



Shishu Seva

To Not Feel Alone In The Universe

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**A LIFETIME HOME FOR LOST
AND ABANDONED GIRLS, SOME
PROFOUNDLY DISABLED**

*Refuting Nothing Can Be Done
Since 2006*

Our **Mission**

To protect orphans and abandoned children, including those having differing abilities and disabilities, by providing a safe environment where they will be sheltered, nurtured, and educated in ways that build **Competence, Confidence, Independence and Leadership.**



Picture Courtesy: John Marshall

Message from the Founder

To be an orphan child is not good... the people society expects to be responsible for them are gone. Whatever the reasons, the orphan child is alone and unprotected. No parents. No relatives. No community. No one to give them in marriage.

When also disabled:

Unable to sit, walk, or crawl

Unable to talk

Unable to feed themselves

Left alone... unable to survive

The care of orphans, in every country, is a matter of national policy. But orphans are orphans within governments too. Orphans are invisible; they don't vote; they aren't politically aligned so they lack advocates. Parents and communities are natural advocates for their own children: their schools, their health, their safety. In the absence of parents, orphan children become a "burden" to society.

The values and priorities of the society will determine how that "burden" is managed.

Hungry and illiterate orphans are not an accident.

They represent a decision not to feed or educate them.

Their deaths represent society's decision not to keep them alive.

Shishur Sevay is a lifetime home for lost and abandoned girls, some profoundly disabled. We are their voices and empowering them to be able to speak for themselves and for others

Dr. Michelle Harrison
Founder and Secretary

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About Us

What we are

We are a family style inclusive, non-institutional small group home for orphaned girls, some with profound disabilities, all having been rejected for adoption. We began as a counter measure to the concept that "nothing can be done" regarding children who have been orphaned or otherwise abandoned due to their origins. Inclusion has become our signature.



Our Vision is a society where orphaned and abandoned children, those with abilities and disabilities, are not segregated, but are respected as necessary members of our communities.

Children's Smart Centre : Our Community Project

Is an outgrowth of Shishur Sevay. It is a free inclusive playschool for the community's underprivileged children aged 2-4+. The local community wanted for their children what they saw us providing for the girls of Shishur Sevay. The girls raised at Shishur Sevay expressed many times their wish to teach/care for other children in need. Those girls, now young women are the assistant teachers in the school.



The purpose of the school is to level the playing field so these children are prepared to enter school. The school includes play-based learning, a friendly environment, development of social skills, and a nutritious snack. The school follows the new Indian National Education Policy (NEP) and NCERT Pre-School Curriculum of 2019. Our approaches include bilingual study materials and parental involvement.

What we do – Our Programs

Inclusive Living

Inclusion is a mind set. The girls like to be together. The older girls, who had lost family and siblings, mothered their new sisters with disabilities. Their relationships transformed Shishur Sevay into a family. Separating them would have come at great emotional cost to them all.



Inclusion means to include in a group rather than exclude from a group; it means to invite in rather than push out. We can all live together and learn together and become family together. The ones who are usually kept out – the very poor and children with disabilities.

Inclusive Education

Inclusive education requires sensitivity to the needs of the children and a commitment to innovation. It means asking "How do we make this work?" We assessed each child, focusing on their strengths and identified where we could keep them together, and when we could not include them all.



Inclusion has been successful with one girl having just completed NIOS Higher Secondary Exams and another in the midst of Class X exams. Two girls with severe CP participate in classes using the Tobii Eye Tracker. Others are developing vocational skills.

High Quality Medical Care

The children arrived malnourished and in need of immediate medical and dental care. We utilized private hospitals and physicians. For those with disabilities we have daily oral care, bathing twice a day and positioning to prevent pressure sores. All meals at Shishur Sevay are highly nutritional. The facility is kept clean all the time.

Medical equipment like standing boxes, walkers, AFOs leg braces with regular physiotherapy takes place.



Rani at CMRI, Kolkata

Assistive Technology and Eye controlled Computer Speech

We were the first in India to purchase the Tobii eye Tracker to help girls with severe cerebral palsy communicate via computer.

They can share their thoughts with others and take part in group classes.

Other technology like switches, communication boards, adaptive keyboards, iPads have been in use.



Tuni Harrison Centre for Research, Training and Advocacy

We conducted our own research and produced our "Best Practices" report (pages 10-11).

We are a scalable, replicable model of care.

We participated in research on inclusion and are subject of published papers in India and the USA.

We advocate for accessibility as a necessary requirement of inclusion.



Inclusive Dance

We made it happen. They wanted to dance together and we made it happen! We used harnesses, wheelchairs, and walkers with our girls who have studied dance for years.

Our gifted artist made pictures we put on the wall as they danced to a fairy tale of a flying elephant, to the music of Tagore.



Inclusive Art

They made it happen again -- the abled guiding the disabled by letting them play with paint on cloth, working together, expressing emotions on sarees, dupattas, and scarves.

Then we put on an exhibition at ICCR.



Culture and Heritage

The girls appreciate Indian culture and heritage.

They arrived with a strong connection to their gods as they struggled with their terrible circumstances. That continues . The girls are not forced to follow any religion or practice in which they do not believe.

We protected their bengali language as their mother tongue so the first few years they were in bengali medium schools. They appreciated their bengali culture and heritage as they could connect to their past even though their biological connections had been broken.



Community Commitment - Children's Smart Centre

Children's Smart Centre
Established by Shishur Sevay (NGO)

Free play-school for 2-5 years old children

- Play-based
- Activity-based
- Discovery-based
- NCERT 2019 based

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Rhythm class at Children's Smart Centre



Learning shapes and colours, open to imagination, and hygienic habits



Learning shapes, colours, numbers at the same time. Movement session with the children



Lessons on sharing, caring, teamwork.



Special Educator with the mother of a special needs child



Children's Smart Centre has an inclusive environment, Our programs are designed in such a way so that everybody is included. In Picture (Right), Ganga in wheelchair is telling the story using her computer while the teacher translates and acts the meaning.



Senior teachers



Junior teachers with Dr. Harrison



PTM at CSC

Children's Smart Centre was scheduled to open in April 2020 . Due to lockdown we had to postponed. Later in 2021 we started home visits with the study materials. After several pauses we were successful in opening the school in April 2022. Now we are running the school in the community.

