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KIRAN ANJALI  
PROJECT

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

## **2016**

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**Our Mission: To advance the educational opportunities for disadvantaged children in India, especially girls.**

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# Message From the President

Dear Supporters,

The Kiran Anjali Project has plenty to celebrate in 2016! We hit a major milestone, staying in business for 5 years! In 5 years, we have tripled our proceeds, expanded by 3 programs, and garnered support from amazing volunteers and donors! We have not only survived, but grown beyond expectations to serve needy children. And the credit for this success goes to you.

The Kiran Anjali Project's sponsored programs include Wings School for Girls in Hyderabad, Carnation Learning Center and Baale Mane in Bangalore, and the Plus2 Scholarship Program for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students from all our programs. Wings School was our first program and was the training ground for learning what it takes to partner with an Indian NGO for success. In 2016, our organization was able to scale up support at the Carnation Learning Center, take on a new program- Baale Mane, and expand the Plus2 Scholarship Program beyond Wings graduates to Baale Mane students as well.

Your generosity is supporting 4 programs where children benefit from your support which changes the trajectories of their lives. Here are a few highlights of how your donation dollars have benefitted under served children:

- Wings School had a second year of 100% pass rate on State Exams
- Carnation Learning Center expanded the after school enrichment for their graduates attending a local private school
- Baale Mane completed the first Summer English Language Intensive, funded by a Kiran Anjali Project grant, resulting in 8 girls transferring to a better school.
- Plus2 Scholarship Program has 28 girls who can boast they are part of 30% of girls in India who stay in school after age 15.

Taking on additional projects is exciting and daunting. The Kiran Anjali Project board of directors developed a Three Year Strategic Plan to help guide your donation dollars to generate towering impact for all four sponsored projects. By the end of 2016 , The Kiran Anjali Project was recruiting new board members to take on roles in communications, financial internal controls, legal counsel and more. Another major accomplishment in 2016 was the start of a Reserve Fund, which gives our sponsored projects confidence that KAP will continue to support their work, so the children continue to thrive and get the quality of life and education they deserve.

I invite you to read more about the inspiring programs your generosity supports.-And when you finish pat yourself on the back, give yourself a high five, and take pride in the lives you have changed. It is because of you that the children in these projects are able to get an education and create a life very different from that of their parents.

Sheryl Hoye, LCSW  
President, The Kiran Anjali Project

# Fundraisers

**Each year the Kiran Anjali Project produces successful fundraisers with inspiring speakers, moving videos of lives changed at our sponsored projects, and entertainment. Here are the 2016 event summaries:**

## Seattle Opportunity Luncheon

The 2016 Seattle Opportunity Luncheon was a sold out event that garnered **\$162,195.00** in revenue. Guests were treated to raffles for must-have experiences, silent auction with special opportunities, Mehendi/Henna, moving speakers, and a delicious Indian buffet. Donors who committed to \$1000 or more were treated to a private cooking night, dinner and her latest cookbook with Chef Meeru Dhalwala of Vancouver's Vij's and Rangoli. The Seattle event earns 80% of the Kiran Anjali Project's revenue each year and supports all of our sponsored programs.

## Chicago Event for Carnation Learning Center

The Kiran Anjali Project board member Nita Talwar hosted an event in her home located in Chicago suburb of South Barrington. The intimate dinner event was well attended and garnered **\$11,214.00**. Guests were treated to transformative stories and videos of how Carnation Learning Center helps our youngest deserving children through a quality preschool program and tuition to continue at a local private primary school.

## Casino Night in the Bay Area, CA

Mallika Kohli, Board Treasurer, hosted a fun filled night of play money gambling in her home in Burlingame to benefit The Kiran Anjali Project. Guests enjoyed video about our sponsored projects and a presentation on The Kiran anjali project's work in helping disadvantaged children in India receive a quality education. The event earned **\$12,300.00**

# Our Volunteers

The Kiran Anjali Project values our indispensable volunteers. Hundreds of volunteer hours are donated by talented and enthusiastic supporters to produce success events. In addition to event volunteers, the Kiran Anjali Project has a summer youth program that completes service projects to benefit our sponsored programs, and in 2016 we started a summer college internship program.

