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# I N S A F

# INDIAN SCHOOLS ALUMNI AND FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

#### 2013 PROJECT EFFORT ON TRACK TO YIELD THE 2ND BEST YEAR EVER

Our overall project effort this year shows an excellent trend. We can expect the Year 2013 to be our 2nd best year ever on this basis. As of the time of this Newsletter, a total of over \$94,000 has been sent to support the various projects. The best effort was \$110,924 in the Year 2006. Since INSAF members themselves choose the causes they want to support with their funds, the amount of about \$94,000 is highly likely to be very well spent.

The effort this year has been propelled by supporters of Pratham Mysore, focused on literacy improvement among poor children in and around Mysore. The supporters have doubled the effort this year to date to an impressive total of \$35,761. This has been accomplished thanks to Project Leaders Arun & Padma Cariappa and about 20 other non-member contributors (See Page 2 for details).

Supporters of Kaliyuva Mane, a residential school for disadvantaged children near Mysore, also improved last year's effort by about 30%, coming up with over \$13,000, thanks to the efforts of Project Leader and Former Exec Harshavardhana, Former President Soma, and about 7 member and non-member contributors (See Page 3).

In an inspirational act after Shmt. Lalitha Vasudevan passed away this summer, the K. Vasudevan family asked friends and family to donate in her memory to the DECC Trust in Kerala, which operates a school with the vision of turning it into a Kerala Nalanda University, evoking an ancient 427 AD university in Bihar. About 78 contributors raised over \$10,000 (See Page 4).

Dr. Mahendra & Jyoti Nanavati, along with Pankaj and Rupa Nanavati, continued their excellent work by sending well over \$12,000 for various worthy causes.

Over a dozen other important projects have seen their support continue this year (See Pages 4-6 for details). The list includes the Shmt. Dwarki Devi INSAF Vidya Mandir, Akshay Patra, education support for several individual students from poor backgrounds, a scholarship at IT BHU, DISHA, Maher, Shankara eye Foundation and the American Red Cross. Among the new projects of "giving back" this year is one by INSAF Exec Dr. Vimal Goyle and family, which installed a cool water Reverse-Osmosis system at the Arya Girls High School she attended in Bathinda, Punjab (See Page 2).

On the membership front, Sh. Pankaj Nanavati converted his annual membership to Life Membership. We would also like to take this opportunity to encourage all to introduce INSAF to other people.

There are still a few days left in the year. Please check to see if you have already acted this year for a project of your interest. You can give something back to help someone and get a tax deduction for yourself for the Year 2013. Pages 7 and 8 of the Newsletter have project ideas for you to consider. Please let the Newsletter Editor know if you would like any assistance.

# PRATHAM MYSORE SPONSORS PUT TOGETHER A STRONG EFFORT IN 2013

The Year 2013 has seen an impressive show of support through INSAF for Pratham Mysore, dedicated to the education of the underprivileged in the urban and rural areas of the Mysore district in Karnataka.

Pratham Mysore has touched the lives of about 15,000+ children in its decade-long journey. Pratham has several programs aimed at promoting good quality literacy among the underprivileged children:

- 1. The Read India Program
- 2. Training programs for pre-school Balawadi/ Anganawadi teachers
- Learn, out-of-the-box project based on the use of a webbox
- 4. Diagnostic remedial program for hearing impaired children
- After-school coaching of middle school students from economically weaker sections to help them obtain the National Merit-cum-Means Scholarships from the Central Government.

The Read India program is currently being run in 246 villages across the Mysore and Chamarajanagar districts. Pictures below show the program in action.



Pratham Mysore volunteer explaining place values to the children near Mysore using cups and beads

The contributions this year by the time of this Newsletter have totaled an impressive \$35,761 — put together by over 20 contributors led by **Arun & Padma Cariappa**. In addition to the Cariappas, sponsors have been: Priya Cariappa. the Bagwan & Suhasini Malladi Foundation, Anil & Padmini Krishnamurthy, Prabhakar & Sucharitha

Muppidi, Ananthrama Suryanarayana, Ashok Malladi Reddy, Excellere Partners, Chittaranjan & Swaruparani Mallipeddi, Srinivas & Padmavathi Kudarawalli, Ashok & Surekha Shinoy, Sheetal Patel & Nitin Reddy, Gautham & Parinitha Gowda, Rajan & Radha Lai, Anees Prabhu, Rohit & Priya Prabhu, Ravikumar Ramarao.



