“A child is like a water drop from the heavens – you need to collect it before it gets mixed up with earthly mire.”

— SWAMI DAYANANDA SARASWATI, AIM FOR SEVA FOUNDER
The All India Movement for Seva came into being because our founder’s caring heart was called to action. Today, countless volunteers put caring into action each day by educating, nurturing and empowering the children of impoverished rural India, giving them every chance to develop their full potential – and that of the nation.

As we mark our 20th anniversary and celebrate the 20 million lives we’ve impacted, we give thanks to our volunteers and donors for their selfless contributions that enable us to transform rural India, one child at a time.
Our holistic approach to caring for our children is thoughtfully designed to address every aspect of their mental, emotional, physical and spiritual needs. From the most essential needs of a loving home, quality nutrition, and a fully supportive environment, to quality education and health care, we reach our children during the most critical developmental years so that we can have the greatest impact.

Our mission is to empower our children to become all that they can be by fostering …

- Interest and career pursuits
- Creative expression
- Strong morals and a heart of service
- Cultural awareness and celebration
- Overall well-being

“My time in the chatralaya has positively changed my life in every way: my thoughts, my character, my ambitions, how I treat others. I have faced and managed difficult situations, made my own decisions, grown rich in heart, and matured as a person.”

— Iaineh Khongdup, AIM for Seva Chatralaya for Girls, Belgaum, Karnataka
AIM for Seva was founded on the concept of building chatralaya, or free student homes, in close proximity to schools, giving children of rural India access to quality education and the opportunity to pursue their career and life dreams. Today, 104 chatralaya serve as a loving home away from home for 4,000 children from grades 4 through 12 each year, providing a nurturing environment, academic support, and enriching activities.

Our seven schools offer a value-based curriculum for more than 5,000 students each year in kindergarten through college. Designed to fully prepare our students, whether furthering their education or seeking employment in their field of study, our programming also imparts cultural validation, community spirit, and the concept of seva.

AIM for Seva works to address the health care challenges of rural India through its six facilities, including two hospitals, an eye hospital, two clinics, and a wellness center. Our health care facilities offer comprehensive care, from treating common ailments to performing surgery, for more than 150,000 patients each year. All consultations, medicines and treatments are provided either free of charge or at a subsidized cost.

Our childrens' academic pursuits are balanced with life-enriching and culturally significant events, teachings and experiences. From daily yoga sessions, after-school sports, and local outings, to moral studies and artistic endeavors, our programs promote awareness, self-discipline, creativity, and overall well-being.
“This is my home, and I am guided and encouraged to study well here. My sister and I get nutritious meals, read the newspaper every day, and do a lot of arts and crafts. I’m very happy we came to this hostel. We share a special bond with the 41 girls living here, and we enjoy every single day.”

— Usha Madhu, AIM for Seva Chatralaya for Girls, Yelahanka, Karnataka

“My life has taken a turn for the better since coming to the chatralaya. I and the 32 other boys here have become independent, and we are encouraged to work and study hard in order to achieve our goals in school and life.”

— Ankit Pandey, AIM for Seva Chatralaya for Boys, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh

“Through my chatralaya experience, I realized that every single second is precious and should not be wasted. While everyone in my class and chatralaya was veering toward engineering, I had the desire to pursue a different path and become the first student from the Solan chatralaya to practice medicine.”

— Dinesh Thakur, Alumnus, Solan Chatralaya for Boys, Himachal Pradesh

“Living in the chatralaya taught me the importance of discipline and of giving back. The guardians of my chatralaya showed me great care and nurturing. My experience has instilled in me the desire to help those in need and to make a difference in society.”

— S. Nagajothi, AIM for Seva Tribal Girls Chatralaya, Nandyal, Andhra Pradesh

“As a child, my village school wasn’t electrified, and when we came back from school, there was no motivation to study. Our career paths were pretty much predetermined at that juncture – farming. That all changed for me when I moved to the AIM for Seva chatralaya. I made good use of all of the facilities at my disposal: after-school academic support, yoga and music. I realized that if I had to achieve something in life, educational continuity was the key. After completing my graduate studies, I was chosen for one of only two vacancies with the Indian Postal Service. I now make it a point to go back to the Indore chatralaya frequently and help students with their studies.”

— Amit Bhargow, Bapu-Buddh AIM for Seva Chatralaya for Boys, Indore, Madhya Pradesh

AIM for Seva’s unique holistic care model enables underprivileged children of rural India to pursue their passions and realize their full potential.

Our chatralaya provide a loving home away from home, nourishing meals, and academic support.

Yoga, sports, and other recreational activities are an integral part of our students’ lives.

Wellness is made a priority with quality health care available to all students.

Children are exposed to sustainable living practices such as gardening and solar energy.

Value-based education is brought right to their doorstep, preparing students intellectually and creatively for lifelong fulfillment and success.

Our Impact

2,300 villages reached across 16 states in rural India

20 million lives touched in rural India since 2000

9,000 students per year

5,000,000 meals served per year

150,000 patients treated per year in rural India

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Join the Movement

If you would like to touch a child’s life and help transform rural India, you can make a donation to support our ongoing important work by visiting our General Donation page at www.aimforsevausa.org.

“Upon learning of Swami Dayananda Saraswati’s vision for a school and nearby chatralaya for the children of impoverished Madhya Pradesh, my wife, Bimla, and I knew that it was the project we had been looking to sponsor. It would enable AIM for Seva’s life-transforming work to reach more children in need and would allow us to honor our late parents with a memorial in their homeland. Upon visiting the project site and seeing firsthand the poverty and dire circumstances the families face, our commitment was further confirmed and strengthened.”

— Jugal Kishor, Bay Area, California

Highest rating awarded to AIM for Seva for the fourth consecutive year.
“Dānam, giving and sharing, is the means for growth. We grow from being a consumer to a contributor.”

— SWAMI DAYANANDA SARASWATI, AIM FOR SEVA FOUNDER

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