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CHILDLIFE PRESERVE SHISHUR SEVAY

A Best Practices Model of a Family Style Inclusive Non- Institutional Home for Lost and Abandoned Girls, Some Having Profound Disabilities, All Rejected for Adoption

Childlife Preserve Shishur Sevay was founded by Dr. Michelle Harrison in 2006. She came with a keen knowledge of what would be required. As a physician she had been involved in the de-institutionalization of mental institutions in the US and the subsequent establishment of group homes. She had been a consulting physician at group homes and had extensive experience throughout her career in addressing the needs of traumatized children and women. As the adoptive mother of a Calcutta born infant (1984) whom she raised in the US, she wanted to create a model of a home she would have wished her daughter to have found if she had not been adopted. The girls who came to Shishur Sevay in 2007 by order of CWC were inmates at a government institution and had been rejected for adoption.

Shishur Sevay was founded in 2006 to answer three questions:

1. Who are the lost and abandoned children (full orphans) in government institutions?
2. What do these children need to be independent and integrate into the community?
3. Can we change the directions of their lives?

Who are they?

February 2007 : Twelve girls by Order of the West Bengal CWC. They ranged in age from 18 months to 9 years. Of the 12 children, four were profoundly disabled and malnourished. Their conditions on admission:

Acute Conditions: Severe malnutrition i.e. 4 year olds weighing 7 kg; severe scabies infections; bleeding gums and complex dental conditions; severe febrile malaria

Chronic Conditions: Cerebral Palsy-cannot stand, talk, feed or toilet, autism, encephalopathy, visual impairment, microcephaly, severe developmental impairments, psychiatric and behavioral disorders, seizures, lack of any education

HIERARCHY OF SOLUTIONS FOR LOST AND ABANDONED CHILDREN IN NEED OF CARE



WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS, SHISHUR SEVAY IS THE LAST STOP BEFORE INSTITUTIONALIZATION

FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES CHILDLIFE PRESERVE SHISHUR SEVAY IS OFTEN THE ONLY CHANCE THEY HAVE FOR A NORMAL LIFE WITH OTHERS

OCTOBER 2019 CENSUS

15 RESIDENTS

6 PROFOUND PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

4 PROFOUND COGNITIVE DISABILITIES

2 COGNITIVELY ABLED & USING ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

9 PHYSICALLY ABLED

4 COGNITIVELY ABLED

3 COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT (MILD-MODERATE)

MOTHER - 1 PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITY
CHILD - 1 FULLY ABLED



What did they need?

They needed a safe environment; immediate and long-term health care and treatments ; education; names, papers, identity; knowledge and participation in their culture, heritage and religion. They needed to grieve for their losses.

Could we change the directions of their lives?

Yes

How: Amar Bari Shishur Sevay

We made a commitment to the girls that they would always be part of Shishur Sevay, that we would provide lifetime care for those who could never live on their own. It would be "mother house" for the abled where they could return when they moved out for marriage or independence.

Inclusion: We became inclusive and lived inclusively. The girls shared living space, recreation, Prarthana, and education. Inclusion made us a home, a family, not an institution.

The Program:



Spreading Wings into the Community

Children's Smart Centre, a free inclusive playschool for the underprivileged children aged 2-4+ in the community. The school includes play-based learning, activity-based, a friendly environment, development of social skills in preparation for school, and a nutritious snack. Our curriculum is based on NEP and NCERT syllabus.

Dr. Anjali Forber-Pratt, Director of the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and

Rehabilitation Research (appointed by President Biden) published a case study on Shishur Sevay - **A Model Case: Specialized Group Home for Girls with Disabilities**

To read visit

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10560-019-00633-8>



Taking notes at the Botanical Garden, Howrah



Our Karate and Kathi girls with Shihan Shivaji Ganguly and Team



Inclusive performance at Aban Mahal, Kolkata. Special harnesses, walkers and wheelchairs were used for the children unable to move, stand, walk.



Ganga in her Tobii class



Sisters performing on Republic Day



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The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

The International Community has struggled with and debated the "Rights of the Child" for almost 100 years. The first Declaration of the Rights of the Child was endorsed by the League of Nations in 1924, and called the World Child Welfare Charter. Over the years the Charter was expanded and on 20th November 1989 the Convention on the Rights of the Child was signed and became effective less than one year later. Today only one country has not ratified the Convention, namely the United States of America. India ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child in December 1992.

Shishur Sevay, as a model of non-institutional care for orphans, has looked to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child as a framework in providing the care for our girls. We are simply complying with what 194 nations, including India, agreed are the basic entitlements of children, particularly those under the direct protection of the state.

As India is a signatory, Shishur Sevay is simply providing what India has determined are the rights of all its children.

Relevant Articles

Article 2: The State Parties shall respect and ensure the rights set forth to each child without discrimination of any kind...

Article 3: The State Parties shall ensure that the institutions... conform with the standards established by competent authorities particularly in the areas of safety health in the number and suitability of their staff as well as competent supervision.

Article 7: The child...shall have the right from birth to a name the right to acquire a nationality and as far as possible the right to know and be cared for by his or her parents.

How Shishur Sevay meets these standards

- Shishur Sevay's ONLY restriction on the girls we took was that they had already been rejected for adoption
- We live inclusively with no walls or barriers between abled and disabled children

- Our home is safe with 24/7 guards.
- We maintain fire and electrical safety.
- We utilize private medical facilities for medical, dental, and psychiatric treatment.
- Staff is trained in their areas of responsibility
- Dr. Harrison serves as government appointed superintendent and is on the premises 24/7

- **NAMES:** They came without records, some with only a first name or with multiple names. We gave them names and certificates so they could enter school.
- **NATIONALITY:** India is their home and we made sure of that and taught them to be proud of their country. They learned the music, dance, customs, and their heritage.
- **FAMILY:** We searched for families where possible. We taught respect for their families and supported the girls in their grief.

Relevant Articles

Article 14: State Parties shall respect the right of the child to freedom of thought conscience and religion...

Article 19: State Parties shall take all...measures to protect the child from all forms of physical or mental violence injury or abuse neglect...

Article 23: State Parties recognize that a mentally or physically disabled child should enjoy a full and decent life in conditions which ensure dignity promote self-reliance and facilitate the child's active participation in the community...

Article 24: State Parties recognize the right of the child to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health and to facilities for the treatment of illness and rehabilitation of health.

Article 27: State Parties recognize the rights of every child to standard of living adequate for the child's physical mental spiritual moral and social development.

List of how Shishur Sevay meets these standards

- The girls are encouraged to express their views and thoughts.
- Religion: As they came loving their Gods, daily prayer is held following Hindu customs. The older girls are taking on increasing roles in preparation and conducting the ritual prayers and customs for the Pujas.
- The children are taught about other religions and about Human Rights AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS.