Pratham Mysore teacher helping pre-school children near Mysore learn the Kannada alphabet

#### ARYA GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL, BATHINDA, PUNJAB

INSAF Exec Dr. Vimal Goyle has successfully implemented a good example of a "giving back" project this past summer. Vimal ji and family provided a cool water supply system for the children at the Arya Girls High School, Bathinda, of which she is an alumna. Readers may know that Bathinda can be quite hot in the summer and one can be sure that this will be a very welcome gift for the students. The following is based on an item published in a local Hindi newspaper:

#### An RO and a Water Cooler Provided to School

Bathinda: Vimal Goyle, in honor of her parents Shmt. Vidyawati and Late Sh. Amarnath Agarwal, had an RO system installed at the Arya Girls High School. The RO was inaugurated by Vimal Goyle's brother, Sh. Ashok Agarwal. In addition, Vimal's family members Sh. Ankush Goyle and Shmt. Nirmal Singla provided a water cooler to the School so that children could have cool water. Among those present at the occasion were Vimal's uncle Sh. Kulwant Rai, brother Sh. Ajay Kumar, the School Committee President Sh. Nihal Chand, Principal Shmt. Sushma Kumar, and the entire school staff.

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#### **EKAL VIDYALAY**

The Ekal Vidyalay Foundations runs one of the largest non-governmental organizations in India, operating in over 51,572 villages and educating about 1.49 million children in rural India. Recently, a constituent of Ekal Abhiyan (movement) named Bharat Lok Shiksha Parishad (Public Education Council of India) received the Rs. 1 crore (About US\$ 166,000) 2012 S.R. Jindal prize for peace, social harmony & social development. Ekal's overall philosophy is to take a holistic approach to social and economic development. Thus, Ekal focuses on functional literacy, development education, healthcare education, and empowerment education.

In Year 2013 as of the time of this Newsletter, a total of \$5,700 has been sent by INSAF families (**Jogi & Meera Kundra, Kumarji & Sudesh Kapur**) to support the work at Ekal Vidyalay.

#### PROJECT UPDATE: KALIYUVA MANE

Kailyuva Mane is a residential home managed by the Divya Deepa Foundation in Kenchalagudu (near Mysore). In 2013, Kaliyuva Mane is supporting 108 children, out of which 36 live at Kaliyuva Mane. Almost all the children coming to Kaliyuva Mane have various types of problems - family, economic, educational and behavioral. The school educates the children using an innovative and individually tailored approach.

Former INSAF Execs Dr. P. Harshavardhana and Dr. Soma Murthy have been leading the project at INSAF. As of this Newsletter, a total of \$13,000 has been raised and sent this year. Contributors in addition to Harsha & Shaku (\$3100) are: Sita Foundation (\$4250), Soma & Parvathi (\$1000), Raghu Rajagopalan (\$1000), Ravi Eng (\$1000), Koresha Neelkanth (\$1000), Raj & Padmashri Lad (\$1000), Ramesh & Pratibha (\$250), Bhav & Kaye Sharma (\$500).

Under this project, a small dormitory for girl students has been built, some of the infrastructure at Kaliyuva Mane has been upgraded, and several students are receiving financial support. A special grant from another source has allowed the purchase of a much needed bus for Kaliyuva Mane.

In early June this year, Soma visited Kaliyuva Mane and commented as below:

"Yesterday I visited KM in Mysore. I stayed for more than four hours. It was an absolutely thrilling experience for me. Because of Denge fever and some fatalities in the area Ananth had delayed the opening of the new academic year by one week. It had restarted just a couple of days

ago. All except two students had already joined.

