

# Home of Hope Youth Chapter

Founded in May 2010



# ABOUT THE YOUTH CHAPTER

## Our purpose:

- to promote and expand Home of Hope's mission -  
to help orphaned, abandoned, mentally/physically  
challenged, or otherwise underserved children become  
self-sustaining, productive members of society

## Our motto: "Kids Helping Kids"

## Our goal:

**to raise funds to educate the underprivileged**

**Focus of Home of Hope Youth Chapter: Education**  
**Local and International Projects**

**Current Issue: Literacy Rates**

**India**

- total population: 61%
- male: 73.4%
- female: 47.8%

**Cities in US**

Oakland:

- 72% of third graders read below grade level and 17% are illiterate.

# FIRST MEETING

- Over 25 youth
- Dr. Nilima gave HOH presentation



# First Fundraiser

## HOME OF HOPE YOUTH CHAPTER FUNDRAISER

Just say "Home of Hope Youth" at the register and 20% of your yogurt proceeds will be donated to disadvantaged, orphaned children in India.



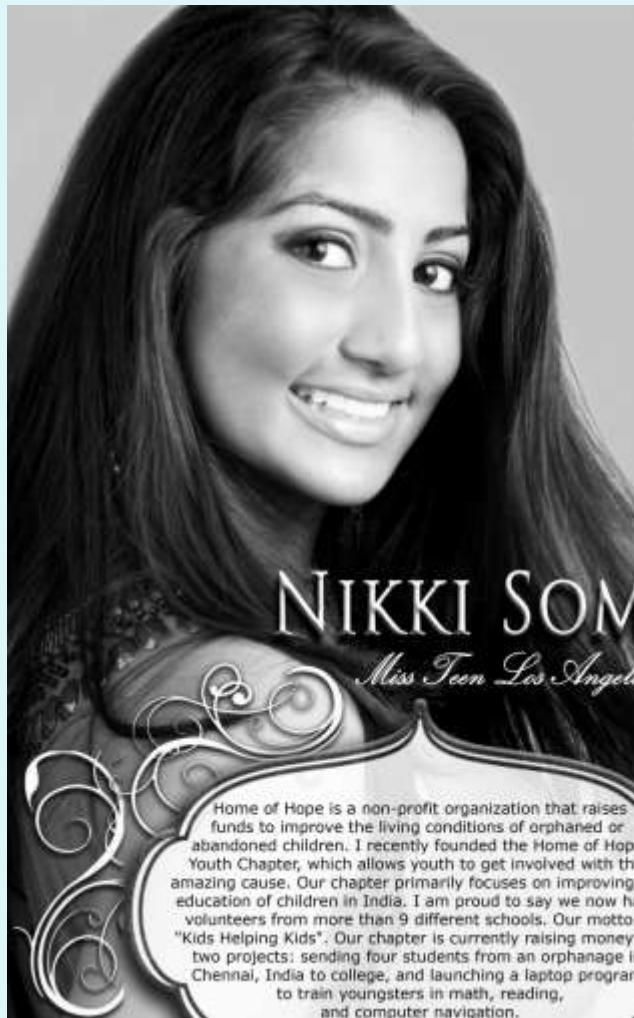
July 8<sup>th</sup> at Yogurtland

152 Sunset Drive, San Ramon

Directions: Turn onto Sunset Drive from Bollinger Canyon Road. Turn left into shopping complex. Take the first right into the parking lot.



# NIKKI SOMANI'S REIGN AS MISS TEEN LOS ANGELES 2011



**NIKKI SOMANI**  
*Miss Teen Los Angeles Intl 2011*

**JCH**  
Youth Chapter

Home of Hope is a non-profit organization that raises funds to improve the living conditions of orphaned or abandoned children. I recently founded the Home of Hope Youth Chapter, which allows youth to get involved with this amazing cause. Our chapter primarily focuses on improving the education of children in India. I am proud to say we now have volunteers from more than 9 different schools. Our motto is "Kids Helping Kids". Our chapter is currently raising money for two projects: sending four students from an orphanage in Chennai, India to college, and launching a laptop program to train youngsters in math, reading, and computer navigation.

SEPTEMBER 2011

PLATFORM:  
HOME OF HOPE

# ANNUAL HOME OF HOPE GALA

- Youth Chapter performed a Bollywood/Bhangra dance
- Volunteers served as ambassadors
- Raised over \$7000 in table sponsorships





# **Home of Hope Youth Chapter Projects**



Super Stars Literacy

# OUR LOCAL PROJECT: SUPER STARS LITERACY

- Parker Elementary in Oakland, California
- HOHYC volunteers will mentor students every week
- Work with children in Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> grade who exhibit significant delays in reading skills development and thus are at serious risk of school failure.



# **INTERNATIONAL PROJECT:**

**EMPOWERMENT  
THROUGH  
ENGLISH**

**By: Ganisha Sethi**

# PURPOSE

- To teach the kids of Koshish how to speak, confidently, one of the most widely spoken languages in the world.
- For these kids to gain confidence, motivation, and empowerment.
- And for them to feel proficient enough in English to aim for and attain higher goals of education.

# OVERVIEW

- This program will focus on teaching Koshish students “correct” English.
- They will be involved in hands-on and interactive lessons, which will allow them to learn new concepts in a comfortable environment.
- They will be able to speak their minds and will in return learn to listen to their peers.

# END RESULT

- The goal of Empowerment through English is for the students to truly learn English. Not take notes and be able to regurgitate what they've memorized, but really build knowledge.
- And with this knowledge, they will build their self-esteem and reach for their own goals.

# FUTURE PLANS

- OLPC
- Scholarships for Education

# GOALS

- Continue expanding Youth Chapter
- Continue raising awareness of illiteracy

# HOH YOUTH BOARD

- President/Founder - Nikki Somani
- Co-VP - Roshan Roy
- Co-VP - Kiren Singh
- Treasurer - Sachal Nanda
- Secretary - Amaraj Judge
- Head Events Coordinator - Nisha Panjabi
- Head Events Coordinator - Monica Vora
- Events Coordinator - Gurmeet Marwaha
- Head of Membership Committee - Ryan Malhan

**Youth Chapter** – around 90 volunteers from  
20 different schools, 12-20 years old



# ADDITIONAL HOHYC OFFICERS

- Head of Community Outreach - Pavit Deol
- Head of Newsletter - Anna Roberts
- Writer - Vikram Sahni
- Crafts of Hope Advisory Board - Rupali Saiya
- Events Coordinators - Laura Laszik, Arnosh Keswani, Khushboo Seghal
- Media/PR Committee - Shivaani Sharma (head), Shaan Somani
- Head of Recycling Fundraising Committee - Maekhila Koppikar
- Head of Video Editing - Shaan Somani
- Webmasters - Imara Kassam, Lina Vera
- Historians - Dominique Turcotte, Meera Jayaraman, Sarina Ramakrishnan

# Roshan Roy -Society for the Education of the Crippled -



# CONTACT INFORMATION

- Website: <http://hohyouthchapter.org>
- Email: [hohyouth@gmail.com](mailto:hohyouth@gmail.com)
- Facebook group: [Home of Hope Youth Chapter](#)

**GET INVOLVED!** 😊