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**Udayan Care USA Summer Newsletter**

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## **Growing and growing!**

**As summer draws to a close, we have much to celebrate at Udayan Care USA.**

**We are on track to raise more money this year than ever before, which will allow us to make a bigger impact on the lives of disadvantaged women and children in India. Thanks to donors like you, our sister organization--Udayan Care India--has continued to grow. They opened a second Ghar home for girls in Faridabad, which has brought more orphaned, abandoned, and abused children into the loving arms of the Udayan Care family. Your donations are helping to transform the lives of these young Indians. Read more below to find out how!**

Grateful for your support, **The Udayan Care USA Board:** Jesse George-Nichol, Shraddha Gupta, Vishal Goyal, Anitha Kosanam, Dr. Kiran Modi, Monika Saksena, Ruchi Saran, Netoo Sethi, and Aneesha Wadhwa.

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### ***Meet Michael***

#### ***An Udayan Ghar Child - Gurugram***

***Michael came to Udayan Care in 2017 at the age of 15. Separated from his family at just 8 years old, Michael had spent the previous seven years in another orphanage, where he suffered terrible abuse and neglect. Coming from such a background, Michael struggled with low self-esteem and the ability to trust others.***

***He finally found the love and support he had been missing in his new Udayan Ghar home. He was slow to come out of his shell, but Michael has gradually become more trusting and confident with the help of Udayan Care's mental health professionals and the warmth and affection of his caregivers and new Ghar brothers.***

***Surrounded by the kind of love and family he had not had in years, Michael felt a new urgency to find and connect with his lost family. The traumas of the previous years had obliterated many of his memories of early childhood, but after months of fruitless searching, a friendly child welfare officer got a lead. Michael found his father while wandering the labyrinthine streets of the Mahipalpur village in Delhi, and at the sight of his long lost son, tears sprang to the eyes of the older man--hair now gray with age.***

***The father and son spent hours talking, and Michael's father helped his son to***

*recover the memories he had lost. Michael is now determined to finish his studies so that when he returns home to his father, he--now a man--can support the family that he lost as a small child.*

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## **Udayan Care Annual Summer Camp**



**In spite of the scorching summer heat, 205 children, 27 young adults, and 40 staff members came together for the annual five-day Udayan Ghar Annual Summer Camp at the Jagshanti Ghar in Greater Noida. Children learned about dance, theater, music, and martial arts--all of which they put on display at the camp's grand finale performance. They also attended sessions on other, more academic subjects--the most popular of which was "Experiments with Science." The whole camp provided a wonderful opportunity for Udayan Care's Ghar children to learn, connect, and grow as a family.**

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## **Shalini Camps**





**The Vadodara chapter of the Udayan Shalini program attended an eight-day camp this summer, focused on building their skills outside of the classroom. They attended sessions on everything from self-defense and conversational English to computer literacy. At the end of the camp Shalini fellow Komal said: "I feel strong, [and] have got the confidence to travel alone and respond to any mishap." Meanwhile the North Delhi, Gurugram, and Greater Noida Shalinis attended residential summer camps focused on Udayan Care's core values. They attended sessions covering such various topics as creative writing, mediation, cyber security, and menstrual hygiene, and the camp culminated in a performance featuring original plays, dances, and poetry performed by the Shalinis.**

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#### **Udayan Care USA's Mission**

To provide a nurturing home for every orphaned child; an opportunity for higher education for every girl; and for every adult, the dignity of self-reliance and the desire to give back to society. To learn more about the Udayan Ghar (Home) and the Udayan Shalini Fellowship Programs, please go to [www.udayancareusa.org](http://www.udayancareusa.org)

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