The energy and enthusiasm of the kids was amazing. The kids have no inhibitions and come to you and talk to you eagerly. So many volunteers were hard at work. I took a big jar of candies which Ananth will distribute to kids. I took lots of pictures. I will probably put them in a drop box later.

I saw the girls dorm. It is almost complete with bunk beds for about 8 students and two female volunteers. The kids were cleaning it when I saw it.

Ananth said he will be getting the new vehicle the next day. [Update: now delivered and operational]

Also Saw Sachin there. He was visiting. His brother is also a student there. Sachin is prospering well. He has learned C++ and now learning Java scripting. One girl Tejaswini has completed 10th (SSLC) and is now teaching there. I saw other students who have completed SSLC (and we are supporting) and pursuing college.

Ananth's wife Padma had an accident and has broken some ribs. She is recovering.

I also went to Kenchalagud which is only less than 1Km away. There are some serious caste issues there.

All in all, I had a very positive feeling with the progress and accomplishments by KM."

— Soma 5 June 2013

We also received the following updates from Kaliyuva Mane about our sponsored students:

- Shiva Kumar and Anand have joined the PUC commerce course at Rotary West college.
- Kartik's parents want him to become a policeman.
   So they have taken him. Kartik is studying in a free hostel in the city.
- Mahesha has finished his 2nd semester BBM exams. He has done well.
- Manu is continuing a Lab Technician course.
- Shwetha is doing her teacher training course at Kaliyuva Mane.
- Dhanush is in his 2nd year PU. He has passed 1st year with first class.
- Sachin is happily evolving at Karthavya
   Technologies, Bangalore and learning computer programming.

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# THE KERALA NALANDA UNIVERSITY PROJECT

The year was 2000. The place was Engandiyur in Trichur District in Kerala, a place which has a history of several thousand years. Engandiyur had a modest school built with coconut palm thatched walls, in sand on land donated for the use of the school. The school was only up to the 4th grade at that time. The plan was to add one grade each year and go up to the 10th grade.

Enter **Shri K. Vasudevan** and family who are originally from the area and now live in Oklahoma. They said, "Let's build the school to the "plus 2" (meaning 12th grade in India) and then let's go on to build a KERALA NALANDA UNIVERSITY", evoking one of India's ancient universities founded in 427 A.D. in what is today's Bihar. Ever since, the Vasudevan family and friends have been collecting funds and putting in a dedicated personal effort to make the goal a reality.

During the 2000-2001 period, a separate building "Karappurath Lalitha Vasudevan Kalanilayam" was built and donated to the school by Shri K. Vasudevan in honor of his wife Lalitha's keen talents in several art forms. The building has four distinct rooms specially designed to avoid audio interference between rooms. The four rooms are for teaching Gaanam, Raagam, Thaalam and Nritham. A common performance hall is provided for the students to practice and to master stage fear. Three Kalaa Peetams (Teacher's Chairs) have also been established by the family to help fund teachers salaries at the Kalanilayam.

Both Vasudevans visit the school practically every year, the last being for three months in the 2011-2012 period. The commitment to promote the school by providing a "Friendship Hall from the USA", more buildings, and related facilities continues.

When Lalitha ji passed away this past summer, the Vasudevan family, in an inspirational act, asked their friends and family to make donations to the Kerala Nalanda project through INSAF as a memorial fund instead of spending the funds on flowers etc. And that's what an amazing number of 78 people did. The funds collected amounted to an impressive \$10,025 which were sent recently to the DECC Trust in Kerala which manages the Engandiyur school. The "plus 2" school currently has almost 1,200 students, about half of them girls, and is accredited by India's Central Board of Secondary

Education (CBSE).

Contributions to the school made to DECC through INSAF are tax deductible in the U.S. Direct contribution in India is also tax deductible in India. Here is an opportunity to participate in a noble cause.

#### EYE CARE AT O.P. SONI CHARITABLE HOSPITAL

Former Exec **Dr. Ashok and Usha Sachdev** have been supporting eye care and other help for the needy at the O.P. Soni Hospital in Jagraon, Punjab. A contribution of \$1,000 has been sent this year. The hospital is managed by the family of fellow INSAF Life Members **Ashok & Sanju Soni**.

