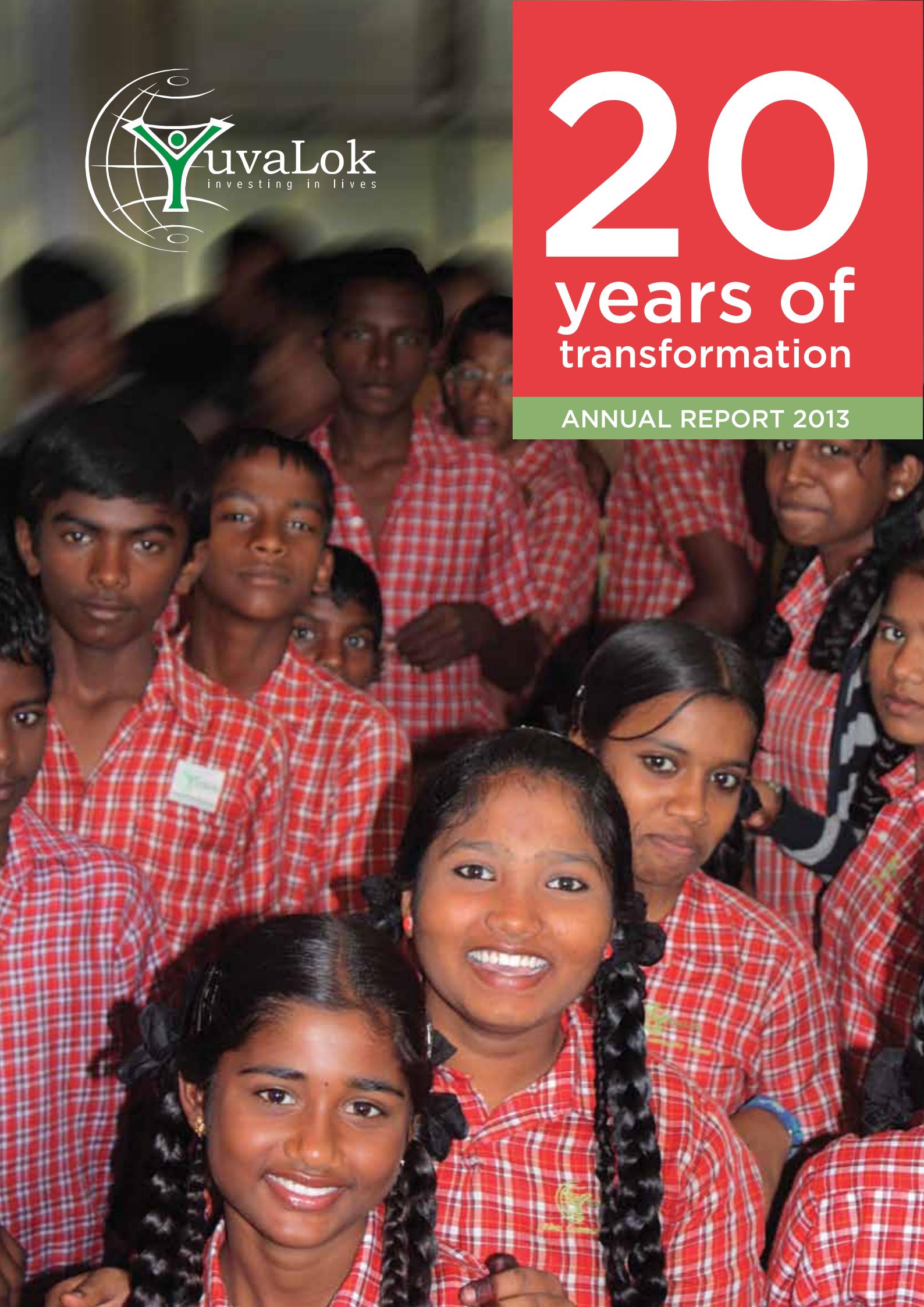




20

years of transformation

ANNUAL REPORT 2013





YuvaLok is a
non-profit organisation
investing in lives
of underprivileged street and
slum children, rescued child
labourers, young girls and
disadvantaged women
since 1993 in the
state of Karnataka, India.

Remembering Our Roots... and Reaching Higher

The YuvaLok story began on a sunny morning in February 1991, when a youngster spied Beulah, my wife, standing in front of the papaya tree in our front yard. He was making his way in the world as a “rag picker,” scavenging food and recyclables.

