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INSAF IMPROVES PROJECT OUTPUT IN YR 2003; LIFE MEMBERSHIP CONTINUES TO BE A HIT

INSAF posted an improvement in the project support in our most recent fiscal year ending December 31, 2003. However, it was still about half compared to the record high posted in the Year 2000. Here are the highlights:

Project output was at \$18,395 for the Year 2003. This compares with \$14,750 for the Year '02 — implying an almost 25% improvement. However, the INSAF effort equaled \$30,617 for the Year '01, and \$36,075 for the Year '00.

This year major credit goes to **Dr. Ashok & Dr. Hema Varma** for their \$5,000 contribution for the Little Angels School in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, and **Joginder and Meera Kundra** for their contributions totaling \$5,000 for programs in the Jharkhand state.

Dr. Ram Chaudhary once again came through with his exemplary service in contributing \$4,000 for the Bhulpur Shiksha Samiti in U.P.

This year also saw some major collaborative projects at INSAF. Over 10 families combined to raise \$990 for Phase II of getting a Primary School finished up in the Rapar district of

Gujarat to support earthquake reconstruction efforts there. **Rajeev Paliwal** served as the Project leader in this effort. Another collaborative project of 4 families provided the \$550 as the Culinary School tuition for Ram Pravesh, a youth at the Bal Niketan Children's home in Panchkula, Haryana. Collaborations were also seen in \$950 for SODHANA in Chipurupalli, Andhra Pradesh, and \$450 for the Sri Sai Vidya Mandir School in Alwar, Rajasthan, supported by **Laxmi & Vijay Varma**. Credit is also due to **Santosh Chokani, Brij & Shail Agrawal, Ashok & Usha Sachdev, Surinder & Nirmal Maheshwary, Soma and Parvathy Murthy, Om & Veena Garg**, and several others for remembering that Projects are the real reason for INSAF's existence. Please see the honor roll and other articles inside this Newsletter for more on the projects.

Life membership continued to be a hit during the Year 2003. The number of Life Members increased from 29 to 54. Please see Page 4 for the list of current Life Members. If you are not on the list, won't you please consider signing up with a one-time fee?

INSAF PROJECTS

The following list is an important snapshot of INSAF activities for both INSAF outsiders and insiders. Therefore, kindly let the Editor know of any errors and omissions. Also please verify the contact

Contact	Project
Brij & Shail Agarwal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> D. N. Inter College, Gulaothi, UP (Scholarship)
Ram Chaudhari	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural Center for Science Culture, Bhulpur, U.P
Manju Chexal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OSDAV Public School, Kaithal, Haryana (Late Sh. Milkhi Ram & Shmt. Kesra Devi Gulla Awards) Bal Niketan, Panchkula, Haryana (Late Sh. Des Raj & Shmt. Parkash Vati Soni Award)
Awtar Singh Dhaliwal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Govt. Degree College, Udampur, Jammu & Kashmir
Om & Veena Garg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. S. D. High School, Narnaul, Haryana
Santosh Chokhani, Ramesh & Pratibha Paliwal, Bhav & Kaye Sharma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SODHANA Charitable Trust, Chipurupalli, AP; Bal Niketan, Panchkula
P. and S. Harshavardhana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> India Heritage Project (with Kumar, Ramesh, PK, Bhav) B. N. A. Government High School, Murugamale, Karnataka Govt. Pre-Univ. College, Batlahally, Karnataka (Text Books)
Keshyap & Abhilasha Joshi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blood Donor Council, Nawanshahar, Punjab
Kumar & Sudesh Kapur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AWB Food Bank, Albertson, NY
Joginder & Meera Kundra & Arju Bhojwani	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adivasi Development Project, Lathakhamhan, Jharkhand Arya Samaj — Telco School, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand
Aruna Marathé, Raj & Padmashri Lad, Bhav & Kaye Sharma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Aid & Sponsorship Program, Pune, Maharashtra
Ash & Guddi Mehan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integral Education Mission, Dehradun (UP)
Ram & Meera Murthy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Koushika Sankethi Association, Bangalore, Karnataka (Scholarship)
Soma & Parvathi Murthy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gov. Pre-Univ. College, Batlahally, Karnataka (Scholarship) Institute of Speech & Hearing, Bangalore (Library)
Inderjit Paika	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zoology Dept., Panjab U., Chandigarh (Late Judith Rawlings Paika Award)
Ramesh & Pratibha Paliwal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shiksha Bharati Project, Hapud, UP (Education)
Satish & Uma Sharma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> S.O.S Children Association, Panchkula, Haryana
Rajeev & Saloni Paliwal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gujarat Earthquake Reconstruction Project (SRISTI)
Bhav & Kaye Sharma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary & Middle Schools, Village Ramgarh (Patiala), Punjab D.D. Girls High School, Navsari, Gujarat Trees for Life, Wichita, Kansas Balabhavan Orphanage, Paduapuram, Kerala; Bal Niketan, Panchkula S. R. Arya High School, Patiala, Panjab (with Jeet & Sushma Sodhi) Chem Eng Dept. Panjab Univ. Chandigarh (with entire Class of '69)
Ashok & Sanjeevan Soni	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lions Club Eye Clinics, Midtown Jagraon and Raikot, Punjab
Ashok & Hema, Sriraj & Pushpa Varma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ramnath Inter College, Unnao, UP (Expansion to Degree Coll.)
Vijay & Laxmi Verma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sri Satya Sai Seva Samiti Public School, Alwar, Rajasthan

