



Asha for Education  
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To whomsoever it may concern:

31 July 2008

Asha for Education, a 501©3 organization based in the United States, with a mission to work for socio-economic change in India through education of underprivileged children, hereby attests that the receipt portrayed and claimed as a donation by “Anashwara Groups” from the organization Seva Chakkara Orphanage is a forgery of a receipt that was given to Asha for Education upon a donation to the same Seva Chakkara Orphanage. Seva Chakkara Orphanage is a long term partner of Asha for Education, and continues to be so.

Seva Chakkara Orphanage is an orphanage that houses 89 children and is located in the heart of Chennai, India. The orphanage runs the residential primary school for the younger children (grades I-V) after which the children write open examinations and attend grades VI onwards in local schools, but continue to live at the orphanage. As the children grow older, the orphanage provides them with vocational training on a case-by-case basis. Although the primary activities of the organization are targeted to children, the orphanage also provides what they can for needy and helpless people. This includes a few elderly people who are homeless and women who have been abused by their husbands. They attempt to find jobs for these women through donors, and support them until they become self-sufficient.

Asha's involvement with the orphanage started with accounting for the immediate requirements of the residential school of teacher's salaries, books, blackboards, and a part of the rent since the orphanage did not own any land or property. With time, upon understanding the requirements of the orphanage, Asha is now working with the orphanage in many different capacities, including supporting the children, providing support to secure a permanent home for the orphanage (now completed), and supporting improvements in education. Asha has been involved with this organization since 2000 and have supported the activities of the organization through interactions from volunteers and through financial means up to \$167,700 over the past 7 years.


In the interest of full disclosure, Asha for Education would like to make the following declarations:

1. Asha for Education made a donation of \$5000 in April 2005 (among other donations, all donation details are at: <http://www.ashanet.org/projects/project-view.php?p=252>). All donations from Asha for Education to Seva Chakkara Orphanage are done through FCRA (Foreign Contributions Regulations Act), and are as such reported on the income/expenditure report of the organization to the Government of India, and are all publicly available and can easily and accurately be verified thereof.



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2. Asha for Education received a receipt for the same dated May 5<sup>th</sup> 2005 from Seva Chakkara Orphanage: (displayed below)

  
சேவா சக்கரா அனாதை இல்லம்  
**SEVA CHAKKARA ORPHANAGE**  
सेवा चक्र अनाथ आश्रम  
Managed by: SEVA CHAKKARA SAMAJAM Regd. No. 282/1990, 382/1996  
Recognized by Govt. of Tamil Nadu  
No. 89/41, SAMI PILLAI STREET, CHOOLAI, CHENNAI - 600 112. ☎ : 25383195, 55378661


No. **1507** **RECEIPT** Date: **04.05.05**

Received with thanks from **Mrs. Asha for Education U.S.A.**  
**U.S.A.**


The sum of Rs. **Five thousand dollars**

by Cheque / Cash / M.O. towards Welfare Activities of the Orphanage / Feeding / Building Fund /  
Equivalent amount received in kind. **for recurring expenses**

Rs. **\$5000** Rs. **2,17,159/-**

  
Hony. Secretary

3. Subsequently, this exact receipt has been forged as to have been made out to "Anashwara Groups" instead of "Asha for Education": (displayed below)

  
சேவா சக்கரா அனாதை இல்லம்  
**SEVA CHAKKARA ORPHANAGE**  
सेवा चक्र अनाथ आश्रम  
Managed by: SEVA CHAKKARA SAMAJAM Regd. No. 682/1990, 682/1996  
Recognized by Govt. of Tamil Nadu  
No. 59/41, SAMI PILLAI STREET, CHOOLAI, CHENNAI - 600 112. ☎ : 25383155, 55375661

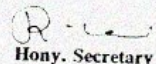
No. **1507** **RECEIPT** Date: .....

Received with thanks from **Anashwara Groups (Avinash and Team)**  
**U.S.A.**

The sum of Rs. ....

By Cheque / Cash / M.O. towards Welfare Activities of the Orphanage / Feeding / Building Fund /  
Equivalent amount received in kind. **for recurring expenses**

Rs. **\$5000** Rs. **2,17,159/-**

  
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4. Comparing the two receipts it is very obvious that the Asha for Education receipt has been forged to create the Anashwara Groups receipt. The Asha for Education receipt is in color and with better resolution as the original should be, and the handwriting except for “Anashwara Groups” in the forged receipt exactly matches the handwriting on the Asha for Education receipt. The amount on the receipt, the signature, and the receipt number are all exactly the same on both receipts.
5. Asha for Education hereby declares that it believes that Seva Chakkara Orphanage has nothing to do with this forgery and is absolutely innocent of this deception.
6. There are a couple of Malayalam articles (one in a newspaper Janayugam, and another in a blog <http://myinjimanga.blogspot.com>) which refer to this forged receipt and speculate deceit either from the Anashwara Groups or from Seva Chakkara Orphanage. Asha for Education hereby declares that in its (Asha’s) estimation, Seva Chakkara Orphanage is a victim of all this e-forgery and Asha hereby declares its support to Seva Chakkara Orphanage and its resolve to stand by them in their hour of need.
7. Asha for Education also declares that we unconditionally stand behind our partner Seva Chakkara Orphanage on this issue.

Asha for Education has built a good working relationship with Seva Chakkara Orphanage over the past 8 years, and completely trusts our partner in this issue. This statement is intended as a position statement of Asha for Education on this matter. Please address any questions or further inquiries on Asha’s stance on this issue by e-mail to [president@ashanet.org](mailto:president@ashanet.org).

Sincerely,

Sabita Balachandran  
*President*  
*Asha for Education*