“Will you pluck a few papayas for me?” Beulah asked. The boy agreed, on the condition that he would get one for himself.

Over the next few days, the boy returned— along with his friends— to pick more papayas, until no papayas were left. By then, we had become friends. Our eyes were opened to the risks they were facing by subsisting on food dumped in garbage bins: infection, food poisoning, disease and malnutrition. They had no access to healthcare or education. They were losing their childhood to poverty.

We began investing in their lives, and what we now call YuvaLok (Young World)

started in our living room, as Beulah, a trained teacher, began classes for four boys. The first ten years of our work was in partnership with Oasis Trust (UK).

Twenty years on, through what has become a network of 10 YuvaLok schools, we have seen thousands of boys’ and girls’ lives transformed as they’ve discovered their value and potential. Through your support, we are able to provide tuition, plus breakfast, lunch, stationery, uniforms, healthcare and transport at one-third the cost of what a comparable school in Bangalore would charge for tuition alone.

The YuvaLok Foundation Annual Report 2013 tells part of the story of what God has done through our efforts and your partnership.

The papayas are being multiplied many times over!

Sam Rajshekhar
Executive Director
YuvaLok



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An eventful year...

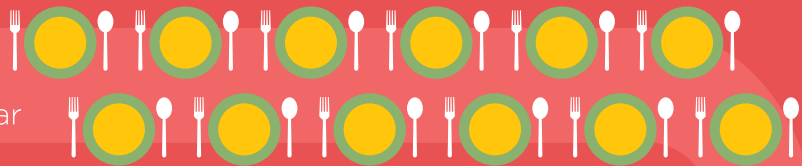
YuvaLok Snapshots 2012-2013



1, 250 students at 10 YuvaLok schools
in 2 cities, in 2 districts

282, 500

meals served during the year



50 graduates accepted
to college/university

100% of students come from
disadvantaged backgrounds



100% of students now have
access to computer and science labs,
and to a library

25 partners



An Overview

What Does YuvaLok Foundation Do?

Who We Are

YuvaLok is a non-profit organisation that serves underprivileged children and families in Karnataka, India, providing education and community development in a holistic way, regardless of caste or religion.

Our Vision

Empowering each child and young person to fulfil his/her highest potential, to live and work with dignity, hope and compassion.

Our Programmes In Bangalore

YuvaLok High School, Hennur

- School for street and slum children, rescued child labourers, school drop-outs and special needs children
- Classes for Standard I – Standard X (1st – 10th grades). Follows the State Government syllabus. Enrollment: 470
- Children receive breakfast and lunch every day
- Healthcare, life skills training and extra-curricular activities build the whole child

YuvaLok School, Kannur

- School in the outskirts of Bangalore for children from nursery to Standard III (kindergarten to third grade)
- 80% of the children come from families who work in the nearby quarries, and are first-generation school-goers
- Supportive leaders in this community provided the land and basic buildings
- 150 children experience the joy of learning and receive daily meals and healthcare to get a good start in life

Threads of Life, Hennur

- 10-month vocational training course in tailoring for girls ages 16-25

- Holistic. Includes life skills, spoken English, training in health/hygiene and activities that build self-esteem

Anna Vahini

- Mobile food programme caters and delivers over 1,000 meals a day to children in our network and partnership projects
- Serves a nine-grain porridge for breakfast and a nutritious lunch

Rural Schools

YuvaLok Chamarajnagar

(In partnership with Prasad Educational Society)

- Located 220 km from Bangalore, near Mysore
- A network of five schools within a 30 km radius. Educating 632 children, all from rural areas
- Four of the schools use the state syllabus, while another serves tribal children from a nearby forest

YuvaLok Pragathi Project

- Four schools to the northwest of Bangalore, in the communities of Kempapura, Erannapalya and Leggere
- Educating 150 children from disadvantaged backgrounds

YuvaLok partners with the
**UN's End Poverty
Millennium Campaign**



Making Education Possible

2012-2013

Shobha Louis, Programme Director



YuvaLok serves families living in Bangalore's slums, many of which are situated en route to the city's international airport. Typically, our students' parents work as construction workers, house maids and security guards. Some children come from single-parent families or are cared for by extended family. All are underprivileged. All 1,250 are packed with possibilities.

