

Faces of Freedom

VISIONS OF HOPE FOR CHILD LABORERS

PHOTOS DRY-MOUNTED ON BLACK SINTRA (MOST PHOTOS 20" X 30")

Child Labor



9603ROR5IFN34 A 2004 study by the International Labour Organization determined that nearly half of all Pakistani carpet workers are children between the ages of 4 and 14. Many develop illnesses and disabilities from long hours of work crouched in dustfilled rooms. (Punjab, Pakistan, 1996)



0029ROR37FN11 Millions of child and adult carpet workers are exploited, working long days with limited breaks. Workers are held responsible for defects and must bear the cost of replacement or repair. (Punjab, Pakistan, 1996)



9712ROR28FN8A Through its rug certification program, GoodWeave has freed more than 3,600 children from the looms and deterred thousands more from entering the workforce. Shaseen, pictured here with her mother, is a former child weaver rescued by GoodWeave. (Punjab, Pakistan, 1996)

Carpet Manufacturing and Inspections



4064FN13_FFAL A master artisan works on a GoodWeave-inspected loom. The average 8'x10' hand-knotted area rug is comprised of up to a million individually-tied knots. (Bhadohi, India, 2000)

Rescue, Rehabilitation and Education



37607FN01 GoodWeave's daycare and early childhood education centers offer ample opportunities to both study and socialize. (Kathmandu, Nepal, 2007)



4987FN2A At this GoodWeave rehabilitation center, the day's classes begin with group meditation. (Kathmandu, Nepal, 2000)



5006FN24_FF Playful boys at a GoodWeave-funded daycare center. Daycare centers not only help relieve weavers from the burden of child care, they also help motivate parents to enroll their kids in school. (Kathmandu, Nepal, 2000)



37622FN14 Located near a rug-weaving center on the outskirts of Kathmandu, Boudhanath Stupa is the center of the region's Tibetan culture. Stupas are sacred structures containing Buddhist relics; Boudhanath is the largest of its kind in Nepal. (Kathmandu, Nepal, 2007)



0707ROR47FN14 The GoodWeave program works to end child labor before it begins by offering daycare for weavers' children. This daycare center in Nepal enables parents to focus on their craft while their kids play and learn in a healthy environment. (Kathmandu, Nepal, 2007)



0020ROR2FN28 Babloo, Chotu Rishi and Raju peek through the loom warp at GoodWeave's Balshraya Center for Bonded Laborers. Former child workers, they can now choose to learn the craft of carpet weaving or opt for other vocational training to complement formal education. (Bhadohi, India, 2000)



0707ROR45FN28 GoodWeave schools maintain high academic standards, and rescued children are encouraged to continue their education at least through high school. The curriculum includes Nepali, Hindi, math, science, English and various electives. (Kathmandu, Nepal, 2007)



4963FN27_AL More than 60 percent of girls in Uttar Pradesh drop out of school before completing fifth grade, as is the case in many other Indian states. Community-based programs made possible through the GoodWeave certification provide free education, along with books and uniforms, to girls rescued from carpet work. (Uttar Pradesh, India, 2000)



4947FN3 More than 2,000 children in India attend school thanks to the GoodWeave program. Universal primary education is widely recognized as one of the most effective instruments for combating child labor. (Bhadohi, India, 2000)



0707ROR05FN14 Following her rescue from the looms in 2005, Sunita began to live and study at a GoodWeave rehabilitation center. Today, Sunita dreams of becoming a teacher. (Kathmandu, Nepal, 2007)



0022RORIIFN33NEG At the age of six, Laxmi helped her mother and two sisters roll woolen thread in a carpet factory in Nepal. Once GoodWeave rescued her, Laxmi flourished as a student. Now 17, she is pursuing a university degree with continued support through the GoodWeave scholarship program. (Kathmandu, Nepal, 2000)