Year 2003 FINANCIAL REPORT

With many thanks to the INSAF Financial Secretary **K. Kumar Kapur**, we are able to continue our tradition of 28 years to report below the state of our finances in the first issue of the Year's Newsletter. Kumarji's diligence and hard work throughout the year and in preparing the financial summaries are very much appreciated. Results for 2002 and 2001 are included for comparison for those who like to study trends. Please note that Life memberships mean annual membership will decline. Comments and questions are

	2003	2002	2001
Opening Balance Jan 1	\$ 14,596.88	\$ 12,012.57	\$ 10,963.98
Project Trust Funds	5,102.06	5,102.06	5,063.06
Life Membership Funds	1,700.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Account	7,794.82	6,910.51	5,900.92
Receipts	22,812.50	17,666.80	31,907.38
Membership Dues	0.00	455.00	360.00
Life Membership Dues	2,500.00	1,700.00	0.00
Project Contributions/Other	20,294.05	15,495.19	31,422.10
Interest Income	18.45	16.61	125.28
Expenditures	18,500.88	15,082.49	30,858.79
Projects	18,395.00	14,750.06	30,616.99
Other Including Newsletter & Miscel.	105.88	332.43	241.80
Closing Balance Dec 31	18,908.50	14,596.88	12,012.57
Project Trust Funds	4,160.00	5,102.06	5,102.06
Life Membership Funds	4,200.00	1,700.00	0.00
Operating Account	10,548.50	7,794.82	6,910.51

Project Contributions and Membership sent in Year 2003 . . . ?

Warm thanks to all those who remembered to send in their dues in 2003. Special thanks to all those who have signed up for the Life Membership. Please encourage any others not already on the Life member list on Page 4. Please remember to send in your contribution for projects you like in 2004 -- please use the last

New Projects

INSAF Life Members **P. and Shakunthala Harshavardhana** are initiating a new project in the Bangalore area to help a village school. The project is to help a small village school add some class rooms. The Harshavardhanas are making a contribution of about \$600 to help the school. More details in the future.

Another project new for INSAF is at the Umrao Singh Memorial School in Allahabad, UP. INSAF Life members **Balbir and Treva Mathur**, who run the nonprofit *Trees For Life*, are developing a web-based program called Global Circle of Knowledge which will be available to children at this school among other schools. A modest contribution of \$60 has been made by Bhav and Kaye Sharma to support this effort by *Trees For Life*.



How about a letter to the Editor with your opinion on some matter of interest to INSAF Newsletter

