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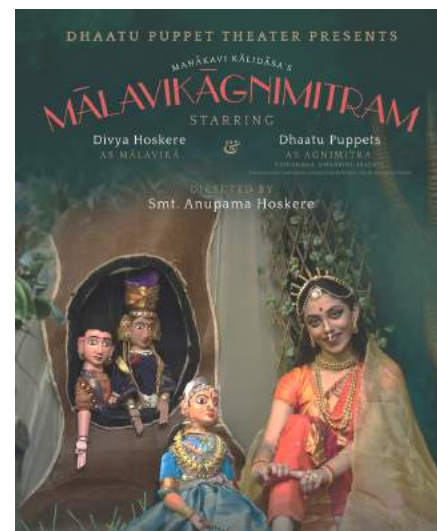
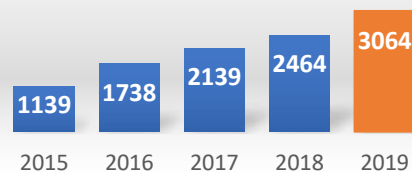
We are delighted to publish quarterly **Seva Newsletter** online only to share the various “Seva” activities done by the VHPA to provide the visibility so that it can be replicated and/or reapplied by others as needed. We are looking forward for your constant support and welcome your comments and suggestions.

Focus of this quarter newsletter is fundraising events done in 2019 for **Support a Child (SAC)** project. SAC provides education, food, housing, healthcare and mentoring to the poor and destitute children of Bharat. SAC is run totally by volunteers' efforts, with minimal overhead costs. Major beneficiaries of SAC funding are the hostels run by Sewa Bharati, Sewa Dham, Vivekanand Kendra and Bharat Kalyan Pratishthan (BKP). Children living in these hostels receive education from 1st grade to 12th grade. After finishing school, many go for higher education; many get involved in various activities in the same hostel and some go back to their hometowns. One can Support a Child by donating \$250 per year per child. If interested please send tax-deductible contribution to: Support a child - VHP of America, P.O. Box 1229, Mason, OH 45040; Visit sacusa.org for more information and donation.

In 2019 SAC has invited Dhaatu Puppet Theater from Bengaluru, India, to perform a Puppet and Dance Musical on Mahakavi Kalidas's famous play “Malvikagnimitram”. Dhaatu has revived old Indian art of puppetry with great treasure trove of stories from the Ramayana, Mahabharata and the stories of our Great Sages, Kings and Thinkers and shared it with the people via traditional puppetry. This play “Malvikagnimitram” has unique combination of hand-made beautiful puppets interacting with a live Bharatnatyam dancer throughout the show.

This fundraising show was done in 20 cities in USA in Jul/Aug 2019. This musical has drawn huge crowds (attended by 3000+ audience) and captivated the audience with skillful manipulation of strings interacting with a live dancer. This 90 min play with narration in English is enjoyed by people of all ages from a diverse background. SAC goal for this year was to raise funds to support 2900 children in India. However, with the overwhelming response it has surpass the goal by supporting **3064** children with additional new sponsors. We strongly encouraged everyone to visit SAC hostels when you are in Bharat. As a sponsor one could support a child in the name of their children or grandchildren. Target for the 2020 is to have SAC fundraising shows in 25+ cities in USA and support **3500** children.

Total Children Supported





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