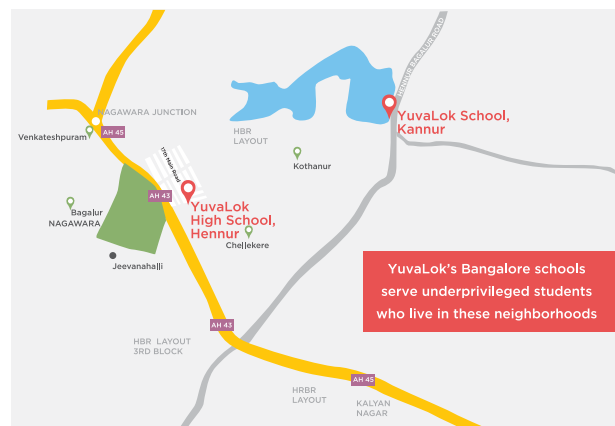
YuvaLok seeks to provide quality, whole-person education that recognizes the potential in all children, so that they may experience a better life and help create a better society. Following are brief descriptions of some of our initiatives and highlights from the 2012- 2013 school year.

Involving Parents

We were encouraged to see 80% of parents attend our two parent meetings this year. These meetings aim to show moms and dads how they can help their children succeed at school and in life. Additionally, teachers' home visits encourage and motivate parents and kids.

Investing In Our Teachers

YuvaLok continually endeavours to train and build the teachers in skills that are required in these changing times. Monthly trainings are facilitated by various resource people. At our annual staff conference, Mr. Vern Hancock led the sessions, and



Gerard and Friends from the Netherlands were heartily involved in all the activities. Annett and Margriet also continued their teachers' training.

Volunteers Serve And Inspire

We are grateful to corporate partners, Thomson Reuters and Goldman Sachs, for their systematic approach and partnerships in the activities of YuvaLok.

Target teams organised student competitions in drawing, painting and public speaking, in addition to conducting quiz programmes, and helping us host a Christmas party.

Our teachers, too, benefited from the training they received from Target volunteers.

Students from IFMSA The Netherlands have continued to come and share their skills in language, crafts, games, and tutoring, as well as in monitoring health and hygiene factors.

It's always a treat to have student volunteers from Marnix Gymnasium, Rotterdam. They work with our children over the course of 10 days to help them prepare, and then perform, a programme.



Our friends Henk and Sia Vegt have helped us in understanding children with special needs. Also, Sia's involvement in the tailoring project was very motivating to the girls.

Fighting Hunger Every Day: Anna Vahini



Providing nutritious breakfast and noon meals to YuvaLok students is a huge undertaking. Thanks to MTCF and YuvaLok Child Netherlands for their ongoing support of the Anna Vahini mobile food programme, and for their deep conviction that "a hungry kid cannot study."

Building Student Leaders

Inside and outside the classroom, students are being prepared to become influencers. At the investiture ceremony, in which student leaders are appointed at the beginning of the academic year, students learn about opportunities to practise leadership skills in their day-to-day life.

Threads Of Life Teaches Sustainable Life Skills



Fifteen girls graduated from this 10-month tailoring course taught by our instructor, Mary Mohan. We are grateful to Alpha India for presenting each girl with a sewing machine.

Celebrating Life And Culture

Children's Day is full of colour and fun. Students honour their instructors on Teachers' Day. At Christmas, Bangalore International Christian Fellowship, along with our ever-generous Dutch friends, organised gifts for the children. Thanks to Gerard, Tineke and friends for your commitment and partnership in these celebrations.

Graduation: A Launch Pad

At YuvaLok High School this year, 42 students appeared for the SSLC Board Exam and are moving forward. Eighteen have found admission in local colleges. The graduation ceremony opened the eyes of all 500 students to see possibilities beyond their school days. Mr. Keith Lewis' commencement address inspired the graduates to see themselves as agents of change.





Meet A YuvaLok Graduate

I am Pandian, and I graduated from YuvaLok five years ago. I found admission in a reputed college and am presently in my third and final year of studies for a Bachelor of Computer Applications. Thus far I've been able to attain first class marks in my course. My dream is to become a computer engineer, and my humble desire is to take care of my family— my parents and four brothers.

In order to be successful in society, we need good education as well as good behaviour. At YuvaLok, our teachers made sure that by the time we graduated, we'd become gentlemen.