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INSAF LIFE MEMBERS

- Sh. Bishan and Ms. Shail Agrawal
 - Dr. Pawan & Ms. Lalita Kahol
 - Dr. Brij N. Agarwal
 - Sh. Kumar & Ms. Sudesh Kapur
 - Sh. Pritinder & Ms. Mani Arora
 - Sh. Joginder & Ms. Meera Kundra
 - Dr. Prem & Ms. Raj Bajaj
 - Dr. Raj & Ms. Padmashri Lad
 - Sh. Romel Singh Bhullar
 - Sh. P.K. and Ms. Suresh Malhotra
 - Dr. Amrit & Ms. Shashi Chadha
 - Sh. Balbir & Ms. Treva Mathur
 - Dr. Ram & Ms. Raj Chaudhari
 - Sh. Ash & Ms. Darshan Mehan
 - Sh. Ved Chaudhary
 - Dr. Ramesh & Ms. Pratibha Paliwal
 - Ms. Manju Chexal
 - Sh. Rajeev & Ms. Saloni Paliwal
 - Dr. Santosh Chokhani
 - Dr. Rakesh Saini
 - Sh. Amarjit & Ms. Rajesh Dandona
 - Dr. Bhav & Ms. Kaye Sharma
 - Dr. Baljit & Ms. Gursaran Gambhir
 - Sh. & Mrs. Shiam Sunder Sharma
 - Sh. Om and Ms. Veena Garg
 - Sh. Ashok & Ms. Sanju Soni
 - Sh. P. & Ms. Shaku Harshavardhana
 - Dr. Ashok & Ms. Hema Varma
 - Sh. Keshyap & Ms. Abhilasha Joshi
 - Dr. Sriraj & Ms. Pushpa Varma
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एस. आर. आर्य सीनियर सेकेंडरी स्कूल, पटियाला
 S.R. Arya Senior Secondary School, Patiala
 Recognised and Aided

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Annexure
 The list of selected candidates along with brief background are as below:

S. No.	NAME	AGE	OVER ALL %AGE	CLASS	BRIEF BACKGROUND
STUDENTS					
1.	Ram Kumar S/o Sh. Chedi Lal	15 Years	72%	XI Commerce	Excellent results and are very well behaved, disciplined & Honest. All belongs to Economical weaker section.
2.	Raju S/o Sh. Ram Awad	14 Years	75%	IX	
3.	Kamal S/o Sh. Gagan Singh	14 Years	81%	IX	
TEACHER					
1.	Amrith Sharma S/o Sh. Ram Parshad Sharma	30 Years	He has been working as Lab Assistant and also teaching Math and Science upto Middle Standard since last 10 years		One of the good teacher and take care of extra. circular activities like N.C.C. camp, Social welfare camp. He is cashier in Basant Ritu Youth Club (Regd. Patiala since 89) Society provides poor students fees, uniforms, pullowers. Organise seminars on Aids. It also planted near about 7000 plants in the city and around.

(JAGDISH LAL GARCHAL)
 The Principal, S.R. Arya Senior Secondary School
 Near Arna-Burna Chowk
 Patiala, Punjab-147001
 INDIA

Several years ago, former INSAF members Harmohinder Jeet Singh and Sushma Sodhi of Ottawa, Canada, along with Bhav and Kaye Sharma started to support the SR Arya Higher Secondary School which they attended for a substantial part of their early schooling.

The SR Arya Higher Secondary School, which is located in Patiala, Punjab, caters mainly to lower middle class and poor students regardless of their religion or cast.

The document on the left shows how a contribution sent in the previous year was used to recognize 3 deserving students and one excellent teacher. A

INDIA TRIP REPORT PROJECT HONOR ROLL FOR YEAR 2003
Bhav

Neal (our high school senior), Anjana (our 3rd year college student), Kaye and I made our umpteenth visit to Northwest India in Dec-Jan. Apart from noting that cell phones are now ubiquitous in India, this report will focus on several INSAF related visits.

1. Bal Niketan, Panchkula, Haryana
2. SOS Children’s Village, Rajpura, Punjab
3. Teacher, SR Arya Higher Sec School, Patiala, Pb
4. Bihari Migrant Workers Basti, Nangal, Punjab

Panchkula is a town next to Chandigarh, the joint capital of Punjab & Haryana. INSAF colleagues have supported 4 children at Bal Niketan in recent years (currently 2). We also passed along some children’s clothing on behalf of a California Rotary Club, and a few tennis balls I save regularly. Bal Niketan remains a place where children are well taken care of and seem in very good spirits.

Rajpura is a town in Punjab about 20 miles north of Patiala. The SOS organization is active in 131 countries. In India, it has 34 locations caring for about 200,000 children, each of whom have lost both their parents. Rajpura is one such location which we visited along with the local Rotary Club. The SOS vision is to have 8-10 children in a home being cared for by a “mother”. The “mother” is a trained and modestly paid lady who lives with the kids just like a mother might. The Children are supported by 2 social workers. It seems like a great concept, and INSAF is looking into sponsoring one or more children there.

A brief visit was made to a teacher who coordinates a small “alumni friendship” annual award to 3 students and 1 teacher at Patiala (please see page 4 for more).

