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31st December 1995.

Dear Mrs Clinton -

I seem to have got into the pleasurable task of thanking you, for one reason or the other! - this time round, I have quite a few lined up. Thank you so much for sending me your collection of speeches made at Beijing; it was such an honour that you used 'Silence' at the NGO Forum.

Thank you also for the lovely card I just received; my family joins me in wishing you a wonderful 1996. I hope every day feels like Christmas!

I have ^{been} doing a lot of travelling the past couple of months, so I wasn't able to see your letter or the card till a couple of days ago. I was in Delhi, trying to persuade my teachers to endorse about me for my recommendations to US universities (a hard task!), then I was off to Kanwar and Raichur, two districts of northern Karnataka. I have begun work with a sustainable development NGO, 'Samuha'; it has initiated some very exciting projects including those on Education, Health, Dry Land Horticulture, Watershed Management, Animal Husbandry and so on. Interestingly, most of its work is done through a

'Gram Sabha' - a body of women representatives.
They certainly know how to get things done!

My work - liaising with other NGOs, credit and technical institutions and doing some project documentation and analysis. I'm learning so much through this that I feel certain will help me with my future course of study.

While I have applied to US universities (including Yale, Duke, Princeton, Cornell and Boston), my life took a very unexpected turn last week. I was awarded the Rhodes Scholarship (there are only 4 from India) and so will be leaving for Oxford, come September!

I hope to do an MSc in Development Economics and then pursue my PhD in the States. The Rhodes has really come as quite a shock, because I was rather set on doing Environment Studies in the States.

Still, I do seem to be following in illustrious footsteps, so while I can never become President of the United States, I do hope I can achieve what I set out to do!

Thank you again for your wishes. I do hope the New Year is as warm as your card is!

With regards,
Anasuya

SILENCED**by Anasuya Sengupta**

Too many women in too many countries speak
the same language of silence. My
grandmother was always silent - always
aggrieved - only her husband had the
cosmic right (or so it was said) to speak and
be heard.

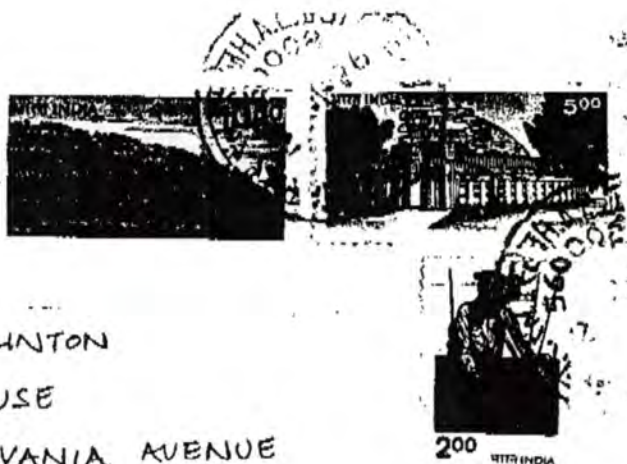
They say it is different now (After all, I am
always vocal and my grandmother thinks I
talk too much). But sometimes, I wonder.
When a woman gives her love, as most do
generously - it is accepted.

When a woman shares her thoughts, as some
women do, graciously - it is allowed.
When a woman fights for power, as all women
would like to, quietly or loudly, it is
questioned.

And yet, there must be freedom - if we are to
speak. And yes, there must be power - if we
are to be heard. And when we have both
(freedom and power) let us not be
misunderstood.

We seek only to give words to those who cannot
speak (too many women in too many
countries). I seek only to forget the sorrows
of my grandmother's silence.

*Anasuya Sengupta, 20, a student at Lady Sri Ram College
in New Delhi, India, sent this poem to First Lady Hillary
Rodham Clinton, who quoted from it in her speech to the
Rajiv Gandhi Foundation in New Delhi, March 24, 1995.*



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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

On your last visit to India you developed a friendship with Mrs. Rashmi Misra, founder and chairperson of the Prayas Foundation. As you well know she is doing outstanding humanitarian work with slum children in New Delhi.

Cross-Cultural Solutions, a Colorado based non-profit organization, has created "Project India" whose goal is to empower the underprivileged, facilitate cross-cultural communication and promote international understanding through direct people-to-people contact in India.

