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Dear readers,

Let us apprise you with the efforts put forth by Munich and Frankfurt chapters of Asha for Education, striving to bring socio-economic change through education. The latest issue of "Asha Kiran" will give you an insight into our activities for the period August'08 - July'09. Like last year, we exercise this medium to inform you about our organized fundraisers, donation status, project updates (both completed and on-going) and new commitments and ventures for the following year. We also take this opportunity to thank all our supporters, donors, collaborators and sponsors the world over for extending their wholehearted contribution to the cause. Bouquets or brickbats, we value suggestions and comments from our readers, please do give us your feedback at info@asha-munich.de or asha_frankfurt@yahoo.com



Taraana

An Enchanting Evening of Indian Classical Music and Dance.

As a tribute to Indian heritage and in continuing efforts to spreading awareness about its mission, Asha Frankfurt organized a concert of Indian Classical Music and Dance on May 23, 2009. Distinguished artistes from India Geetha Rao (Carnatic Music), Sudarsana Kumar and Thipana Satkunanavarajah (Bharathanatyam) and Ashok Nair and Thomas Jung (Sitar/Tabla) were invited to perform at this concert.

Geetha Rao has learnt Carnatic classical music from Vidvan T. R. Srinivasan, Veena Jayamma, Vasantha Lakshmi and light music from H. R. Leelavathi.

Sudarsana Kumar hails from a family of artists in Kerala, India. He initiated his training in Bharatanatyam dance at the age of ten and honed his skills at the renowned dance university – Kalakshetra - in Chennai. Here, he received excellent training in Bharatanatyam, theory of dance, vocal music, a variety of folk dances, Nattuvangam (cymbal technique) and choreography under the guidance of eminent teachers. Sudarsana Kumar conducts dance courses and continues to perform throughout Germany as well as rest of Europe.

The concert was auspicated with a superb performance by Sudarsana Kumar and Thipana Satkunanavarajah that left the spectators awestruck.

This was followed by an enthralling rendition of Carnatic music by Geetha Rao.

After a brief break, Sudarsana Kumar and Thipana Satkunanavarajah once again awed the audience with their dance sequence. But the mesmerizing performance by Ashok Nair and Thomas Jung clearly stole the show, judging by the astounding standing ovation it received.

Shivadas Pattanath, winner of the prestigious German Cross of Merit, graced the occasion and felicitated the artistes.

Asha Frankfurt raised about €1,500 through this concert which will be donated to organizations supporting education of underprivileged children in India.

More information about the artists can be found at <http://www.geetharao.com/> <http://www.natyadarshan.de/>



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Asha introduced the "Donate to Educate" scheme on 15th August 2007 with a motive to encourage individuals to donate a small denomination every month. This donation campaign is gaining momentum and is helping towards making our organization self-sustainable and less dependent on specific fundraisers. We now have a legitimate procedure with Deutsche Bank under which donors can sign a memorandum of understanding to contribute a fixed monthly amount through an automated bank transfer. The formal document to join this initiative is provided at the end of this newsletter. Please feel free to fill up the necessary details and send it back to us on the mentioned address. We urge you to join hands with us in spreading the word of education. All the donors will be issued a tax-free certificate for the donation.

By supporting Asha, you can make a difference! Every contribution counts, so please DONATE



Accomplished Projects 2008- 2009

We at ASHA completed the following projects this year

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Location: Saidualazab, Delhi

Target children: School dropouts

Under this project, 72 children (48 girls, 24 boys) in the age group of 6-14 years were accepted to government schools. The total budget of the initiative was € 3300, of which Asha contributed € 2000. The expenditure primarily included rent of the facility and salaries of two teachers. The NGO, ANK has been working in Saidualazab area of Delhi for the last five years. Till date, they have mainstreamed more than 700 children from this area to government schools and they also make sincere efforts to follow up with the progress of these kids.

In the coming year, Asha would continue to support ANK for its new initiatives which have a requirement of €3500.

DEBENDRA NATH ACHARYA CHARITABLE TRUST

Location: Jalukbari, Guwahati, Assam

The motivation behind this project was the education of underprivileged children in the fringe villages of Jalukbari. The project, completed in 2008, aimed at providing a school building with basic amenities to help approximately 150 kids from the local tribal community in Jalukbari avail of basic education facilities. Over a period of two years, we disbursed €10,500 for this supreme initiative in a very remote area of India.

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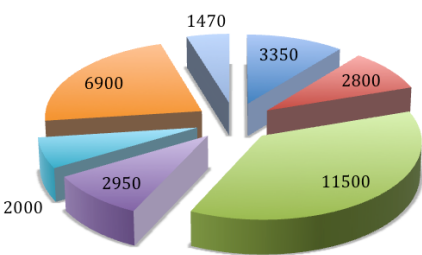
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In Munich and Frankfurt, we are an active group of young people constantly in search of individuals with vision, ideas and enthusiasm to help the underprivileged. For information about our next meeting write to us at info@asha-munich.de or asha_frankfurt@yahoo.com

Next in importance to freedom and justice is popular education, without which neither freedom nor justice can be permanently maintained.

- James A. Garfield

PROJECT Disbursement of Funds 2003-June 2009 (in Euros)



- VRF, Delhi
- 20%, Delhi
- Jalukbari, Assam
- Raiwada, Maharashtra
- ANK, Delhi
- Tapavon, Uttar Pradesh
- Aasra, Uttar Pradesh

Current Projects



In the coming year, we will donate to two new projects alongwith continued support to two existing projects. The combined budget approximates to € 16,000 and both the Asha chapters intend to strive hard to meet this target. We plan to organize fundraisers and also rope in donations from generous supporters like you, for the following projects:

CARE & LOVE WELFARE SOCIETY

Location: Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh

This organization runs an orphanage for destitute children, providing them with food, shelter, clothing, health care and education under one roof. The orphanage currently has 34 children and relies on donations from various organizations and individuals for their daily expenditure. We have committed to support the education of children living in the orphanage which has a budget of approximately €1050 for one year. Further, we are considering possibilities of mainstreaming these children into government schools in the near future.

SIRAGU MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Location: Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Siragu Montessori School is a project established under the aegis of Suyam Charitable Trust located near IAF Avadi, Chennai. It is a non-profit initiative designed to rehabilitate and mainstream children of the lowest socio-economic strata, in and around Chennai. These children are normally forced to a life of begging, scavenging and working in brick kilns in order to contribute to the meager family income.

Currently the school has more than 400 children up to standard nine and aiming for ICSE board approval. The school requires consistent financial support to pay the salaries of teachers, run the food program, administrative costs of the school and maintaining the necessary infrastructure required for ICSE approval. For this gigantic effort, we have pledged to disburse € 10,000 in the year ahead.

VIVEKANANDA RESURGENCE FOUNDATION (VRF)

Location: Delhi

We continue our association with VRF to spread the awareness of education amongst children living in slums of Wazirpur industrial area in Delhi. With a preparatory school, VRF trains the slum children for admission to nearby government-run schools. Till date, VRF has succeeded in registering approximately 60 students into mainstream education with a zero percent drop out rate. To facilitate their efforts, this year we will be granting a support of €1800 to cover the running costs of this noble venture.



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Saidualazab, New Delhi



The Completed Building

Jalukbari Project

Guwahati, Assam

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