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In response to the immense damage that Hurricane Sandy inflicted on the East Coast of the U.S., IMHO offered its share of support to victims in both New York in New Jersey.

In New York, IMHO made a **\$2,500** donation to the **The Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City** to support various relief efforts. The Mayor's Fund is supporting immediate aid needs as well as long-term restoration efforts in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. Working closely with partner agencies - including New York City Agencies, Community Recovery Directors, Restoration Centers, and community leaders - 100% of donations to hurricane relief are being directed to NYC's recovery; no administration fee is retained by the Mayor's Fund. And in New Jersey, IMHO made another **\$2,500** donation to the **Sandy New Jersey Relief Fund**, an effort spearheaded by NJ Governor Chris Christie and being managed by his wife First Lady Mary Pat Christie.

For many years IMHO's head office was in Staten Island, which was one area severely devastated by the storm. While most of our work over the years has been in foreign countries, Hurricane Sandy was a harsh reminder that even here at home we all face hardships sometimes and come to rely on the goodwill of others. We extend our thoughts and warmest wishes to all who were affected by this terrible storm.

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Celebrating a Decade of IMHO! Mark your Calendar for our 10th Annual Convention

www.IMHOAnnualConvention.com

WHEN: Friday, May 3rd & Saturday, May 4th, 2013

WHERE: Doubletree Hotel Somerset, 200 Atrium Drive,
Somerset, New Jersey 08873

FOR MORE INFO: sujanty@yahoo.com; sunthasiva@verizon.net

Please save the date! You are cordially invited to join all volunteers, donors, supporters, and team members of the IMHO family of organizations (including IMHO USA, IMHO Canada, IMHO Lanka, and IMHO European Union) to attend our 10th Annual IMHO Convention! We will be joined by visiting physicians from Sri Lanka, as well as other experts and professionals who are deeply involved in development work in the communities in need that IMHO serves globally. A full update on IMHO's efforts and plans moving forward will be shared as well. Come learn how you can get involved and become a change-maker for good. All event details will be posted in the months to come on our special event website (www.IMHOAnnualConvention.com).

For accommodation, we highly recommend staying at the Doubletree Hotel Somerset for the sake of convenience. Mention the group code "IMH (international medical health)" to receive the special group rate of just \$95/night for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night.

We are also very happy to announce that (thanks to a very generous donor again) we will be auctioning off a \$2,500 travel gift certificate at the convention that can be used for any type of travel anywhere (including hotels, vacation packages, tours, cruises, etc.)! We will also be raffling off a few beautiful sarees. You can walk away with some great prizes and know that you helped some very important causes in the process!

Also, for families with small children, please note that free babysitting services will be made available to you for the Saturday evening program for children under 12. Please email us at coordinator@themho.org to let us know if you plan on utilizing this service.

If you wish to see the event flyer, you can download it by clicking [HERE](#).

And to join our Facebook event page and see who's coming so far, please click [HERE](#).



10th Annual IMHO Convention
Friday, May 3, 2013 (7:00–10:00pm)
Saturday, May 4, 2013 (8:00am–10:00pm)
Doubletree Hotel Somerset
200 Atrium Drive
Somerset, New Jersey 08873
Tickets: \$50-general; \$25-students;
free for children under 10

Each year IMHO holds its annual convention in a different city. This year we are pleased to return to the state (NJ) where we started it all 10 years ago to mark a decade of serving those in need! You are cordially invited to join all volunteers, donors, supporters, and team members of the IMHO family of organizations (including IMHO USA, IMHO Canada, IMHO Lanka, and IMHO European Union) to attend our 10th Annual IMHO Convention.

At every convention we are joined by visiting physicians from Sri Lanka who share with us the most pressing needs on the ground and lay forth plans for ensuring a higher quality of health and medical care for persons in need. We also invite other experts and professionals who are deeply involved in development work in under-served communities in Sri Lanka, as well as other countries where our organization is active. This event also provides a unique opportunity for everyone to actively discuss and participate in this work we undertake on behalf of others. Please visit our special event website to RSVP and get your tickets today!