#### MID-DAY MEALS AT JAIPUR VIA AKSHAYA PATRA

The Akshaya Patra Foundation works with central and state governments in India and private donors to provide mid-day meals to 1.3 million children (out of >100 million children).

In 2012, INSAF Exec Dr. Santosh Chokhani became the primary sponsor of the mid-day meals along with Bhav & Kaye Sharma, at the Govt. Primary School, Mahavtan in Jaipur (see photo below). A contribution of \$900 covered 50% of the mid-day meal costs. This year, the support has been expanded to include the Govt. Madarsa Upper Primary School-Madarsa Mufeed-E-Aam, Jaipur. A contribution of \$3,000 has been sent this year on behalf of Santosh (\$1,500), Raj & Padmashri Lad (\$750), and Bhav & Kaye (\$750).



This July 2012 photo shows students from a school in Mahavtan Jaipur (Raj.) where a mid-day meal is being provided by INSAF members.

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# DR. MAHENDRA AND SHMT. JYOTI NANAVATI FAMILY CONTINUE TO SUPPORT WORTHY CAUSES

Dr. Mahendra and Shmt. Jyoti Nanavati, have continued their generous support for several causes this year. They have been joined by Mahendra's brother Pankaj and his wife Rupa, Here is a summary of the support provided at the time of this Newsletter.

# Jain Swetamber Murtipujak Vishashrimali Mitra Mandal

The Mandal provides financial, educational, and medical help including health insurance to the needy among the Jain community. A total of \$4,300 has been sent to support this work.

# Jeevantirth (Gandhinagar, Gujarat)

Jeevantirth (which means life pilgrimage) is dedicated to capacity building at the grassroots level in the fields of education, environment, rural development, and human rights. A total of \$2,900 has been sent to support the work.

#### Vishwa Gujarati Samaj

A contribution of \$2,400 has been sent to support the Jyoti and Kanta Nanavati Nursing Scholarship which is to be given every year to a needy girl student.

#### Shrimad Rajchandra Adhyatmik Sadhana Kendra

The Shrimad Rajchandra Adhyatmik Sadhana Kendra (Koba, Gujarat) is an institution based on the teaching of Shrimad Rajchandra, a 20<sup>th</sup> century Jain saint. A contribution of \$1,600 has been sent to support a project under which Chass (buttermilk) is provided as a service to the local people.

#### Adivasi Unnati Mandal

The Adivasi Unnati Mandal volunteers go to a village near Nashik (Maharashtra) to provide primary healthcare and other assistance to the Adivasi people in the area. A contribution of \$900 has been sent to help these efforts.

## Manav Kalyan Trust (Navsari, Gujarat)

The Trust is dedicated since 1970 to the support and education of the disabled with special needs in vision, hearing, and learning. A contribution of \$550 has been sent to support this work.

# Rotary Club of Ahmedabad (Gujarat)

This Rotary Club in Ahmedabad functions along the lines of Rotary Clubs around the world. A contribution of \$425 has been sent to support the Ahmedabad Rotary Club.

These projects serve as good examples of how we can find our own productive and fulfilling ways of giving back.

# SHRIMATI DWARKI DEVI INSAF VIDYA MANDIR

The DDI Vidya Mandir in Hoshiarpur, Punjab, provides free, good quality education to poor children. The school is entirely supported by a trust managed by the family of Surinder & Nirmal Maheshwary in honor of Surinder's mother, a gentle and a kind lady. This year a contribution of \$2,250 has been sent on behalf of Surinder & Nirmal, Rishi & Meredith Maheshwary, Suneer & Laura Maheshwary, and Tanvir & Mona Zaidi.

# Jeevan Prabhat, Pondicherry

Jeevan Prabhat is a children's home built with major financial support by Jogi & Meera Kundra and others and is being operated to help about 42 disadvantaged children. At this time, \$215 will support the education of a child for a year (\$500 will cover education and other expenses). This year, the Kundras have sent a contribution of \$2,000. They also sent \$500 to support the Arya Samaj of Houston. The Arya Samaj principles also quide the children 's home in Pondicherry.