- Our girls had already experienced abuse and neglect.
- We provide both preventive and therapeutic support.
- We have Zero Tolerance regarding abuse of children.
- We maintain a Child Protection Policy and have CCTV throughout the house.
- They are supervised when outside the home.

- Inclusive living means they are in the midst of everything even when they are unable to actively participate.
- We have Inclusive dance and movement and inclusive art, where we paint and make prints on sarees, and scarves.
- We identified skills like embroidery, or gave responsibilities where their limitations were acceptable as long as they tried their best. Their sense of accomplishment was our focus.
- Assistive communication devices like the Tobii eye tracker are used by two of the children with cerebral palsy for communication and participation in class. With Tobii they can tell us how they feel and what they need.

- The girls came with many health and dental problems. The severely disabled will require lifetime medical care.
- For serious illnesses we utilize the private hospitals and practitioners
- Rehabilitation is regular with physiotherapy, yoga, massage, and fine motor therapies
- The home maintains a high standard of cleanliness in the facility, in cooking, sanitation, and water quality.
- School uniforms are washed daily.

- **Standard of living:** Shishur Sevay is challenging Indian social norms of caste and class so the girls do not live lives of shame because of their origins.
- Their diet is high protein and nutritious, and they have access to food at all times.
- They are clothed well.
- At Shishur Sevay they are developing into confident competent and independent young women.

Relevant Articles

Article 28: State Parties recognize the right of the child to education.

Article 31: State Parties recognize the right of the child to rest and leisure to engage in play and recreational activities appropriate to the age of the child and to participate freely in cultural life and arts...

List of how Shishur Sevay meets these standards

- Education is given to all the girls according to their needs and abilities. The girls with disabilities have had special educators but two have also entered a government primary school with the others, thus establishing the school as inclusive.
- Ichche Dana is an internal inclusive school we opened when the girls faced severe discrimination in their schools.
- Education is individualized and challenges are met with many different methods until they meet success.
- Those children who are able, sit for Board exams through the National Institute of Open Schooling.
- The girls have studied dance at Mamata Shankar's famous Udayan Dance Academy. They study Karate and Kalahi at Shivaji Gaanguly's Academy: mind & body. One girl achieved black belt.
- Music therapy sessions are held twice a week. Each day has some form of arts either tabla, harmonium, guitar singing inclusive dance or art. Recreational trips include picnics, museums, water parks, sea beach, and others.



The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2006 and Ratified by India in 2007, led to India's "The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016"

Below are the principles and requirements for the empowerment of persons with disabilities which are relevant to Shishur Sevay:

(c) "full and effective participation and inclusion in society"

Response: *Shishur Sevay is inclusive. "To Include" means to allow in, as opposed to "shut out". The girls share living space, recreation, meals, rituals, education and trips where possible.*

Chapter I

(za) ' "rehabilitation" refers to a process aimed at enabling persons with disabilities to attain and maintain optimal, physical, sensory, intellectual, psychological environmental or social function levels;'

Response: *The girls were transferred to Shishur Sevay by order of the CWC for "education and rehabilitation". That has been our objective. We provide a safe and nurturing family type environment, education, mental health services, and the appliances and technology for physical rehabilitation. They receive full medical, dental, and surgical services at private medical facilities. They have regular interaction within the wider community through neighborhood activities like art competitions, flag raising, and dance performances.*



Chapter II

3. Equality and non - discrimination

(1) " Persons with disabilities enjoy the right to equality, life with dignity and respect for his or her integrity equally with others."

Response: *These are core values of Shishur Sevay. These are the values of the staff and care givers of Shishur Sevay.*



5. Community life

(1)"The persons with disabilities shall have the right to live in the community... (with) access to a range of in-house, residential and other community support services..."

(2)"The appropriate Government shall endeavor that the persons with disabilities are,-"

(a)"not obliged to live in any particular living arrangement;"

(b)"given access to a range of in-house, residential and other community, support services,"

Response: *Shishur Sevay provides an enriched life for the girls with disabilities, a life that they would not have in any institution. Shishur Sevay has become a family with genuine bonds between the girls who are abled and those disabled. They are also a part of the free inclusive playschool Children's Smart Centre, serving as assistant teachers, in their wheelchairs, communicating by computer. And they live inclusively, which is not consistent with any institutional life. Even the JJ Act of 2017 mandates separate facilities for children with disabilities. Shishur Sevay is a family type inclusive lifetime home.*



9. HOME AND FAMILY

(2)"Where the parents are unable to take care of a child with disability, the competent court shall place such child with his or her near relations, and failing that within the community in a family setting or in exceptional cases in shelter home run by the appropriate Government or non-governmental organization, as may be required."

Response: *Shishur Sevay is the only home most of the children with disabilities have known. No shelter home or institution can provide them with this kind of life.*



28 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

"The appropriate Government shall initiate or cause to be initiated research and development through individuals and institutions on issues which shall enhance habilitation and rehabilitation and on such other issues which are necessary for empowerment of persons with disabilities."

Response: Shishur Sevay has functioned as a research and development operation from the beginning. In "Best Practices... (Pg 6 - 7)" we present the basic questions we posed that needed answers and presented the research information we obtained.

Our goal was to answer whether we could change the trajectory of their lives and the results are in the affirmative. Two of the children not expected to survive now use the most advanced computer speech to communicate.

Shishur Sevay has also been the subject of research by Prof. Anjali J. Forber Pratt & Dominique A. Lyew at Vanderbilt University in the US.

REPORT ON THE CASE STUDY OF SHISHUR SEVAY AND THE ICHCHE DANA LEARNING CENTER

Anjali J. Forber-Pratt, PhD
Dominique Lyew, BA



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29. CULTURE AND RECREATION

"...rights of all people with disabilities to have a cultural life and to participate in recreational activities equally with others which include, -"

(c) "making art accessible to persons with disabilities;"

Response: Shishur Sevay has an inclusive art program with the abled and disabled working together to paint sarees, dupattas, and scarves.

They have also demonstrated these skills at events. In 2017 Shishur Sevay held a five day art Exhibition at ICCR Authenticity, When Happiness Is Art showcasing our inclusive art as well as the art of our gifted artist Puja Kumari. We have also visited museums. In 2014 Ganga was subject of a portfolio exhibition by Joydeep Mukherjee at Gallery Gold.

