

Help a Bangalore Student Attend University

Imagine that you were orphaned – or abandoned – as a young child. Imagine that all your belongings could fit in a single small suitcase. That's the reality of life for the children in Divya Shanthi's boarding home in Bangalore, India.

Even those who have loving families are struggling. Their families are some of the poorest of the poor, but for the boys and girls at Divya Shanthi High School, university is a way out of the poverty trap.

In Bangalore, Pre-University (sixth-form) and University fees average £375/year. Some children at Divya Shanthi High School come from extremely poor families who have no means of paying for this.

Help us set up a fund so that these bright, hard-working young people can afford to attend university.

The Hazel Sargeant Memorial Fund will provide loans, not gifts, to pre-university (sixth-form) and university students. These loans will be paid back into the fund so that future students can benefit too.

About Divya Shanthi

Since 1967, Divya Shanthi Christian Association and Trust has been providing compassionate and holistic support.

Today, as well as the high school for 400 pupils aged 5 – 16, Divya Shanthi runs two boarding homes (for boys and girls) and a home for babies and toddlers.

Divya Shanthi also offers vocational training for young men and women, and has set up a number of women's self-help groups to provide small loans. Divya Shanthi's pastors run churches in urban Bangalore and surrounding rural areas.

You can find out more about Divya Shanthi at www.divyashanthi.org.

Hazel was instrumental in setting up Divya Shanthi Mission Support (the UK charity that fundraises for Divya Shanthi) after a visit to

Bangalore in 2000 with her husband Peter. She had especial compassion for the children with whom Divya Shanthi works.

What the Fund Will Do

We're aiming to raise £12,000, which will allow us to provide loans for three young people each year into the future.



Whatever you can give will make a real difference to the lives of young people like Akshay (17), pictured left, and Selva (18).

Both Akshay and Selva achieved extremely high marks at Divya Shanthi High School, and want to study computer engineering (Bangalore is sometimes called the Silicon Valley of India due to the number of high-tech firms there).

Divya Shanthi has high hopes for both boys – but their families are on a very low income, and cannot afford to pay for higher education.

Akshay, Selva and many others have worked so hard and deserve a chance to make the most of their talents. People like Hazel Sargeant have helped them from terrible poverty to high school graduation.

Can you help with that final step?

Please give what you can today, and help us reach our target of £12,000 for the Hazel Sargeant Memorial Fund.

Divya Shanthi Mission Support (DSMS) will fundraise for the Hazel Sargeant Memorial Fund and entrust the money raised to Divya Shanthi Christian Association & Trust (Divya Shanthi) in Bangalore to use for tuition fee loans for their students. DSMS is a UK charity set up to support Divya Shanthi, based in Bangalore, India. In particular, we support their work to provide homes, education and work opportunities for vulnerable children and women. DSMS is a small charity with no paid staff. Less than 1% of its income is spent on administration or fundraising.

Divya Shanthi Donation Form: Hazel Sargeant Memorial Fund

I would like to donate the sum of:

£10

£20

£50

£100

Other £ _____

(If you pay income tax or capital gains tax, we are able to reclaim tax at a basic rate, currently 28p for every £1 you give, through the Gift Aid scheme.)

Please tick here if you would like us to reclaim the tax you have paid on this and any future donations you make. We'll need your name, address and signature.

Name:

Address:

Signature:

Date:

Please make cheques payable to “Divya Shanthi Mission Support.”

Please return this form and your donation to Paul Luke, 38 Derwent Avenue, Headington, Oxford, OX3 0AP. If you have any questions or need and more information, speak to Paul or Ali on 01865 434703 or email Ali at ali@aliventures.com.