#### **INSAF EXEC TEAM UPDATE**

Due to substantial demands on his time and a heavy workload, INSAF General Secretary Dr. Atul Rai has decided to step down from his INSAF Exec duties. The entire Exec Team greatly appreciates Atul ji's professionalism in the six months he served and in reaching this decision. Atul ji plans to continue to support INSAF as a member and hopes to be back to the Exec Team at some point in the future.

Fortunately for INSAF, former President Dr. Santosh Chokhani has kindly agreed to serve as General Secretary until the current term ends Jan 31, 2015. Everyone on the INSAF Leadership Team is pleased to welcome Santosh to the team.

The INSAF leadership team has also begun a review of the INSAF Constitution to see what adjustments might be advisable as over 40 years have passed since the original constitution was drafted; the only change being in 1994 when the name was changed from Friends of Panjab University Alumni Association to Indian Schools Alumni & Friends. The constitution may be amended with a two-thirds vote by general membership. Please e-mail any suggestions to the Editor before January 17.

#### WARM WELCOME

A warm welcome to Shri Pankaj Nanavati as a new Life Member of INSAF. We look forward to his and Rupa ji's continued participation in projects of their interest.

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#### **NEW PROJECT: INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY BHU**

The Mechanical Engineering Class of 1964 at the Institute of Technology of Banaras Hindu University has decided to establish a scholarship there, As part of the fund raising effort for this cause, **Ramesh** (who is an alumnus of the Class of '64) **& Pratibha Paliwal** have sent a contribution of \$500.

# PROJECT UPDATE: DISHA

DISHA (DISHACARE.ORG) is based in Bareilly, UP with the mission to provide opportunities to physically challenged children from disadvantaged backgrounds. Over the past several years, **Rakesh & Geeta Kapur** have been supporting this cause. A contribution of \$200 has been sent this year to support DISHA's work.

#### PROJECT UPDATE: MAHER, PUNE

Maher's (Maherashram.org) mission is to care for destitute women and children while enhancing their capabilities, with a view to facilitating their life-long rehabilitation. Maher runs shelters for about 250 women and homes for about 750 children. A contribution of \$200 has been sent by Raj & Padmashri Lad to support Maher's work.

#### SHANKARA EYE FOUNDATION

The Foundation is the US arm of the Shankara Eye Society which is working on the prevention of blindness in India. The foundation operates several hospitals and are working to build more of them. This year, a contributions of \$500 has been sent by **Jogi & Meera Kundra** to support this work.

#### AMERICAN RED CROSS

American Red Cross, which is well known for its work in disaster relief services, support for the USA military families, supply of blood and blood products, and health & safety education, has been sent a donation of \$500 by Jogi & Meera Kundra this year.

#### SUBMISSIONS WELCOME FOR INSAF NEWSLETTER

INSAF members are encouraged to write to the Newsletter Editor with their comments on any topic which might be of interest to the INSAF membership.

The deadline for submissions for the next Newsletter is April 30, 2014.

#### SOME MILESTONES CROSSED — SOME MORE TO COME

We are delighted to report that sisters Amalapushpam and Venilapushpam, who had been living in an orphanage in Kerala and whose education had been sponsored by INSAF families for more than 10 years, have successfully completed their 3½ year diploma in Nursing & Midwifery. In further good news, Venila is getting married on Jan 1, 2014. Venila and Amala's sponsors have been Ashok & Darshan Mehan, Santosh Chokhani, Raj & Padmashri Lad, and Bhav & Kaye Sharma.

And now during 2013, eight INSAF families (Jogi & Meera Kundra, AJ & Thankamma Poulose, Romel & Tahira Bhullar, Ramesh & Pratibha Paliwal, Raj & Padmashri Lad, Santosh & Perviz Chokhani, Ashok & Darshan Mehan, and Bhav & Kaye Sharma) have taken up sponsorship for the college education of Ruth Devessy and Jismy Joy, also from very poor families in Kerala, For this purpose, checks totaling \$3,520 have been sent.