I appreciate the staff of YuvaLok for the growth I have achieved and am grateful that many others like me have benefited from this service.

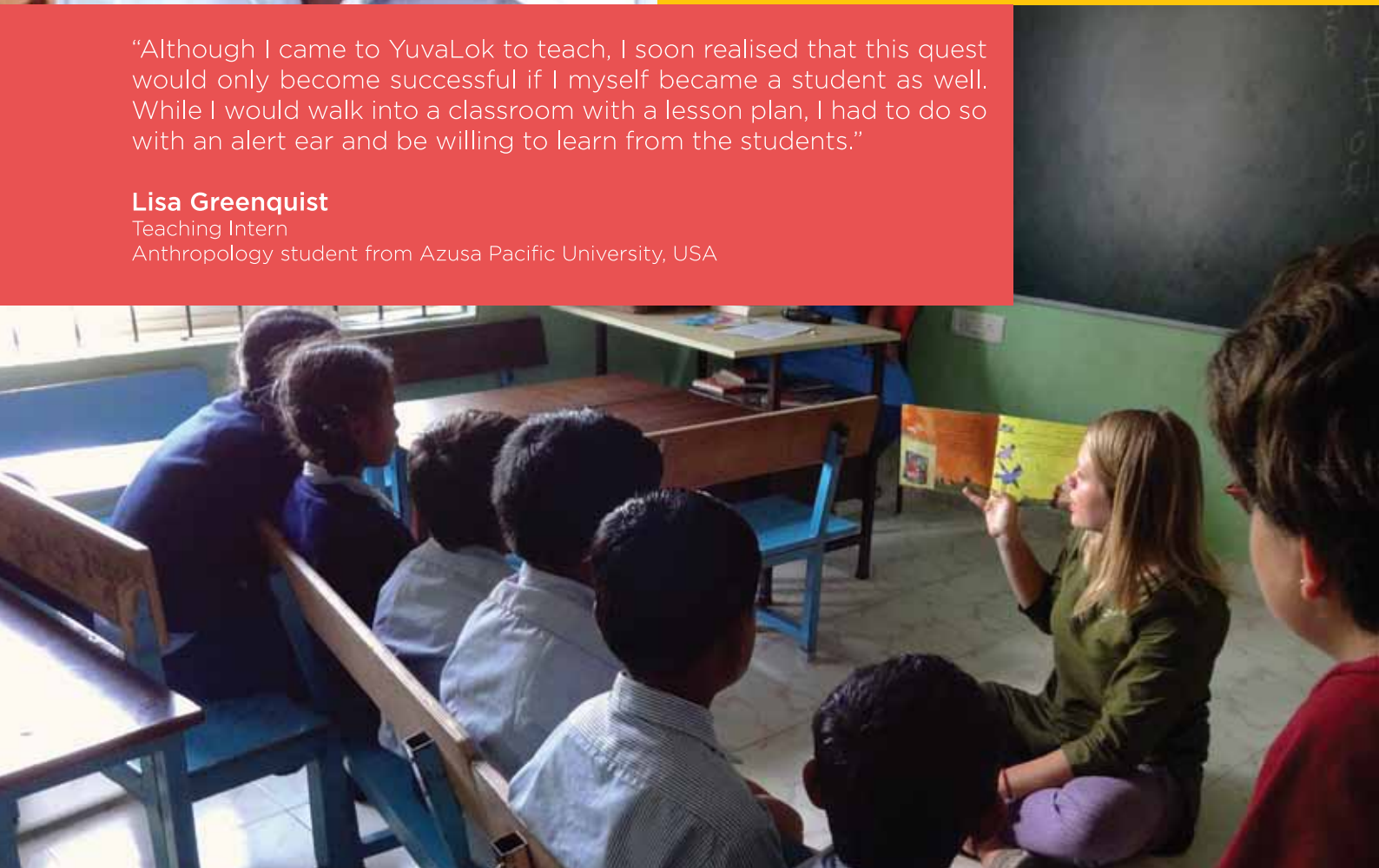
Pandian and many others are in college today, thanks to the continuous support of Gerard, Tineke and friends from Maassluis, The Netherlands.

"Although I came to YuvaLok to teach, I soon realised that this quest would only become successful if I myself became a student as well. While I would walk into a classroom with a lesson plan, I had to do so with an alert ear and be willing to learn from the students."

