



Guru Ram Ray 11th Grade.

Hello friend,

My name is Krishna. I am 17 years old. I have been living in Ramana's Garden for 13 years since I was 5. I have 2 sisters and 1 brother who are also living here. I am the eldest. We all belong to a very poor family. My father was an alcoholic, he was always drunk and beat my mother very badly. I felt very bad about what he did to my mother. We didn't have enough food to eat, clothes to wear or a house to live in.

After that we had to run away from Nepal because of the Maoists who wanted to make us to join them and my father didn't want me to be like them so we had to run away. My parents brought me to India and both my mother and father worked on the roadside as labours. I also helped them by working with them. After one year one of my relatives told my parents about Ramana's Garden. So my father brought me here so that I could study and make my life better than theirs.

For 1 or 2 months I didn't talk to anyone because I didn't know Hindi or English but later on when I got new friends and learnt Hindi and English. I really enjoy living here. Ramana's Garden is a very special home and a family to me. I feel very lucky to be here because everything is provided for me: food, clothes, shelter, etc.

My favourite thing about being here is that I get free education. I have learnt many things like making jewelry, arts and craft, dancing. I also go every Saturday to perform at Ananda, a resort near here. We have a very big group of dancers. I really enjoy dancing.

One of the ways Ramana's raises money is by running a café. When I am not in school I work in the café and by talking with people who come into the café, it has given me a lot of confidence.

And one of the most important things that I have learnt here is that how to live happily. I am really thankful to Dr. Prabha Ji, who is the director of Ramana's Garden. She has given her every minute to provide us food, cloth, shelter and education.

After finishing high school, I want to go to university and study about business and then open my own business. I am also interested in cosmetic and beauty, health and fitness. I would like to be able to open my own spa. After finishing all my courses I would like to come back to Ramana's Garden and help the new kids by volunteering, by teaching them the things I learnt from Ramana's and I also want to sponsor a child by donating money for everything that child's education and other needs.

Thank you very much!