(e) "participation in dancing, art, classes, outdoor camps, and adventure activities;"

Response: *Dance and art have been part of Shishur Sevay from the beginning. For community art competitions the girls in wheelchairs also participated and were given special awards by the local Club. There are some activities in which their physical and cognitive limitations do not allow them to join. Sometimes they watch; other times they have other activities which they enjoy. Our objective is quality of life for the girls with the most limiting disabilities.*

g) "...developing technology, assistive devices and equipment to facilitate access and inclusion for persons with disabilities in recreational activities."

Response: *Shishur Sevay facilitates inclusion by use of:*

Communication devices: switches, head pointers, adaptive keyboards, iPads, and Tobii eye tracker for speech.

Mobility equipment: wheelchairs, braces, AFOs, standing boxes, walkers, strollers, harnesses for dance.

The children have enjoyed trips to Mondarmani Beach and Puri, as well as local picnics, Nicco Water Park, Puja Pandal Hopping, visits to temples, visiting historical places, playing games at Time Zone, and trips to the mall (accessible) including eating in the food courts.



Refuting Nothing Can Be Done

When the children arrived at Shishur Sevay Dr. Michelle Harrison knew that they need safety, healthcare, nutrition, security and someone at home checking their homework.

"What happens to the orphans not adopted?" She was tired of hearing that nothing can be done. Shishur Sevay being a non-institutional home helped the children to grow in a family style small group home.

The girls were given individualized care. The vital component that was required was 'time'. We were not running after results as they needed time to overcome their fear and to gain confidence .

In 2007 the children arrived with severe disabilities by Order of the WB Government. The pediatrician said, 'Well, at least they won't live very long.' Fifteen years later the children are thriving.



Picture taken in 2007. Dr Michelle Harrison taking the girls to school later doing grocery shopping for the home.



Picture taken in 2007

Shishur Sevay became an inclusive family style small group home. Refuting nothing can be done. The Daughters of Shishur Sevay are thriving.



Global Pandemic - How we managed

We all know how the pandemic and the lockdown led to dramatic changes in all our lives. Social distancing was not possible in a small space where six wheelchair bound children were to be carried. Teachers began giving classes online. The massis/caretakers stayed at Shishur Sevay 24*7 months on end.

The girls had managed the technology for the classes and also did some basic troubleshooting. When problems occurred they worked via teacher instructions and screen sharing. For the past few years they have all been in a weekly computer class. The lockdowns and adaptations needed to get through the COVID-19 pandemic made clear the growing maturity of the girls.

The girls didn't suffer from isolation because they had each other like a family.



One of the girls reading Malgudi Days through Skype



Karate class through online video instructions.



An ongoing online session



The festivals were celebrated in - house with different themes. The lockdown brought us together in so many ways.

Global Pandemic - Serving in the Community

Because of Covid restrictions we had not been able to begin the Children's Smart Centre in April 2020. After waiting so long for the situation to improve and with hopes of a post Durga Puja opening up of schools we started home visits to the prospective students who had enrolled/applied earlier. We had put together study material and visited them once a week with new material and checked on progress.

Families were unanimous in pointing out that online classes wouldn't work with the nursery age children. You can't hand over a smart phone to a three year old child. Our target sector cannot afford smart phones or internet connections.



Dr. Harrison giving out the study materials



One of the student preparing the lesson



Children's Smart Centre providing study kit and study materials



Dr. Harrison teaching the body parts

Milestones - Completion of 15 years

2005

- The first meeting on 15 December, a group meet to discuss creating a model of non-institutional care for orphaned children housed in government institutions. Dr. Harrison sought to dispel that "Nothing Can Be Done," for them.
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2006

- 14 June received registration as Childlife Preserve Shishur Sevay under The West Bengal Societies Registration Act XXVI of 1961, No. S/1L/37263 Of 2006-2007.
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2007

- January 2007 CPSS was licensed by the Directorate of Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal as a home for orphan children. Twelve girls, four having profound disabilities were transferred from Sukanya Home by Order of the West Bengal Child Welfare Committee.
 - Registered with Income Tax Department under Income Tax Act 1961; under section 12AA and under section 80G (5) (vi) for tax exemption.
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2010

- Registration with the Ministry of Home affairs, Government of India, under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) 1976, permitting foreign donations.
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2011

- Roof over classroom was built up to serve as office and quarters for female interns at night.
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2013

- In- house School - The Ichche Dana Inclusive School was created to meet the academic, emotional, technological and cultural needs of the children.
 - Ground floor of Shishur Sevay made fully accessible, with ramps, grab bars in bathrooms and non-slip tiles outside.
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2014

- The Tuni Harrison Center for Research, Training and Advocacy established to research and teach methods and results of inclusive living and education.

2016

- Received the 2016 GuideStar India Transparency Award for Financial Transparency.

2017

- Received registration under Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995, Government of West Bengal;
- Received the 2017 GuideStar India Gold Seal after their due diligence process for transparency and public accountability.
- Authenticity, an art exhibition was conducted at ICCR, Kolkata, displaying the artworks and inclusive arts of Shishur Sevay girls

2019

- Major renovations were required to stop leakage in the walls and roof of the 50+ year old house: -- Two toilets renovated due to tree growing through the wall of one, and discovery in the other that the floor was sinking under the commode. -- The cracked asbestos roof was removed and replaced with TATA corrugated metal sheets.-- Electrical wiring was updated and relocated in conduits within the walls which were then covered with tile.
- Received the 2019 GuideStar India Gold Seal

2020

- Received the 2020 GuideStar India Gold Seal
- Children's Smart Centre was scheduled to open but due to Covid19 lockdowns opening was postponed.
- Renovation of the rented space for Children's Smart Centre

2021

- Due to Covid19 rules and regulations playschools were kept closed. But the parents were desperate to send their children and so we started home visits and providing study materials.
- Completion 15 years of Shishur Sevay

2022

- Opening of Children's Smart Centre



Celebrating 15 years





of our journey



Achievements in Martial Arts

Our goal is to educate the girls in ways that build Competence, Confidence, Independence and Leadership. In these three years we have shared our girls' achievements in martial arts. Here is a recap.