Lisa Greenquist

Teaching Intern

Anthropology student from Azusa Pacific University, USA



Closing the Gap Between Poverty and Hope

How beautiful to see an organisation like YuvaLok at work to provide children a chance for a better future. Just as it shows on their website: "From Street to School." I have visited some of the locations where YuvaLok is at work and it made me very happy to see the smiling faces of all the children who benefit greatly. The management is in very good hands by dedicated people. The love for children in need is coming straight out of their hearts. Sam Rajshekhar and Shobha Louis, as well their staff members, have touched my heart, just by showing what it means for them to bring genuine love for children into practice.

It is my sincere pleasure to support YuvaLok when and wherever I can because I am 101% convinced that this organisation closes gaps in life between poverty and hope.

I "hear" a voice speaking: *"And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'"* This is a voice well understood by the people from YuvaLok, and for that reason they are worthy of any support we can provide.

With our deepest and sincere love,
Dik & Hermien van der Linden
The Netherlands





Metamorphosis

Both before and after the school bell rings, you'll often find Pushpa Nancy, a teacher with YuvaLok since 1999, sitting with students who need extra help with their lessons in English, science and mathematics.

The YuvaLok High School teacher reflects here on the growth and changes she's observed in her students, and in the school, over the years.

The day I joined here as teacher is forever etched in mind. I saw Mrs. Beulah Rajshekhar and another teacher sitting on the floor, surrounded by children, tackling a mathematical problem.

Over the next 13 years, I would come to see many children facing problems that children should never experience— want, rejection and homelessness. But at YuvaLok, through wholehearted acceptance and holistic care, **I have seen many who came in battered by life, eventually go out full of hopes.** Constant encouragement from the teachers, along with exposure to music, computers, life skills and other value-added programs, has boosted their confidence.

The daily nutritional care that is being provided has kept the children healthy and strong. One child was quite sickly with asthma and dry skin when she started school, but over the last few years she has grown quite healthy and is doing very well both in academics and sports. It was such a joy to see her breeze through the competitions at an inter-school sports meet.

In the initial stages, when we hosted parent meetings, we only got to meet with the mothers. We had to do our best to change the fathers' way of thinking and encourage them to participate. Now we are quite happy to see that the fathers,

too, are present and are taking an active role in their children's education.

Today our girls can dare to dream of a career of possibilities, and not just follow in their mothers' footsteps as maids and cooks. One of our girls has taken up a BBM course, and it is a matter of great pride for all of us. Two others are preparing for medicine and engineering. The tailoring project has helped many of the girls to consider an alternate sustainable livelihood, instead of being discouraged that they couldn't comprehend mathematics and science.

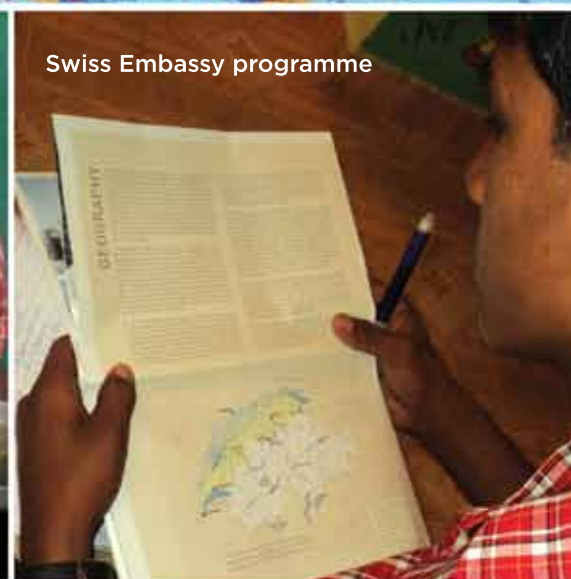
It is a dream come true for me to be able to sit in a proper classroom and conduct experiments or show specimens in a laboratory. When we were using rented homes for the school, we had to move around so much, and that was really challenging and unsettling.

We have evolved gradually, step by step. A metamorphosis indeed! Going through tough times, rough patches and difficult decisions has made us stronger and enabled us to explore so many possibilities. We, as YuvaLok, with our vast interaction and involvement in transformation over these past many years are today resourceful people who are witnesses that education can break the poverty cycle.