Nangal, of course, is at the feet of the Bhakhra Dam at the Punjab-Himachal border. Our mission here was to take some more of the clothing provided by the California Rotary Club to some

We are proud to present our Project Honor Roll for the year 2003. Projects receiving \$50 or more of support are included. This year, we have 18 projects on the list, a slight improvement from 17 last year. At least 9 states in India were covered by our projects during 2003.

Request to sponsors: Please forward a copy of any correspondence with the project site to the Editor. Your follow-up after

Y03	Y02	PROJECT	\$
1	-	Little Angels School, Hyderabad, AP	5,000
2	1	Bhulpur Shiksha Samiti, UP	4,000
2	3	Village Hope Foundation, Jharkhand	4,000
4	3	Arya Samaj — Telco — Jharkhand	1,000
5	4	Gujarat Earthquake Recovery —	990
6	5	SODHANA — Chipurupalli, AP	950
7	-	SOS Bal Niketan, Panckula, Haryana	870
8	-	Sri Sai Vidya Mandir, Alwar, Rajast-	450
9	9	DN Inter College, Gulaothi, UP	300
10	-	SD Higher Secondary School, Punjab	215
11	8	Govt. Pre-Univ Coll., Batlahally, KRN	195
12	12	ASD High School, Narnaul, Haryana	100
13	-	Govt. High School, Ramgarh, Punjab	90
14	15	SR Arya Higher Sec Sch., Patiala PNB	75
15	15	Balabhavan Nazareth Orphanage,	70
16	16	DD Girls High School, Navsari, Guja-	60
16	16	Parupkar Homeopathic Hospital,	60
16	-	Trees for Life, Wichita, KS	60

Dr. Ashok and Dr, Hema Varma have been supporting the Little Angels School in Hyderabad for the last several years. Principal Anjanesh K. Varma, who is a cousin of Ashok's, has been working hard to uplift the education of children in this poor neighborhood. The school was really in a run down condition before Ashok and Hema accepted the challenge.

The statement to the right shows the use of funds provided by Ashok and Hema. Thanks to their support, the students at the school now learn computers. In addition to the computer room, the school has modest but substantially improved

LITTLE ANGELS SCHOOL

(Sponsored by Seth Ramnath Educational Society)

ENGLISH MEDIUM

Charmahal, Hyderabad--500 264, A. P.

18/10/2003

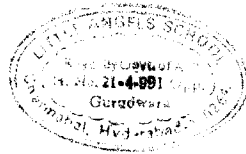
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STATEMENT

Date

1. Construction of school building 5 rooms
(4 classrooms, Office, furniture and fixture of Computer lab) RS. 4,53,050 = 00/-
 2. Purchase of 5 Computers and a printer RS. 1,33,100 = 00/-
- Total RS. 5,86,150 = 00/-**

(Rupees Five lakhs Eighty six thousand one hundred and fifty only).



Sd/-

[Signature]
18/10/03

Principal
LITTLE ANGELS SCHOOL.
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To: Little Angels School M/s: Charmahal, Hyderabad		Date: 17/10/2003	050	
A.P.G.S.T.No.: SEC/10/1/3442/2003-04		Ref. No.:		
Sl. No.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	UNIT PRICE (RS.)	AMOUNT (RS.)
①	AMD 2000+ Processor	4	22400	89600
	ASus ATX Mother Board	4		
	Hynix 128MB RAM	4		
	Seagate 40GB HDD	4		
	Samsung 144 MB FDD	4		
	LG 52x CD ROM	4		
	Memory Key board	4		
	Memory scroll Mouse	4		
	LG 15" Monitor	4		
	ATX Cabinet	4		
	Fan for cooling	4		
TOTAL:			89600	
IN WORDS RUPEES: Eighty Nine thousand Six Hundred only.				
TERMS & CONDITIONS: 1. Goods once sold will not be taken back or exchanged under any circumstances. 2. Interest @ 24% p.a will be charged if payment is not made within 15 days from the date of invoice. 3. All disputes are subject to Secunderabad Jurisdiction only. 4. Offsite warranty only for Hardware. 5. No warranty for physical damages and burns.				
Goods received in good Condition		For H: HARSHA INFOTECH At: Charmahal, Hyderabad		
Customers Signature with Stamp.				

The statement from Harsha Infotech to the left shows the detail on the purchase of computers with funds provided by Dr. Ashok and Dr. Hema Varma to the Little Angels School in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh. Assuming an exchange rate of about Rs. 47 per dollar, the school was able to purchase 4 computers for about \$477 each.