

INVESTED IN GIVING BACK

For advisor **Michael Dehal**, improving the lives of others goes beyond merely writing a cheque

GIVING BACK is one of Michael Dehal's guiding principles, so when the Raymond James advisor first travelled to India and experienced the poverty that pervades the nation, he knew he had to act – and ended up financially supporting an orphanage.

"It was a fluke - I saw a billboard with a

picture of kids and pulled over, walked in and found there were kids there from six months old to almost 18," he says. "Right then, I secured 200 pens and notepads and some candies from Canada and handed them out to the children."

For his last trip to India, Dehal, who

himself was born with a cleft lip and palate and also serves as CEO of the Cleft Prevention International Foundation, presented surgeons who do cleft lip repair with gift baskets for their patients that included modified feeding bottles and the 'cleft bear,' a stuffed toy altered to have a cleft lip.

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