Volunteers at a co-curricular activity



Anna Vahini food programme



Swiss Embassy programme



Henk and Sia



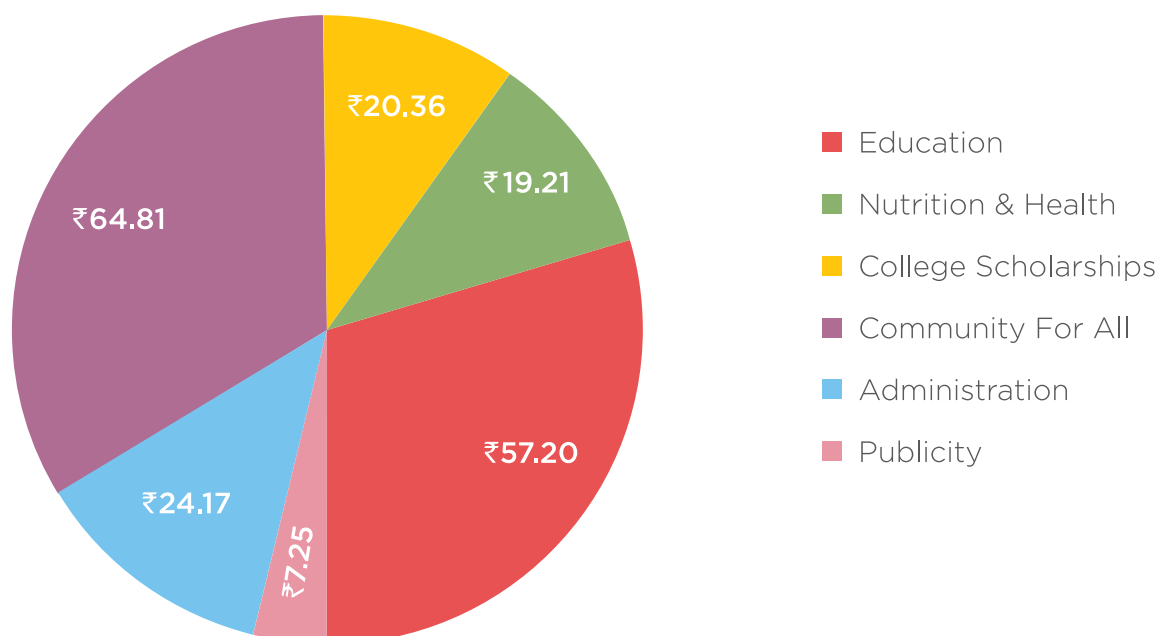
A student learning a tip from
Mr. John Devaraj of Dream a Dream



YuvaLok students and volunteers from
Goldman Sachs helping keep Lalbagh clean

Financials

2012 - 2013 Expenditure In Rupees (Lakhs)



Board Members

From Left: Daniel Christopher, Shobha Louis (Finance / Programme Director), Moses Mamdapur (Treasurer), Viji Raghavan (Chairperson), Sam Rajshekhar (CEO), J. V. Raj, Robert Khin, Amy Purushotham, Shyamal Kumar (Vice Chair).

Not in the picture: Sonya Chacko and Ajai Roy



Our Partners

MTCF: Dr. Sajan K George, President of MTCF, has been a close friend and active supporter of YuvaLok from the time of its inception. MTCF shares the same passion and concern for the poor, and with our combined effort in finding solutions we aim to bring about transformation in society.

The “Save a Million Lives” programme supported by MTCF has been able to collect 150 bottles of blood that was supplied to two blood banks.

Three hundred students have been given support for their education in rural areas of the country.

We are grateful to MTCF for the great impact we are able to make in these two areas.

YuvaLok Child: Our heartfelt thanks go to Dr. Engel Antonides, Chairman of the Board and members of YuvaLok Child Foundation Netherlands, for their continued support over the past five years. Education and nutrition are always priorities for them.

Target: The students, staff and management express their gratefulness to Target for supporting us since 2009. We thank you for trusting in us and investing time and resources so that hundreds of children may experience progressive education and life-giving nutrition.

Leadership Foundations is a global network of urban leaders working to heal broken lives and hearts so that healthy people are living in healthy places. YuvaLok Foundation is pleased to be affiliated with Leadership Foundations.