We send approximately 150 American volunteers to India annually where they work with a variety of unique social service organizations, among them The Prayas Foundation. Mrs. Misra and Cross-Cultural Solutions have cultivated a close relationship based upon our mutual concern for the underprivileged. Mrs. Misra fully endorses our program and it is our hope that you, with your knowledge of Prayas, may do the same.

An endorsement from the First Lady would enable Cross-Cultural Solutions to educate a greater audience on how they may pro-actively involve themselves in humanitarian issues facing the global community.

I have enclosed information regarding Cross-Cultural Solutions so you may better acquaint yourself with our organization.

I appreciate your consideration and time.

Sincerely,

John Wierdsma
Program Coordinator



Project India

Detailed Program Information

The Basics.

The Project India Program & Philosophy.

Project India means coming face to face with global issues - and then becoming part of the solution. With Project India you will be traveling to India, volunteering at our local social service organizations and experiencing life in a developing country.

Poverty, ignorance, hunger, disease, abuse and many other global issues are being tackled by our partners. Often, it is women and children who are affected worst by these problems, so many of our projects focus specifically on issues related to the urban woman and child. Our philosophy focuses on *empowerment*, not pity or charity. Project India's partners are working to empower people with the tools they need to help themselves. They are not simply handing out food and medicine; this only teaches dependence and simply perpetuates problems. *Sustainable Community Development, Empowerment, Education* - These concepts are the foundation of Cross-Cultural Solutions.

Project India's Partners.

Centered in northern India, we have more than twelve partner organizations that are all doing outstanding work in their specific areas. Known as non-governmental organizations (NGOs), these social service organizations focus on improving life for the target group that they focus on. Our partners are quite diverse in scope and practice and in the next few sections we will summarize their work.

We have personally visited many projects in order to find partners that are doing outstanding work and also have meaningful work that our volunteers can perform. This is a major distinguishing point between Project India and other volunteer programs: We have visited each project where our volunteers work, we have carefully constructed the volunteer environment, and we maintain our own separate staff to assist our volunteers while they are taking part in our program. The people that you will be working with will welcome you into their environment and are eager to have your assistance.

Because of the cultural sensitivity required in these situations, we do not send large groups into a project. Large groups can overwhelm the target group and disrupt the project's work. Our respectful approach will also provide you with an incredibly meaningful working environment.

The Concept of Service.

"Service" is the fundamental concept of Project India . Our volunteers are in India to serve the community based project in whatever way they project feel that the volunteers are most useful. We are not in India to impose our methods as the "right" way, we are instead at the service of our local community based partners.

The people of each culture know and understand what is appropriate for their community because they are keenly aware of the needs of their particular environment. The project personnel will utilize the skills of the volunteer in order to maximize the contribution of each volunteer in the community.

This concept of service also allows volunteers to be extremely productive and satisfied. As one might expect, three weeks, or even three years, is not sufficient time to fully understand the history, rich culture and intricate working components of a community. Therefore, as a foreign volunteer it becomes impossible and impractical to try to change a community based project in a short period of time. Instead, if the volunteer has the expectation of serving, not changing, the local project, then they will have the opportunity to make a significant contribution in just three weeks.

This also diminishes the overriding paradigm that a volunteer needs to be an expert that will change the project for the better. Rather, the people of the community are the experts and will utilize the volunteer's skills to help their local organization. Ultimately, it is the volunteer's commitment to the concept of service that is far more valuable to the project than their skills.

The Program.

Choose your position.

In order to determine the most productive environment for you, we ask you to fill out your Skills & Interests Survey at least 60 days before your arrival in India. We will insure that your volunteer position involves the skills and interests that you have indicated on your questionnaire. No specific skills or prior volunteer experience is required as everyone has something to offer. Depending upon your assignment, you may want to bring certain items from the U.S. that will help you in your program. You will be advised in advance of all such preparations.

Orientation.

Before you leave the U.S. you will receive our printed predeparture information. Once you arrive in India, you will go through an intensive three day orientation. Topics such as culture, religion, language, volunteerism, and more will be covered by our staff in an informal setting. You will also have ample time to relax, take in the sights, and prepare for your volunteer experience.

Volunteering.