May 2018 - The girls got admitted to Shivaji Gaanguly's Academy mind & body

Sep 2018 - Orange Belt in Basic Techniques of Kyokushin Karate (10th Kyu)

Dec 2018 - Participated in the 12th All India Karate Winter Camp, Mirik, West Bengal

Jan 2019 - Invitational in State Full Contact Karate Championship, 3rd Shivaji Cup

Jan 2019 - Upper Orange Belt in Basic Techniques of Kyokushin Karate (9th Kyu)

Mar 2019 - Admitted to Kalahi Filipino Martial Art

May 2019 - Blue Belt in Basic Techniques of Kyokushin Karate (8th Kyu)

Sep 2019 - Upper Blue Belt in Basic Techniques of Kyokushin Karate (7th Kyu)

Jan 2020 - KKI Cup National Level Full Contact Karate Championship

Feb 2020 - Yellow Belt in Basic Techniques of Kyokushin Karate (6th Kyu)

Sep 2020 - Upper Yellow Belt in Basic Techniques of Kyokushin Karate (5th Kyu)

Sep 2020 - Green Belt in Basic Techniques of Kyokushin Karate (4th Kyu)

Jan 2021 - Upper Green Belt in Basic Techniques of Kyokushin Karate (3rd Kyu)

Feb 2021 - White Belt in Basic Techniques of Kalahi AMA (Bagong Alagad)

June 2021 - Brown Belt in Basic Techniques of Kyokushin Karate (2nd Kyu)

May 2022 - 37th All India Summer Camp, Puri , Odisha

July 2022 - Yellow Belt in Basic Techniques of Kalahi AMA (Alagad Isa)

July 2022 - Black Belt in Basic Techniques of Kyokushin Karate (1st Kyu)

Puja Kumari one of the Daughters of Shishur Sevay is now employed as a Karate instructor at a renowned private school through her Karate school. She is the first among the girls to get a job and has done so despite all odds.

2018



2019



2020



2021



2022



Our Team

Backbone of the Home

The Women who take care of our children

Childlife Preserve Shishur Sevay promotes best practices and part of this is the importance given to the women who actually care for the children some of who need lifetime care.

Lets support them in this critically important model that makes children thrive and not just survive.



Childlife Preserve Shishur Sevay has an outstanding group of trained childcare workers who care for the children. They ARE the environment of the children.

We take this opportunity to present you their voices

Monika Das, Joined January 2014 'Masum can't say or express herself, so I worry about her. I feel bad or get tense whenever she gets sick. Mummy has kept us really well. This is my home. Here we are not treated as maids but as a member of this family. People say my home, my children but I say this is my home and my children and Mummy is our mother. I tell my grandchildren about the big girls, to set an example. Here there is love and respect.'



Tumpa Das, Joined December 2013 'When I first came to Shishur Sevay I could not figure out anything but slowly I understood and learned so much and that's my biggest achievement. Due to personal reason my life was in a mess but when Mummy gave me the job and I got involved with the children I got a new life and a hope to live. I love being here.'

Uma Das, has been with us from the very first. She rejoined in 2018 'All the children are doing so well. When they arrived, they were so little and now when they are growing up and doing so well I feel happy. The day when the girls started going out for their classes I was so happy. At Shishur Sevay there is a bond that no one can break and it will grow stronger each and every day.'



Purnima Sardar, Joined 2010 'Hope people will support us so that Shishur Sevay can run well and we can keep the girls well. We are a family. No jealousy, anger. Here it's like a cycle, Mummy takes care of us, we take care of Mummy. We take care of girls and girls take care of us. Love is very important. Everyone loves each other so much so we feel like home. 10 years and I am still going.'

Chhaya Sarkar, Joined February 2013 'Here I am better than my own home. Even my daughter wants me to stay here forever. My family tells the neighbours about Shishur Sevay and how good it is. The children are so well behaved and respect us. As a Hindu I belief that everybody is the same and god is in all. I am serving gods and Mummy is Maa Sarada to me and my family. Sometimes I think if there is anything more than thank you then I will say that.'



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Seema Gupta

Mrs. Gupta retired as Joint Registrar of the Calcutta High Court. She is also a neighbour and "Auntie" to the girls and has been with Shishur Sevay from beginning. She teaches Bengali.

Secretary: Dr. Michelle Harrison

Dr. Harrison, the Founder is a renowned physician, author, leader in women's health and a mother. Her medical career spanning 45 years included psychiatry, family medicine and OB-GYN. She has taught at Harvard, Rutgers and the University of Pittsburgh. At Johnson & Johnson Corporate, she was Worldwide Director of Medical Affairs in Consumer, and then Executive Director of Johnson & Johnson Institute for Children.

Vice President: Khusbu Das

She is one of the Daughters of Shishur Sevay. She is a dancer at Udayan Kala Kendra by Mamta Shankar. She has appeared for her Class 12 exams through NIOS and plans to go to college.

Treasurer: Dr. Purba Rudra

Rutgers University, Ph.D. Geography; Jawaharlal Nehru University: M.Phil, Geography. She is the Academic Director and has taken advanced training at Alpha to Omega Institute in Chennai to understand better how to deal with the obstacles to learning in children who have experienced social deprivation and violence in their early lives. She is also Director of Children's Smart Centre.

Member: Mani Das

She is one of the Daughters of Shishur Sevay. She is preparing for her Class 10 through NIOS. She wants to be a special educator. She is being trained in yoga and kalahi.

Member: Shanti Devi

Shanti Devi is a founding member of the organization. She has long years of experience in providing physical exercise, body massage and conducting yoga sessions.

Member: Jayita Dey

Ms. Dey has over two decades of experience in the IT industry, working with Indian and international clients. Presently, she is an IT consultant. She represents Shishur Sevay in our CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) efforts.

Member: Cecilia Devyani Harrison

Ms. Harrison, daughter of Dr. Harrison and born in Kolkata is another founding member of Shishur Sevay. She works as a Project Manager at Riot New Media Group in the US and is a talented drummer.

Member: Debasree Bhattacharya

Debasree is currently working as an Associate Manager, CS team with Enable India. She has a Post Graduate Diploma in Psychological Counselling. Debasree is a founder and secretary of DAND, Kolkata, which works for the betterment of people with disabilities since 2014.

STAFF - FULL TIME

Dr. Michelle Harrison, The Founder

She serves as Executive Director and government appointed superintendent of the home. She works non-salaried and lives at the home with the children. For brief bio see listing under The Board of Directors.(Visit <https://www.drnichelleharrison.com> for full bio)

Dr. Purba Rudra, Academic Director (Joined 2011)

As Academic Director, Dr. Rudra oversees

Ichche Dana Learning Centre and Children's Smart Centre, teaches the abled and disabled, and leads our efforts in assistive communication and tobii eye tracking devices and software.

Ria Nag, Communications Officer (Joined 2018) has completed her Masters in Journalism and Audio-Visual Communications and has worked in media houses and NGOs. She manages social media, prints and produces videos, strategic planning at Shishur Sevay.