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2nd August 2013

To: Sam Rajshekar

What a joy it is to know Yuvalok will be celebrating 20 years. This is a significant mile stone and deserves all the accolades.

Sam, I've known you for nearly four decades and have been impressed with your passion for young people. Yuvalok has not only helped you grow in this direction but also transfer this passion to those in real need. I'm sure the many young ones who have been touched have now grown into being responsible adults.

May the Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless Yuvalok with many more decades of fulfilling service.

Dr. Ken Gnanakan
Chancellor
ACTS Group of Institutions



David Hillis



Dear Friends of the YuvaLok Leadership Foundation,

It is my immense pleasure to have the opportunity to write this brief reflection of affirmation and support on behalf of the YuvaLok Leadership Foundation (YLF). It is my hope that you will be deeply encouraged by the investment you have made as you read about the work and the outcomes they have achieved in the following pages.

YLF is a vital member of a global network called the Leadership Foundations (LF). Each local leadership foundation (LLF), like YLF, is committed to working for the social and spiritual renewal of their particular city by using the LF framework of transformation where we connect leaders of good faith and good will; develop the capacity of others; and facilitate collective joint action. Through these three functions each LLF is encouraged to engage the unique issues of their particular city.

It is within this context that YLF for the past 20 years has loved and cared for Bangalore. Beginning with young people who had no access to quality education, they have spread their reach and influence and have now opened up several schools, engaged leaders throughout the city, and continued to develop the capacity of others who have also cared for this great city. A year ago I had the particular privilege as president of LF of participating on an accreditation team that spent 3 days evaluating their work (each LLF is required to be accredited every 5 years to ensure performance standards are being met). Simply stated, I came away even more impressed at the impressive work that YLF has accomplished through their hard work, smart strategies, and faithful perseverance.

What is also deeply encouraging is because of YLF's faithful effectiveness, other cities throughout India have expressed interest in joining the LF movement. As a result Mr. Sam Rajshekhar not only serves as the president of YLF, but also serves the larger movement as a Senior Associate where he provides mentoring, training, and technical assistance for other interested cities.

Within the LF movement we often talk about how we are "better together than we are apart." The LF network is certainly better as a result of YLF and its hard work, smart strategies, and faithful perseverance throughout the years.

With great regards,

Dr. David Hillis
Leadership Foundations President

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To: The Board of YuvaLok Foundation

YuvaLokChild is a foundation that supports the beautiful work of YuvaLok Foundation since 2009. We, the board members of YuvaLokChild, were visiting YuvaLok Foundation in January 2009. With our team of World Servants we were able to experience their activities firsthand. This impressive experience made us decide to start YuvaLokChild when we returned to The Netherlands.

We congratulate the Board of YuvaLok Foundation with their 20th anniversary. We are impressed about the fact that their work, that benefits the poor children from the slums of Bangalore, has been done already for so many years.

And so we are honoured to give support from our country to the important work of YuvaLok Foundation. We pray that we will be able to continue our support in the years to come.

May God bless the children, the staff, the board members and all the supporters of YuvaLok.

Board members of YuvaLokChild Foundation:

Dr. Engel Antonides

Mrs. Linda Blaauw

Mrs. Betty Holsappel

Mr. Rein Kremer

Mr. Frans van Oorspronk



Courage to Care

A Letter from the Chairperson and the Executive Director

Twenty years ago we took up the challenge of taking neglected young people off the streets and bringing them to a safe and welcoming environment. Gradually the “day-care” program transformed into an educational centre offering classes up to the 10th grade, and became recognized by the Government of Karnataka. Today, in our efforts to uplift the poor, the hungry and the illiterate, we are providing education and nutrition through our own two schools and supporting eight other schools in the state. **We believe that by empowering the poor, there is an all-round benefit not only for them, but also for the whole society.**

It's impossible to quantify and measure the impact of a changed life. However, we can report that 50 of our boys and girls are now in college, with financial support from us. A few have taken up part-time jobs to cover their college fees. Many other YuvaLok alumni are now working in respectable jobs with decent wages. These young people are packed with promise and will help shape society in the years to come.

Here are some of the “tangibles” that demonstrate YuvaLok's increased capacity over the last two decades:

- The number of staff has risen from 0 to 82
- We've moved from rented buildings to our own properties
- Over 400 young women have been trained in sustainable vocational skills
- The budget has risen from Rs. 25,000 in 1993 to Rs. 20 million in 2013

Each step in our progress has required courage to see beyond the obstacles and unknowns of the present.

