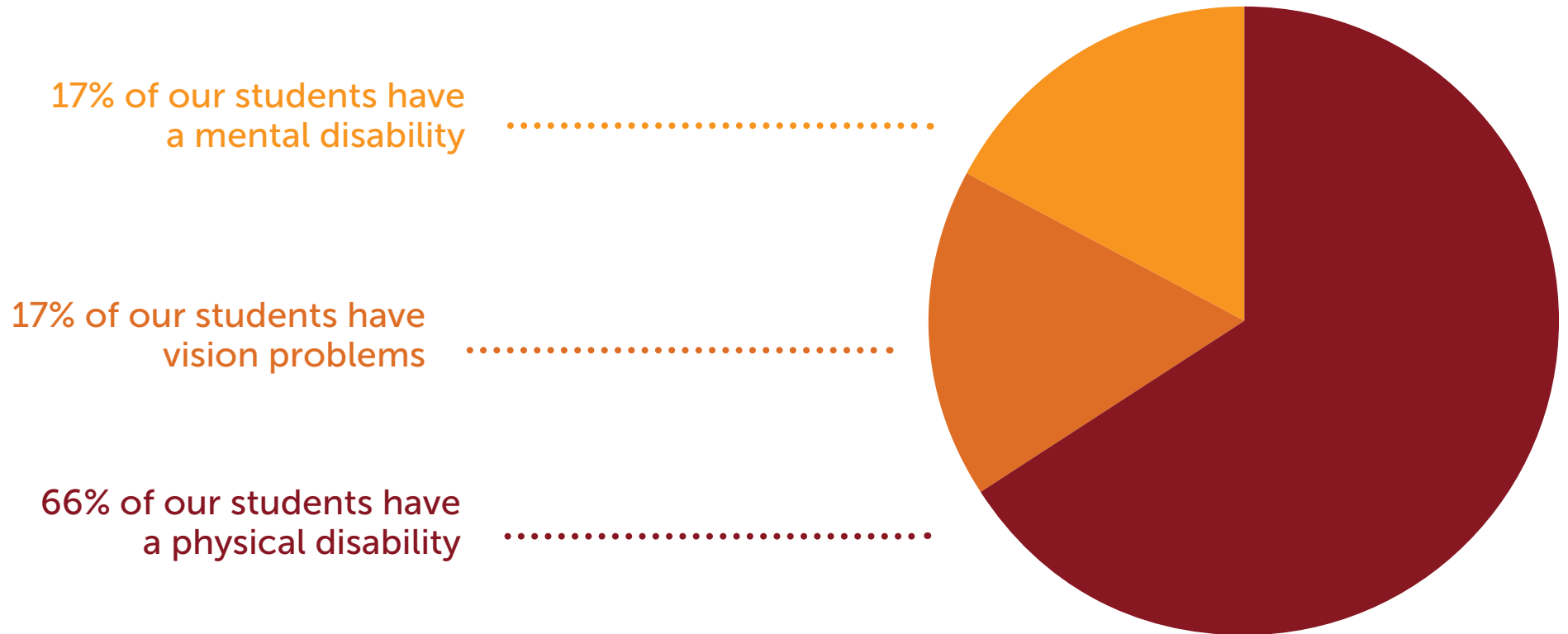
India



Where Our Students Come From



Disabilities at Mamta School



In the United States

Angles of Awareness Speaker Series

In November of 2014, we hosted our first Speaker Series event. Our main goal for this initiative is to raise awareness of pressing global issues through the United Nations 8 Millennium Development Goals of 2015: eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, achieve universal primary education, promote gender equality and empower women, reduce child mortality, improve maternal health, combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, ensure environmental sustainability, and develop a global partnership for development. Through these goals, we'll tell stories and educate our audience through our panelists who have extensive knowledge and personal experiences relating to these goals. Living in the United States, we hear about these important issues and seldom realize they are in our backyards. Our goal is to bridge the gap between what hear about and the harsh realities of what is happening. Through the Speaker Series, our goal is to provide a platform for individuals to inspire themselves and others to be the agents of their own change.

University Chapters

With three active chapters and a growing network of college students in Florida and Illinois, our University Chapters allow us to continue to spread our message and inspire young activists. Aahana's University Chapters serve as an entry point for college students to understand the effects of societal hierarchies and connect with their communities at a deeper level. Through competitive activities and awareness events, our chapters raise awareness of the societal issues Aahana is targeting as well as broader issues throughout the world. Our goal is to inspire the next generation of socially conscious leaders by creating a place where they can work with their peers to inspire themselves, then others to be the agents of their own change.

Birthday Pledges

Birthday Pledges is Aahana's initiatives. This program lets people "pledge" to raise awareness and donations for Aahana instead of receiving birthday presents. Although this program is based on collecting donations, there is also an educational opportunity. By starting a birthday campaign through social media and word of mouth, more people are exposed to Aahana's message. This program has a lot of potential and we are excited for more people to pledge their birthday for Aahana.

Our Supporters

Aahana Wouldn't Be Possible Without You

Thank you. Thank you for your support, guidance, and patience. These past few years have been a whirlwind of changes. As we continue to evolve into a stronger organization, we hope you continue on our journey with us. A journey that has inspired students across the United States and brought education to lives in India. A journey that will continue to work to unite communities in India and the United States. A journey filled with love, gratitude, and hope for a better future.



Finances



5 Year Plan

In the next five years, our organization hopes to further validate our approach in developing strategic partnerships in rural villages in Gujarat, India. By creating a broader network, we hope to connect with more young activists to create a global network of young leaders working with us around India and the United States. We hope to partner our Speaker Series and University Chapters throughout cities and create a presence in most major cities across the United States.

Where Our Donations Go at Mamta School



\$16,480 for teacher's salaries



\$407.10 for printing and computer use



\$346.77 for the lights



\$243.93 for electricity

Income	Expenses	2012	2013	2014
Individual Contributions		\$5,002.00	\$8,863.21	\$2,323.19
Girls in Kind (Fundraiser Help)		\$0.00	\$4,594.05	\$3,357.07
Business Contributions		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,445.00
Owner's Equity		\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
University Help		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$364.50
Uncategorized Income		\$0.00	\$123.22	\$500.00
Miscellaneous Revenue		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
Sales		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,481.95
	Uncategorized Expenses	(\$850.00)	(\$9,153.00)	(\$13,360.77)
	Bank Fees	\$0.00	(\$40.00)	\$0.00
	Legal Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,237.51)
	Dues and Subscriptions	\$0.00	(\$469.79)	(\$76.00)
	Office Supplies (Marketing Fees)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$36.98)
	Travel Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$5,118.66)
	Accounting Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Totals	\$4,152.00	\$4,067.69	\$681.79

"We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty. We must start in our own homes to remedy this kind of poverty."

- Mother Teresa