Another sponsorship in Kerala is that of Raphael Sinto, a bright boy from a poor family. Raphael's education is being sponsored by Jogi & Meera Kundra, who plan to send a contribution of \$500 for the "+2" (12th grade) year for Raphael.

#### **HELPING THE 4-LEGGED**

INSAF member Aruna Marathè has been a long-time supporter of the 4-legged, who she trusts far more than the 2-legged. During the Year 2013, two contributions were sent to support organizations in India which help animals, especially dogs.

A contribution of \$300 was sent to support the Animal India Trust in New Delhi; and another of \$400 was sent to help Friendicoes, an animal care organization, also based in the New Delhi metropolitan area.

A few comments from Dr. Devi of the Animal India Trust received in June 2013 are as follows:

"The dogs we neuter in Delhi are funded @ Rs. 445 per dog (it is a meager amount but that's the only help we get from the government for this program). It takes about Rs. 800 to cover ABC surgery including 3 days post op care at the center. We also have dogs coming from neighboring cities like NOIDA, greater NOIDA, and Gurgaon etc. For these dogs we use the funds we collect from like minded people like you. As for example in 2012 we sterilized 1000 dogs from greater NOIDA as there is no NGO doing ABC work in that area. Government there does not take any interest and dogs are suffering."

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# **2013 CONTRIBUTIONS**

Here is a menu of project-types for you to consider for your 2013 contribution. Please mark your choice(s) and enter the tax-deductible dollar figure you would like to contribute. Don't see a cause you would rather support? Feel free to start something new for your idea with a contribution, and one of your fellow INSAF colleagues will be in touch with you to help.

	Your Choice	Your 2013 Contri- bution	Type of Project	Example of Current or Recent INSAF Projects
1		\$	Community Development Build a School-Room or some durable facility	Pondicherry Children's Home School Room at Ramalingapuram, AP Shri Samarth Society School, Mumbai Saraswathy Vidyalam, Eagandiyur, Kerala Govt High School, Banbhouri, Punjab Dwarka Devi-INSAF School, Hoshiarpur, Punjab Arya Girls High School, Bathinda
2		\$	Teacher Staff Support Stipend for volunteer staff at a school for the poor	Ramalingapuram area schools, AP Bhulpur Shiksha Samiti, UP
3		\$	Basic Health Services Provide simple medical services for the poor	O.P. Soni Charitable Trust, Jagraon, Punjab Sodhana, Chipurupalli, AP
4		\$	Women's Empowerment Fund awareness seminars for rural women	Sodhana, Chipurupalli, AP Vatsal Chhaya
5		\$	Literacy Improvement Fund efforts to increase literacy	Pratham, Mysore, Karnataka Ekal Vidyalaya
6		\$	Hunger Alleviation Fund food services for the poor	Maheshwary Charitable Trust, Akshay Patra
7	<b>A</b> □	\$	Child Sponsorship (School Education) Sponsor a specific child Primary thru 12th grade education (6-10 yr commitment)	SOS Children's Village Rajpura, Punjab Seva Sadan, Pune, Maharashtra CASP Pune, Maharashtra Balabhavan, Paduapuram, Kerala
	В□	\$	Child Support for Higher Education Help a student for higher Ed (2-4 yr commitment)	Bal Niketan, Panchkula, Haryana Balabhavan, Paduapuram, Kerala Divyadeepa, Kenchalagudu (Mysore), Karnataka
	С□	\$	Non-specific Education Support Grant funds to a school for operations or tuition/books for students on a merit-cum-means basis or to award a teacher	OAS DAV School, Kaithal, Haryana Shmt. Dwarki Devi INSAF Vidya Mandir, Punjab Daya Ghar, Chennai, Tamil Nadu Govt. Sr. Secondary School, Bhaee Rupa, Pb.
8		\$	Animal Welfare Grant funds for care of stray animals in major urban centers	Animal Trust, New Delhi Friendicoes, New Delhi
9		\$		Start a new project based on your idea. Please describe your idea in an e-mail to: sharma7336@gmail.com
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#### **INSAF PROJECTS**

The following is a partial snapshot of INSAF current activities over the past 3-4 years. One time projects are not listed. Kindly do let the Editor know of any errors and omissions including any corrections to the names listed under Project Leaders.