Each morning you will go to the project that you have been matched up with prior to your departure from the U.S. Your counterparts will eagerly welcome you and give you an orientation of the project and its work. They will soon put you to work in any number of different ways, based largely on the skills and interests that you had indicated on your application. The work that you become a part of, the people that you will meet, and the environments that you will be in will be sure to inspire you.

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Volunteer Opportunities.

Each of our projects have identified particular areas in which you can contribute. You will be completing our Skills & Interests Survey Form which will help us to match you to the right position. The following is only a partial list of useful skill areas:

Health Care, Nutrition, Education, Sanitation, Waste Management, Hygiene Training, Literacy, Cultural Integration, Non-Formal Education, Health Education, Conservation, Community Development, Income Generation Activities, Skill/Vocational Training, Physiotherapy, Adult Education, Sexual Abuse, Prostitution, Drug Abuse, S.T.D. Education, Research Assistance, Dance, Music, Drama / Role Play, Poetry, Computer Skills, Recreational Therapy, Play Therapy, Teaching Sports, Resource Room Planning, Rhythmic Dance Exercise, Screenprinting, Publishing, Marketing, Nursery Care, Graphic Design, Beautician Training, Food Distribution, Recreation Therapy, Child Care, and all types of Art and Crafts.

Target Groups.

The following is a list of the different types of people, or target groups, with whom you can work:

Underprivileged Children, Women, and Men.
Street and Working Children.
Infants.
Children with Physical Disabilities.

Hospital Patients.
Private School Children.
Dying and Destitute.
Rural Communities.

Examples of Volunteer Work.

Each person's program will be different. In many cases, when the volunteer arrives and assesses the situation personally, many new ideas are born and the direction changes, but the following examples will give you some ideas of typical responsibilities:

- Assisting Doctors and Nurses in medical clinics. Responsibilities could include planning strategies for carrying out effective health education programs, surveys related to different areas of health, preparing health related pamphlets, posters and lectures, etc. The health matters could include immunization, family planning, HIV/AIDS education, nutrition, sanitation, eye-care, maternal and child healthcare, upgrading the scales of lay health workers, etc.
- Assisting teachers by teaching English to children of all ages, or even to adults.
- Teaching art or crafts to street children or urban underprivileged children.
- Caring for abandoned infants at Mother Teresa's clinic as they wait to be adopted.
- Teaching skills to women's groups so they may be better able to generate income. Useful areas include sewing, craftmaking, and small business skills.

Details.

It's a Challenge.

This is not a five-star hotel vacation and things do not always run smoothly in India. Our staff will, however, do their best to accommodate you. Keeping an open mind about the challenges that you will meet will bring about the opportunity for limitless rewards.

Meals / Lodging / Home Stay.

Lodging is hostel style with one to three people to a room. Although accommodations are modest, beds, flush toilets, hot water, and electricity are almost always available. Meals are simple and mostly vegetarian, in keeping with the local Indian cuisine. Home stays may also be arranged, but must be done so in advance. It is generally recommended to do a home stay during your second week and stay from one to three days.

Excursions and Free Time.

Your work day will be full of experiences yet your evenings will be free for individual activities. You will also have between two to six days off during your stay depending upon your preference. The Taj Mahal is only two hours by train and there are many other sights to see in and around New Delhi. Although the experiences that you will have with Project India will be sure to outshine any tourist experience, travel is encouraged. Our staff will assist you with travel advice and planning, however, you are responsible for your own expenses on these excursions. You may also arrive in India several days before the program begins, or stay afterwards, but if you extend your airline ticket significantly past the three week period, you may jeopardize the tax deductibility of your airfare.

Dates.

<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Finish Date</u>	<u>Orientation</u>	<u>60 Day Deadline</u>
<i>The program will be in New Delhi for the following dates:</i>			
September 15	October 4	September 15, 16, 17	July 17
October 6	October 25	October 6, 7, 8	August 7
November 3	November 22	November 3, 4, 5	September 4
December 1	December 20	December 1, 2, 3	October 2
December 22	January 10	December 22, 23, 24	October 23
January 19, 1998	February 7	January 19, 20, 21	November 20
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<i>The program will be in the foothills of the Himalaya for the following dates:</i>			
May 4	May 23	May 4, 5, 6	March 5
June 1	June 20	June 1, 2, 3	April 2

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Long Term Programs.