Rajashree Biswas, Administrative Officer (Joined 2018)

has a B.A. (Hons) in Political Science and has more than 10 years of experience in HR and administration. She also teaches English to the advanced students.

Bijoy Das, The Truly Indispensable (Joined 2006)

He has multiple roles, as driver, purchasing, repairs, and as our strong man when that's needed. He is 'MAMA' (uncle) to the girls at Shishur Sevay. He really is indispensable.

STAFF - PART TIME

Chaitali Begam, Accountant (Joined 2007, rejoined 2010)

Chaitali began as the first teacher at Shishur Sevay in 2007. She left to earn her M.Com and returned in 2010 as an accountant.

Srirupa Biswas, Teacher (Joined 2010)

Srirupa holds a Diploma in Arts & Crafts from the Vocational Institute for Air Force Women Welfare Association, Bhatinda. She teaches academic subjects as well as using Tobii for Ganga's education. She directs the inclusive fabric painting project and other craft projects. She also teaches at Children's Smart Centre.

Dibyangshu Das Gupta, Art Teacher (Joined 2013)

He holds a Diploma in Visual Arts from the Indian Art College, Rabindra Bharati University. He works intensively with Puja. He founded his own art school, Aankiey in 1987. He is also art teacher at Children's Smart Centre.

Shanti Devi, Yoga, Massage (Joined 2007)

She has a special relationship and devotion to the children with disabilities and comes at 5:30 am six morning a week to do exercise, massage yoga, and has a special relationship with them.

Anindita Dutta, Teacher (Joined 2010)

She holds a BA and MA in Philosophy from Calcutta University. She works primarily with the children with disabilities and creatively comes up with new ways of motivating them. She works with Tobii and uses the software to create new word and image pages as needed. She teaches at Children's Smart Centre.

Satya Gopal Halder, Security (Joined 2015)

He is a security guard. He maintains the garden and keeps the front entrance bursting with plants and flowers all year long, as a volunteer.

Subhash Manna, Physiotherapist (joined 2019) He gives physio-therapy sessions to the disabled girls five days a week.

Lopamudra Mukherjee, Special Educator (Joined 2022)

She has 20+ years experience and holds her B.Ed degree from Ramkrishna Mission. She works with special needs children at Shishur Sevay and at Children's Smart Centre.

Kaberi Pal, Teaching Assistant, Rehabilitation (Joined in 2007)

Kaberi assists in the rehabilitation of the children with disabilities. As the mother to a young woman with cerebral palsy, she has extensive hands-on practical experience with disabilities and a strong commitment to their care and well-being.

Debasis Sarkar, Music Teacher (Joined 2013)

He is a registered tabla player under Calcutta Stage Performing Musicians Welfare Association, Kolkata. He has taught at South Calcutta Ananda Niketan Home since 1996. He also has music class at Children's Smart Centre.

Satyen Sur, Dance and Movement Teacher (Joined 2013)

Satyen holds an M.A. in Dance from Rabindra Bharati University. Satyen teaches the Inclusive Dance Movement Program, working with the abled and those with disabilities. He has toured Europe multiple times. He also teaches at Children's Smart Centre.

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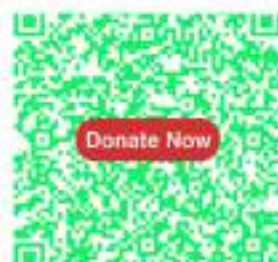
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CHILDLIFE PRESERVE SHISHUR SEVAY

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Schedule forming part of Income & Expenditure Accounts for the year ending 31.03.2020

Particulars	Amount	Particulars	Amount
	Rs.		Rs.
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Advertisement Expenses (Domestic)	6,827.00	Bank Interest	31,163.00
Audit Fees (Domestic)	20,000.00	Bank Interest (Domestic)	23,872.00
Art & Craft Expenses (Domestic)	12,795.00	Donation	7,216,620.89
Bank Charges	8,184.70	Donation (Domestic)	1,857,383.00
Bank Charges (Domestic)	306.80		
Books & Periodicals	150.00		
Car Expenses	156,563.00		
Cable Charges	17,000.00		
Celebration Expenses	7,374.00		
Celebration Expenses (Domestic)	8,252.00		
Certification Fees	20,000.00		
Children Edu. & Rec. Outing	41,500.00		
Children Edu. & Rec. Outing (Domestic)	10,440.00		
Cleaning Expenses	122,459.00		
Cleaning Expenses (Domestic)	39,120.00		
Clothing Expenses	3,330.00		
Clothing Expenses (Domestic)	14,021.00		
Communication Expenses	36,696.00		
Communication Expenses (Domestic)	19,255.00		
Computer Repairs & Maintenance	8,125.00		
Computer Repairs & Maintenance (Domestic)	5,614.00		
Consultancy Fees (Domestic)	50,250.00		
Conveyance Expenses	33,815.00		
Conveyance Expenses (Domestic)	3,632.00		
Cooking Gas Expenses	25,599.00		
Cooking Gas Expenses (Domestic)	850.00		
Depreciation	404,926.00		
Depreciation (Domestic)	53,514.00		
Disability Aids & Appliances Expenses	23,837.00		
Educational Expenses	329,451.00		
Educational Expenses (Domestic)	4,521.00		
Electricity Expenses (Domestic)	157,777.00		
Fixed Assets discard	165,268.00		
Food Expenses	734,145.00		
General Expenses	23,058.00		
General Expenses (Domestic)	39,840.00		
Medical Expenses	179,926.00		
Membership Fees (Domestic)	1,500.00		
Office Expenses	10,367.00		
Office Expenses (Domestic)	3,990.00		
Printing & Stationery	12,936.00		
Printing & Stationery (Domestic)	6,848.00		
Professional Tax	10,000.00		
Rates & Taxes	1,562.00		
Rent (SSCSC)	40,000.00		
Repairs & Maintenance	20,532.00		
Repairs & Maintenance (Domestic)	199,929.00		
Salaries of Associate Director	30,000.00		
Salaries & Bonus of Communication Officer	194,609.00		
Salaries & Bonus of Childcare Workers	1,021,484.00		
Salaries of Gardener	25,500.00		
Salaries & Bonus of Office Staffs	470,891.00		
Salaries & Bonus of Operational Manager	258,620.00		
Salary & Bonus of Teachers	887,311.00		
Salary & Bonus of Physiotherapist	236,160.00		
Salary of Teacher (SSCSC)	12,000.00		
Salary of Supervisor	30,000.00		
Security Guard Expenses	326,611.00		
Service Charges (Domestic)	49,073.43		
Subscription Expenses	16,204.00		
Teachers Training Expenses	27,548.00		
Excess of Income over expenditure	2,462,940.00		
	9,126,038.93		9,126,038.89

The schedules referred to above form an integral part of balance sheet.
Signed in terms of our report of even date.