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**Nutritional Support for Impoverished Youth
in Sri Lanka's Up Country**

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Children in the estate plantation regions in Sri Lanka's hill country are amongst the worst affected by rampant poverty in day laboring communities, leading to widespread malnutrition and poor performance in school. To help address these needs, IMHO has partnered with the Church of the American Ceylon Mission (CACM) in the establishment of two (2) early childhood nutritional centers in Up Country, Sri Lanka to support estate children aged 3-5 with nutritional meals and early learning engagement. A commitment of \$4,100 has enabled IMHO to cover the cost of the teaching and cooking staff, plus meals and other materials related to the promotion of healthy childhood development and proper nutrition, for a period of one year. All of this enables children to lead healthier lives and is directly correlated with a higher level of academic performance later on. We look forward to sharing future updates with you on our progress in this endeavor and the impact it is having on these young lives.

IMHO Advisory Board Chairman Receives Distinguished Award



IMHO wishes to congratulate Dr. Deva Caanthan of Fort Myers, Florida on his recent recognition by the Lee County, Florida Medical Association for his "*outstanding leadership and public service for our community and abroad, above and beyond the call of duty.*" Dr. Caanthan received this distinguished award at a ceremony on January 18th, 2013 alongside his family and colleagues. He has served the people of Lee County as a nephrologist for many years and was instrumental in the construction of a local Hindu Temple, having served on the temple's Board of Trustees. In addition to his local community service work, Dr. Caanthan has been an integral part of the IMHO team, serving as a Board member and recently as the Chairman of our IMHO Advisory Board. In addition to the organizational support he has provided over the years, along with his and his wife's continuous generosity in financially supporting our efforts, Dr. Caanthan has also volunteered his time and services in Sri Lanka working directly with disadvantaged and war-affected communities. His service is truly commendable, and we are eternally grateful for his commitment and unceasing compassion. We offer our most sincere congratulations to Dr. Caanthan on this much-deserved recognition!

**Appeal for Support: Livelihoods Development
for Amputees thru Auto Rickshaws**

In partnership with a local provider of prosthetics, mobility devices, and medical & rehabilitative services, a special auto rickshaw (or "3-wheeler") is being developed specifically for disabled persons and amputees. Not only will these rickshaws serve to improve the mobility of these individuals, they will also serve to provide a much needed livelihood and source of income for the project beneficiaries and their families. Each rickshaw will cost approximately \$3,500, and IMHO is seeking to provide support for as many as possible out of the 30 total requested. We will be sharing future updates with more details in the near future about our progress. If you are interested in sponsoring a rickshaw or making a donation toward this endeavor, please send us an email at contact@theimho.org. Thank you!

Volunteer with IMHO in Ethiopia: "Deaf Education and Empowerment--August 2013"

WHEN: 11-24 August 2013

WHERE: Addis Ababa, Bahir Dar, and Awash, ETHIOPIA

WHO: Students, Persons fluent in Sign Language, Deaf Persons,
Medical Doctors, or anyone with a big heart!

UCH: \$1700 (*all inclusive from time of arrival until departure; excludes airfare and visa fees*)



Join us abroad this summer on a 13-day global service learning trip designed to educate, empower, and inspire deaf youth in Ethiopia! Over the past few years a team of committed volunteers have been working in partnership with dedicated local leaders in Ethiopia in developing educational programs for deserving but highly disadvantaged deaf youth, as well as strategizing for how best to engage with and support deaf organizations, students, and professionals. For the second year in a row, a volunteer service trip is being organized to Ethiopia, in which international volunteers will interact with local deaf persons, conduct educational service programs for deaf children, visit with local organizations at the forefront of developing services for the benefit of the deaf community, and explore this truly magnificent country! Space is limited so you are encouraged to apply early. For more details and instructions on how you can apply, please visit our website at:

<http://www.theimho.org/needs/volunteer-abroad>

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Difference.
Save a Life
with just
\$1/day!
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During this crucial time in Sri Lanka and around the world, as we face monumental challenges in providing better access to quality medical and health care for those most at-risk populations, we need YOUR HELP now more than ever. With **just \$1/day** (or \$30/month) you can help save and improve lives in Sri Lanka and elsewhere. Please consider making a donation to IMHO today. You can **donate online via PayPal as a one-time or recurring donation** (the amount & frequency of which are up to you).

You can also **donate via mail** by sending a check made out to "IMHO" to the following address:

**IMHO Treasurer
955 Proprietors Road, Suite B
Worthington, Ohio 43085
U.S.A.**

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