



This little boy found me one morning at a café in Darjeeling. I was drinking tea, and he came up to me. I asked him if he wanted to eat something, and he replied, "Coffee." He was about 7, and I could not help laughing and insisting that he have some milk and food instead. He was like a seasoned little man, a ragamuffin, with torn clothes and no shoes. The second he had finished his food, he ran away without a word.

I thought to myself, what could he be if he had a chance to go to school? What could he accomplish if he did not have to work or beg just to survive?

That is why I started Baal Dan.

Tanya Pinto, Founder

### About Tanya Pinto

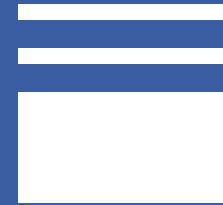
In 2005, Tanya Pinto left her job in advertising to take a three-month sabbatical in India. While volunteering at Mother Teresa's orphanage in Calcutta, she noticed a large number of street children in India (some as young as 3 years old). Many were working or begging. After Tanya returned to the United States and did some research, she discovered that India has over 18 million street children.

**"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."**

**-Mother Teresa**

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**baal dan**  
helping children in need

**Baal means Child.  
Dan means Donation.**

There are over 18 million  
street children in India.  
Baal Dan was created to  
help these children.

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“Be the change you want to see in the world.”

–Mahatma Gandhi



## About Baal Dan

With all the wealth there is in the world, there should be no reason why any child should live on the streets without the basics of food, clothing, shelter, and education.

### Baal Dan's Mission

To help street children and orphans as directly and efficiently as possible, while investing in ways to provide these children with an education.

## Street Children in India

India has the largest population of street children in the world.

*Source: United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Human Development Report, 1993*

India has over 18 million street children—that is the population of Florida.

*Source: Government of India, 1991 Census and US City Populations, US Census, 2006*

In India:

25 million children are orphans

47% of children under the age of three are malnourished

2.2 million children die before age 5 every year

26% of the population lives below the income poverty line

*Source: UNICEF State of the World's Children Report*

## What Does Baal Dan Do?

### Fundraising

Our primary goal is to raise awareness and funds to help street children and orphans in India. We receive donations through multiple channels—including [baaldan.com](http://baaldan.com), events, selling T-shirts, and word of mouth.

### Determining Needs

We identify those organizations in India that feed, house, and educate impoverished children in innovative and effective ways. As our funds grow, we hope to expand our efforts to include children in Africa as well.

### Supplying Food and Goods

We then supply those organizations with the food and goods (clothes, blankets, school supplies, medicines) needed to care for and educate the children. Baal Dan purchases all supplies in local markets. Our dollar goes a long way in India, and we seek to get the highest return for every donation.

## What Makes Baal Dan Different?

Baal Dan does not have a religious affiliation or bias. We're dedicated to helping all children in need. By providing more children with the chance to go to school, Baal Dan is helping to break the cycle of poverty. And since Baal Dan is volunteer-based, administrative costs are extremely low and in some cases completely eliminated. The goal is to use the most money to help those who need it the most—the children.

## Ways You Can Help

### Donate

Did you know that \$1 = 43 rupees? That's enough to buy a book, or a meal in India.

\$20 can feed a child for one month

\$100 can buy clothes and school supplies for a child for a year

\$250 can provide one child with complete rent and tuition, plus food and school supplies for one year

You can easily make a donation online at [baaldan.com](http://baaldan.com).

### Volunteer

Baal Dan is a completely volunteer-based nonprofit organization. We are always looking for dedicated people to help us with our work in the US and India. You can make a difference with your talents.

### Pennies for Baal Dan

People across the country are collecting pennies for Baal Dan. In jars, boxes, in their cars, at their offices. All those pennies add up and can go a long way to help children in need. So please, save your pennies for Baal Dan.

### Start a Student Chapter

Calling all college students! There are many ways to get involved with Baal Dan, and if your school qualifies, you can start a Baal Dan chapter to raise funds and provide volunteer opportunities on your campus. Email [info@baaldan.com](mailto:info@baaldan.com) for details.

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