For Childlife Preserve Shishur Sevay
On behalf of the Board of Trustees

For D MODI & CO
Chartered Accountants
Firm No. 328171E

Dipak Kumar Modi
Proprietor
Firm No. 75837

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CHILDLIFE PRESERVE SHISHUR SEVAY

17/27 Sahapur Main Road, Kolkata - 700038

Registration No. SBL 37263 of 2006-07

Schedule forming part of Income & Expenditure Accounts for the year ending 31.03.2021

Particulars	Amount (Rs.)	Particulars	Amount (Rs.)
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Advertisement Expenses(Domestic)	750.00	Donation (Foreign)	48,07,512.00
Audit Fees (Domestic)	26,000.00	Donation in Kind (Foreign)	15,089.00
Bank Charges (Foreign)	5,301.00	Donation (Domestic)	4,66,750.00
Bank Charges (Domestic)	543.00	Interest Income	
Books & Periodicals (Foreign)	1,015.00	Bank Interest (Foreign)	48,143.00
Cable TV Expenses (Foreign)	7,000.00	Bank Interest (Domestic)	24,644.00
Car Expenses (Foreign)	74,884.00		
Celebration Expenses (Foreign)	5,028.00		
Celebration Expenses (Domestic)	3,550.00		
Certification Fees (Domestic)	20,000.00		
Cleaning Expenses (Foreign)	1,22,120.00	Excess of Expenses Over Income	3,09,707.00
Cleaning Expenses (Domestic)	22,489.00		
Clothing Expenses (Foreign)	480.00		
Computer Repairs & Maintenance (Foreign)	30,651.00		
Computer Repairs & Maintenance (Domestic)	10,956.00		
Communication Expenses (Foreign)	44,522.00		
Communication Expenses (Domestic)	10,977.00		
Consultancy Fees (Foreign)	8,100.00		
Consultancy Fees (Domestic)	47,750.00		
Conveyance Expenses (Foreign)	30,208.00		
Conveyance Expenses (Domestic)	1,146.00		
Cooking Gas Expenses (Foreign)	21,937.00		
Depreciation (Foreign)	4,48,265.00		
Depreciation (Domestic)	63,811.00		
Disability Aid & Appliances Expenses (Foreign)	82.00		
Educational Expenses (Foreign)	95,490.00		
Electrical Work (Domestic)	16,597.00		
Electricity Charges (Domestic)	1,47,631.00		
Food Expenses (Foreign)	7,84,139.00		
General Expenses (Foreign)	29,003.00		
Honorarium (Foreign)	10,360.00		
Medical Expenses (Foreign)	1,71,083.00		
Office Expenses (Foreign)	2,400.00		
Office Expenses (Domestic)	300.00		
Postage & Courier (Foreign)	4,060.00		
Printing & Stationery (Foreign)	8,356.00		
Rates & Taxes (Foreign)	8,890.00		
Rates & Taxes (Domestic)	924.00		
Repairs & Maintenance (Foreign)	10,253.00		
Repairs & Maintenance (Domestic)	34,466.00		
Salaries & Bonus for Childcare Workers (Foreign)	9,00,870.00		
Salaries for Office Staffs (Foreign)	3,93,015.00		
Salaries for Operational Manager (Foreign)	1,94,520.00		
Salaries for Teachers (Foreign)	8,66,610.00		
Salaries for Personal Secretary (Foreign)	9,816.00		
Salaries for Physiotherapist (Foreign)	1,05,600.00		
Salaries for Community Outreach (Domestic)	44,000.00		
Salaries for Communication Officer (Foreign)	1,79,120.00		
Salaries for Gardener (Foreign)	30,000.00		
Rent for (SSCSC)(Domestic)	2,42,400.00		
Security Guard Expenses (Foreign)	3,39,840.00		
Subscription Charges (Domestic)	6,085.00		
Service Charges (Foreign)	1,261.00		
Service Charges (Domestic)	4,201.00		
Transport Expenses (Domestic)	1,400.00		
Total	56,71,845.00	Total	56,71,845.00

The Schedules referred to above form an integral part of Balance Sheet.
Signed in terms of our report of even date

for Childlife Preserve Shishur Sevay

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CHILDLIFE PRESERVE SHISHUR SEVAY