Project Leader (s)	Project
Sudershan Bhateja	<ul> <li>Govt. Primary, High, and Sr. Secondary Schools, Banbhouri, Banbhaura, and Dhuri, Punjab</li> </ul>
Ram Chaudhari	Bhulpur Shiksha Samiti, Bhulpur, U.P
Arun & Padma Cariappa, Arundhati Malladi, Ashok Malladi Reddy, Anees Prabhu, (and Friends)	Pratham Mysore, Karnataka
Manju Chexal	OSDAV Public School, Kaithal, Haryana
Santosh Chokhani	<ul> <li>Balabhavan Child Support for Higher Education (w Lads, Mehans, and Sharmas)</li> <li>Akshay Patra, Jaipur, Rajasthan (w Bhav &amp; Kaye Sharma)</li> </ul>
Santosh Chokhani, Gopal & Shibani Chotani, Joginder & Meera Kundra, Raj & Padmashri Lad, Ashok & Darshan Mehan, Ramesh & Pratibha Paliwal, AJ & Thankamma Poulose, Manoj & Maneesha Shrivastav, Jay & Shashi Shetty, Bhav & Kaye Sharma	<ul> <li>Stipends for volunteer social workers (through SODHANA), Chipurupalli, AP</li> <li>Emergency medical aid for the poor (through Sodhana)</li> <li>Ramalingapuram Village Adoption Project, AP (through Sodhana)</li> </ul>
Om and Veena Garg	A.S.D. High School, Narnaul, Haryana
Shakunthala & P. Harshavardhana	Kaliyuva Mane, Divya Deepa Trust, Mysore, Karnataka (w Soma & Parvathi Murthy, Ro Padmashri Lad, Bhav & Kaye Sharma)
Keshyap & Abhilasha Joshi	Blood Donor Council, Nawanshahar, Punjab
Kumar & Sudesh Kapur	SOS Children's Village Child Sponsorship, Rajpura, Punjab (w Sharmas)
Rakesh & Geeta Kapur	DISHA , Bareilly, UP
Joginder and Meera Kundra	<ul> <li>Adivasi Child Education, Lathakhaman, Jharkhand</li> <li>Disadvantaged Children's Home (Jeevan Prabhat), Pondicherry</li> <li>Ekal Vidyalay (with Kumar &amp; Sudesh Kapur)</li> </ul>
Tarun & Kamal Kothari	Kothari Charitable Trust, Raipur, Chhatisgarh
Raj & Padmashri Lad	Shree Samarth Education Society School, Mumbai (w Mehans, Sharmas)     Child Sponsorships, CASP, Pune, Maharashtra (w Aruna Marathé, Sharmas)
PK & Suresh Malhotra	Seva Bharti (with Rishi & Margarita Malhotra)
Aruna Marathè	Animal India Trust, Friendicos (both based in New Delhi area)
Ashok and Darshan Mehan	<ul> <li>Integral Education Mission, Dehradun, Uttaranchal (w Kundras)</li> <li>Child Sponsorship, SOS Village Rajpura, Punjab (w Kapurs, Kundras, Sharmas)</li> </ul>
Surinder & Nirmal Maheshwary Suneer & Laura Maheshwary	Maheshwary Charitable Trust, Hoshiarpur, Punjab     Shrimati Dwarki Devi INSAF Vidya Mandir, Hoshiarpur, Punjab
Mahendra & Jyoti Nanavati, Pankaj & Rupa Nanavati	<ul> <li>Adivasi Unnati Mandal (Maharashtra)</li> <li>Manav Kalyan Trust, Navsari, Gujarat</li> <li>Jain Swetamber Murtipujak Vishashrimali Mitra Mandal, Gujarat</li> <li>Vishwa Gujarati Samaj, Ahmedabad, Gujarat</li> <li>Friendship Foundation, Ahmedabad, Gujarat</li> </ul>
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Ashok & Usha Sachdev	O. P. Soni Trust, Jagraon, Punjab
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