The volunteer Board of Directors works tirelessly to manage all the administrative, operational, donor relations, and financial management that keep the doors open. This Board commitment allows the Kiran Anjali Project to run at very low administrative costs so more funds can be awarded to our sponsored programs

# Sponsored Programs

## **Wings School for Girls**

Wings, located in a village outside of Hyderabad, provides a free quality English medium education first-10<sup>th</sup> grade for 132 disadvantaged girls. The program includes music, dance, and art. The mandatory Tae Kwon Do program teaches self-defense and develops confidence. Wings can tout a second year of 100% pass rate on 10<sup>th</sup> standard state exams, one of 14% of schools in Telangana, India to achieve this distinction. The Kiran Anjali Project funds operational costs including teacher salaries, the breakfast and lunch for students, uniforms, and school supplies.

## **Carnation Learning Center**

Carnation is a Montessori style coed preschool located in an urban slum in Bangalore. The school is 55% girls and has a long history of promoting women from within the organization. In 2016, we provided funds for operating expenses and 14 scholarships for preschool graduates to attend a private English- medium elementary school. After school, children come back to Carnation enrichment activities and homework help.

## **Baale Mane**

Baale Mane, located in a village outside of Bangalore, is a residential program for 45 girls who have been abandoned or orphaned, many the unfortunate victims of exploitation and trafficking. The girls are nurtured back to physical and psychological health with the Care Plan program and educated at local private or government schools depending on aptitude. The Kiran Anjali Project funded the Summer English Language Intensive that enabled 8 girls to transfer to a higher quality private school.

## **Plus2 Scholarship Program**

The scholarship program provides tuition assistance and help with food and transportation for girls from our sponsored programs to attend 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade at private junior colleges. This is a vital program considering that only 1 in 100 girls in India, especially those from rural or disadvantaged populations, attend upper secondary education. Plus2 Scholarships were awarded to 23 girls from Wings School and 5 girls from Baale Mane.

# 2016 Financials

<b>Revenue</b>	
Donations	\$245,433.00
<b>Expenses</b>	
Grants	\$178,000.00
Event Costs	\$35,622.00
Administrative Costs	\$17,659.00
<b>Excess</b>	\$14,151.00
Reserve Fund	\$50,000.00

# A Note of Appreciation

Thank you for your endless support helping KAP serve children in need to get the childhood and the life they deserve.-Your generosity in donations and volunteer time helps KAP to run effectively with low administrative costs. The savings allows us to channel your donations educate more children setting them on the path to prosperity.

We are grateful and want to express our heartfelt gratitude for helping Teena from Carnation, Mallika from Baale Mane, Devina from Wings, and Ruchita from Plus2 to break free from poverty. Thank you for helping these children save their childhood and for giving them the gift of learning and hope.

We greatly appreciate the loyalty of The Kiran Anjali Project supporters. We are blessed that you have taken the journey with us for five years. Please celebrate each child and each life you have changed.

# A Look Ahead to 2017

Exciting things are in store for The Kiran Anjali Project for 2017. We plan to scale up support for Baale Mane and Carnation as they have increased numbers of students who need scholarship support with attending private primary school. The Plus2 Scholarship Program will dramatically increase in numbers with more Wings and Baale Mane graduates.

The Kiran Anjali Project will be initiating Advisory Council, a Donor Directed Gift Program, and the first Donor Tour to India! Look for a revamped website and increased social media posts as we plan to increase how we keep our supporters informed!

The heart and soul of our work will always be the children we support. We look forward to continuing to partner with all of you to help the children at Wings, School Carnation Learning Center, and Baale Mane!