Steve Jobs, co-founder of Apple Inc., once said: “Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition.”

In a similar vein are the words recorded

by Joshua more than 3,000 years ago: “*Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will go with you wherever you go*” (The Bible, Joshua 1:9).

Here are two recent examples of how YuvaLok's courage to care is bearing fruit:

At the time of writing this letter, we were asked to help out in the State Government's project “Ksheera Bhagya” (“A Blessing of Milk”) to over 4,000 poor kids in 40 government-run schools daily. This is because of a shared vision for the poor, the neatness of our facilities, and the quality of service we provide.

Secondly, Leadership Foundations, USA granted us accreditation. LF is a network consisting of individuals and organisations throughout the world working together to transform their cities through effective leadership. It is a committed, global community of people who share a common vision, mission and set of values. We are honored to be associated with such an esteemed organisation.

Our sincere appreciation also goes to our partners, benefactors and advocates. Your commitment to this work is making achievable the vision to take the gift of love to those who need it the most. Yes, we have accomplished much over the years, and it could happen only because God has been at work amidst us.

We hope that this report arouses your curiosity and inspires you to seek more information on the work of YuvaLok, and that you will have the satisfaction of supporting a worthy cause.

Yours sincerely,

Viji Raghavan
Chairperson



Sam Rajshekhar
Executive Director





Join With Us

Please join us in transforming urban India, one student at a time. Gifts to YuvaLok have an immediate and purposeful impact in providing quality education to young people who live in slums and communities with limited educational options. Through your gift, you indeed become part of the YuvaLok Foundation, joining 10 schools, hundreds of students, 25 partners, and other benefactors in providing the hope and the opportunity for success to children and young people.

To know more, contact us at:

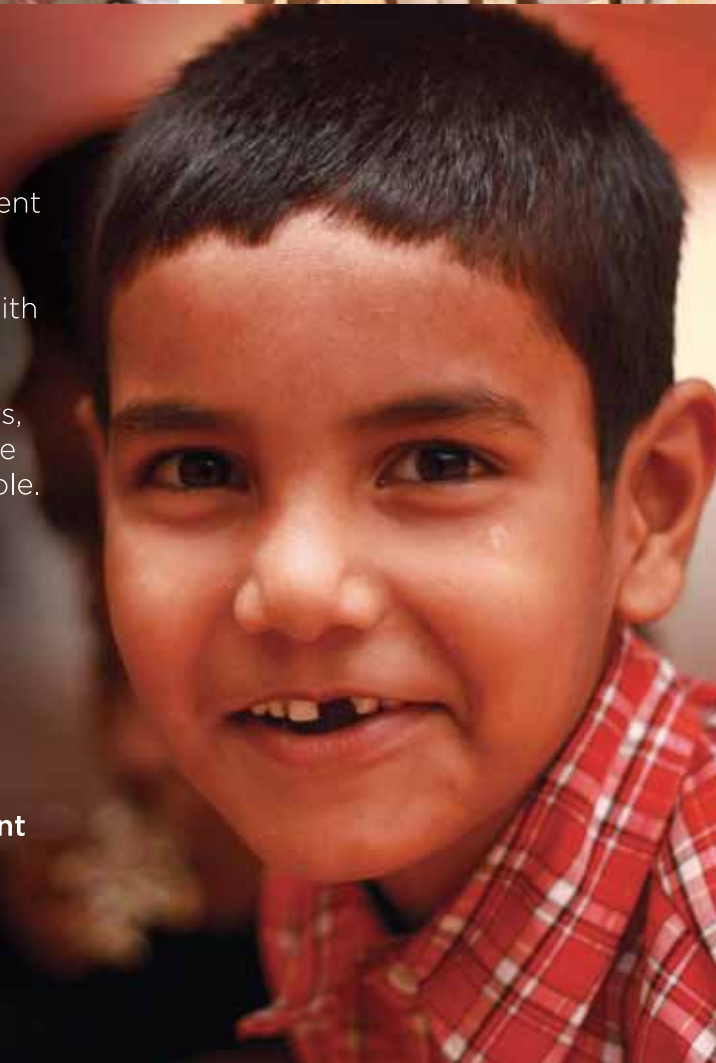
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