If you desire a program that is longer than three weeks, Project India can be easily extended for a nominal charge of \$25 per day. Simply inquire and we will tailor a program to meet your needs.

Costs.

The fee for the three week program is \$1,650, which is tax-deductible. Included in your fee are all India based expenses: airport transfers, all food and lodging, professional staff, supervision, orientation, daily transportation, etc. International airfare, insurance and visa fees are not included.

Passports, Visas, and Airline Tickets.

We will help to guide you through the process of obtaining a Visa, passport, and can also point you toward the most price competitive travel agents. We have printed information on each of these topics and are also available to take your telephone calls to assist you in these matters.

Health.

Before you leave you will want to obtain all of the recommended precautionary medications. We also have information to help you through this process. As part of our pre-departure package and during our orientation sessions we will clearly advise you of the eating and drinking precautions that you must take in India, so that you may enjoy your program in good health.

The Application.

Applications must be filled out by all prospective volunteers. Although most applications are approved, the information that you provide will be critical for matching you up with your volunteer position. The application fee is \$275 which is non-refundable. The application fee will be applied towards your program fee. The deadline for each program is 60 days before the day that you are expected in India. People of all ages are welcome and no prior volunteer experience is required. All participants must have health insurance and proof of this insurance is to be submitted with the completed application.

The Organization.

Project India's Staff.

One of the important factors that separates Project India from any other volunteer program is the supervision, planning, and care that is behind our program and the experience of our staff. Each staff member is a seasoned professional with extensive experience in their particular specialty area. During your orientation, and throughout your program they will be essential in providing you with the information you need to make your time as productive, meaningful and rewarding as possible. Below is a brief description of our India based staff:

Bela Singh, noted social worker, has founded many social service organizations (NGOs) in areas such as child-guidance, developmentally handicapped, refugee assistance, counseling, and many more. In addition to practicing in many different fields of social work, Bela is also an accomplished author with several publications to her credit. Bela is our Program Director in India and an invaluable resource for our volunteers.

Netra Rao is a former program leader for the U.S. Government's Fulbright Scholar Program in India. For over eight years, Netra handled the day to day activities of American groups focusing on educational exchange. Often leading programs all over India, on very aggressive schedules, she is a seasoned cultural educator. Netra assists the Program Director with several aspects of the program, including the three day orientation.

Swapan Chakrabarti holds advanced degrees in U.N. Studies / International Understanding and has been administering volunteer exchange programs for over 18 years. He has coordinated many international workcamps on international volunteerism and cross-cultural communication. Swapan is involved in several of the planning aspects of Project India, and is also present at all orientation meetings.

In addition to being extremely well qualified, the above staff members are warm and welcoming people that will make you feel at home and will be available for any questions that you may have.

Organization History.

Cross-Cultural Solutions is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, public benefit organization whose goal is to empower the underprivileged, facilitate cross-cultural communication, and promote international understanding through direct people-to-people contact. Cross-Cultural Solutions is not affiliated with any religious or governmental agency.

The organization is focused on many different areas of international development including health, education, community development, women in development, rehabilitation/special education, and rural development. A special focus is on the needs of children and women in each of the above areas.

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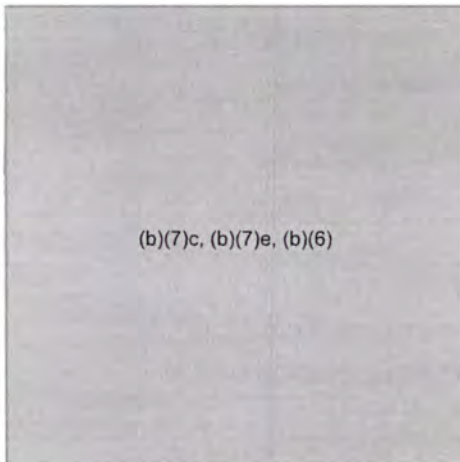
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on trip. Large Indian-American
community in Howard Berman's
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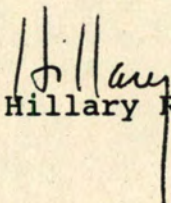
Dear Janis,

Thank you for your letter and the
enclosed article. I am glad to know your
daughter Brinley had such a good time at
the White House.

As for a trip to India, no decision
has been made yet, but I appreciate your
interest in joining in the "fun."

With warm regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton