

EARLY AND ONGOING BENEFACTORS AMAR AND VINITA SINGH



PICTURE LEFT: Amar's Sister, Dr. Anil Bisht, has a PhD in English and taught English for over 40 years, mostly at Kumaon University in Naini Tal, India, and prior to that at All Saints School, also in Naini Tal. In retirement Anil has volunteered to teach English and art at various village schools and is an accomplished watercolor nature and landscapes artist. Anil is working on a book about Birds of Uttarakhand.

PICTURE CENTER: Amar Singh has a M.S. in Chem. and Chem. E.; Executive, Semiconductor Equipment Manufacturing; Entrepreneur and Consultant, Supply Chain and Procurement Process Efficiency; Boards of Directors of two nonprofits.

PICTURE RIGHT: Amar's wife, Vinita Singh, is a Librarian and Technical Writer, and was also a part-time teaching assistant at Peninsula School. She is also an artist.

Amar Singh, his wife were early benefactors—and are ongoing benefactors—of CoF and Hope Academy. This is what Amar had to say after their November 2018 visit to Visakhapatnam:

"Just to say we are impressed would be an understatement—we are HUGELY impressed. All the children are clean and neatly dressed in their uniforms, look happy and well fed, cheerful and friendly. There is a big emphasis on respecting and helping each other, like a family, with many of the older children helping the younger ones with responsibilities.

When we visited the classrooms, the children were totally ready and eager to show us their school notebooks, recite poems or multiplication tables, sing a song or act a bit, and speak with us. The handwriting we saw was wonderfully neat, and it is evident that the teachers are engaging the kids well in class. All the children who finished 10th grade are now enrolled in junior college, which is a great achievement. (My sister, who is a retired teacher in India, says the school is doing much better than she expected, and seems to be as good as or better than many other schools). The results are heart-warming, and we wish Rosie and Anand and their "family" happiness and continued success, both at COFM and in Hope Academy. We will certainly continue our support and personal involvement.