17/2/7, SAHAPUR MAIN ROAD, KOLKATA 700038

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Particulars	Amount	Particulars	Amount
	Rs.		Rs.
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Audit Fees (Domestic)	26,000	Bank Interest (Foreign)	65,626
Bank Charges (Foreign)	8,681	Bank Interest (Domestic)	47,832
Bank Charges (Domestic)	94	Donation (Foreign)	43,66,093
Books & Periodicals (Foreign)	3,180	Donation (Domestic)	12,11,866
Cable Charges (Foreign)	6,000	Donation (In Kind Foreign)	95,700
Car Repairing Expenses (Foreign)	15,690	Donation (In Kind Domestic)	1,30,970
Celebration Expenses (Foreign)	8,470	Excess of Expenditure over Income	79,715
Celebration Expenses (Domestic)	21,041		
Dedication Fees (Domestic)	7,000		
Children Edu. & Rec. During (Foreign)	39,383		
Dinning Expenses (Foreign)	1,09,396		
Dinning Expenses (Domestic)	23,428		
Clothing Expenses (Foreign)	350		
Clothing Expenses (Domestic)	8,449		
Communication Expenses (Foreign)	48,891		
Communication Expenses (Domestic)	21,040		
Computer Repairs & Maintenance (Foreign)	33,037		
Computer Repairs & Maintenance (Domestic)	4,671		
Consultancy Fees (Foreign)	5,290		
Consultancy Fees (Domestic)	98,187		
Conveyance Expenses (Foreign)	32,146		
Conveyance Expenses (Domestic)	10,961		
Cooking Gas Expenses (Foreign)	34,717		
Depreciation (Foreign)	4,36,318		
Depreciation (Domestic)	93,684		
Disability Aid & Appliances Expenses (Foreign)	4,290		
Educational Expenses (Foreign)	1,42,825		
Educational Expenses (Domestic)	24,819		
FCRA Renewal Fees (Foreign)	5,000		
Fixed Assets Deprec (Foreign)	4,983		
Fixed Assets Deprec (Domestic)	1,657		
Fuel Expenses (Foreign)	8,24,617		
Fuel Expenses (Domestic)	38,538		
Gardening Expenses (Foreign)	32,500		
General Expenses (Foreign)	12,611		
General Expenses (Domestic)	2,736		
Insurance (Foreign)	14,040		
Medical Expenses (Foreign)	2,46,660		
Medical Expenses (Domestic)	560		
Postage & Courier Expenses (Foreign)	2,001		
Printing & Stationery (Foreign)	14,085		
Printing & Stationery (Domestic)	7,200		
Professional Tax (Foreign)	2,500		
Rates & Taxes (Domestic)	604		
Rent (SSCIC) (Domestic)	2,56,944		
Repairs & Maintenance (Foreign)	32,288		
Repairs & Maintenance (Domestic)	72,994		
Salaries & Bonus of Childcare Workers (Foreign)	7,29,240		
Salaries & Bonus of Communication Officer (Foreign)	1,95,000		
Salaries & Bonus of Office Staffs (Foreign)	4,12,680		
Salaries & Bonus of Operational Manager (Foreign)	2,12,290		
Salaries of Childcare Workers (Domestic)	61,300		
Salary & Bonus of Physiotherapist (Foreign)	1,14,400		
Salary & Bonus of Teachers (Foreign)	9,20,710		
Security Charges (Foreign)	3,39,840		
Security Charges (Domestic)	16,000		
Service Charges (Domestic)	5,437		
Subscription Expenses (Foreign)	7,500		
Teachers Training Expenses (Foreign)	2,950		
Transporting Expenses (Foreign)	2,700		
Transporting Expenses (Domestic)	3,000		
Website Development Expenses (Foreign)	26,000		
	59,97,830		59,97,830

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For D MODI & CO

Chartered Accountants

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Proprietor

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With love, compassion, and responsibility we ask you to lend your support so that we can continue this lifetime home



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1. Online Donation:

Website: shishursevay.org
"Donate" through online portal

2. Direct transfer

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3. Send a cheque to:

Childlife Preserve Shishur Sevay
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Donation Details

U.S. Donations



Foreign funds can also be sent to our sister organization, **Friends of Shishur Sevay**, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

1. Online Donation:

Website: www.friendsofshishursevay.org
"Donate" through online portal

2. Wire transfer:

Write at info@friendsofshishursevay.org

3. Send a check to:

Friends of Shishur Sevay
354 Middle Road, Bayport NY 11705

Please also include your full address, email id, and PAN number in India so we can issue the receipt.

A LIFETIME HOME FOR LOST AND ABANDONED GIRLS, SOME PROFOUNDLY DISABLED



Shishur Sevay

To Not Feel Alone In The Universe

INCLUSIVE LIVING
INCLUSIVE EDUCATION
INCLUSIVE DANCE
TOBII EYE TRACKER, ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY
CULTURE AND HERITAGE OF THEIR ROOTS
LIVES WITH DIGNITY

Organization Profile

A safe and inclusive non-institutional group home for the female children otherwise housed in government institutions.

- 📍 **The Time:** Founded in 2006 as Childlife Preserve Shishur Sevay
- 📍 **The Place:** Kolkata (Calcutta at that time) in West Bengal, India
- 📍 **The Person:** Founded by Dr. Michelle Harrison, an American physician, author, leader in women's health, and mother of two daughters. Her first daughter was born to her and her second came from Calcutta in 1984 at 2 months of age.
- 📍 **The Reason:** Her questions were, "What happens to the orphans not adopted?" What if the girls rejected for adoption in India were given the same opportunities of those abroad, but without the loss of their country, culture, heritage, and religion? When her daughters were grown, Dr. Harrison sold her belongings came to Kolkata to create a model of care.

The twelve girls placed with Shishur Sevay had been lost, abandoned, and in government institutions. They were rejected for adoption, had no trace of their families, and ranged from 18 months to 10 years. They came with cerebral palsy, autism, seizures, visual and hearing loss, development delays, microcephaly and severe malnutrition. Those with disabilities were severely underweight, some not expected to live very long.

Mental health conditions included: depression, psychosis, behavior disorders, suicidal ideation and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. They came having experienced the brutality that is inevitable for unprotected girls. The girls were fierce and proud yet terrified.

Sixteen Years Later

A Hub of Innovation: Shishur Sevay is where new ideas take hold and old ideas are adapted to the needs of the children. Shishur Sevay is a replicable model of the best practices available in specialized educational and residential care.

Shishur Sevay is an **Inclusive Home**, where abled and disabled girls are living together, and inclusivity worked as we attended to their individual needs. The girls are the Daughters of Shishur Sevay.

When schools could not meet the needs of our children we opened **Ichche Dana Inclusive School**, providing a safe learning environment to build basic skills, curiosity, knowledge, and confidence. It has drawn the attention of researchers at Vanderbilt University because inclusivity developed out of need, rather than theory. Two of the girls with severe cerebral palsy are using Tobii Eye Tracker to communicate. The life trajectories of the girls have changed. They now imagine a future of meaningful work, stability, and marriage of they choose.

Shishur Sevay has opened a free inclusive play-school, **Children's Smart Centre** for the community where the Daughters of Shishur Sevay are teaching. The girls always wanted to serve the underprivileged.

The Daughters of Shishur Sevay are grounded in their Indian identity, culture, heritage, and religion. Shishur Sevay has a "zero tolerance" for abuse within and outside the home. Sufficient staff, CCTV, and vigilance protect the girls.

The organization: Childlife Preserve Shishur Sevay

- 📍 Sound financial policies with full transparency, and regularly audited accounts.
- 📍 Recipient of GuideStar India Transparency Award 2016; Gold Seal 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
- 📍 Received FCRA Registration, having all renewals and filings up to date.
- 📍 Registration as a Society under West Bengal Societies Act XXVI of 1961; No. S/IL/37263/2006-2007.
- 📍 Received 80G
- 📍 Licensed as a home for children by W.B. Directorate of Social Welfare.
- 📍 JJ Act Certificate
- 📍 Received registration under Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995, from the Government of West Bengal
- 📍 Social media presence on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram
- 📍 Sister Organization: Friends of Shishur Sevay, in the US is a non-for-profit with 501 (c)(3) www.friendsofshishursevay.org





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"Abar Esho"
"Come Again"

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