

ACTIVITIES OF CANADIA

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INTRODUCTION

Canadia was registered as a charitable organization under the legal name, *Canadia Trust* on 2007 January 27. *Canadia* received tax exempt status from The Director of Income-Tax (Exemptions), under both Sections 12A and 80G on 2008 August 29.

The following are the set of activities conducted under the umbrella of *Canadia*, both in Canada and India. The Trustees of *Canadia*, as a matter of integrity, have not used the funds deposited in the Current Account as corpus because we are of the view that first we need to demonstrate good faith by utilizing our own finances to undertake the activities prior to using funds raised in North America and India. To demonstrate how serious we are about our commitment, we did not even open our Current Account with *ICICI Bank* until 2010 October 30.

Accordingly, our annual audit reports do not show any revenues or expenditures.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN INDIA

01. Creating the Human Infrastructure in Bangalore and Chikballapur

Canadia has been working with a tripartite global partnership consisting of a local *Kandavara Task Force* based in Chikballapur, a national organization called *The XVIII Horse Foundation* based in Bangalore, and a global organization called *Project Kandwar* based in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada. *Project Kandwar* is a registered corporation in Canada. *The XVIII Horse* is a non governmental organization based in Bangalore consisting of young professionals who are dedicated to social service. All three legal entities are dedicated to assist the needy.

We have undertaken a number of activities. Some are posted on the internet at the website www.projectkandwar.org. The

biographies of people involved are also posted on the website with a link to the website of *The XVIII Horse* that gives details about the people involved in that organization. The section on Activities is dated.



This report brings up to date the various activities.

Assembling and nurturing a critical mass of creative and dedicated people is an arduous never ending task. We have been fortunate to have had the talents,



time, and efforts of the people involved so far. We are continuously seeking the assistance of competent and dedicated people.

Our most recent team member is Mr. Muralidhar Ramoo who has had extensive business experience in India and Singapore.

02. In-Cash, In-Service, and In-Kind Contributions

Please see below the following: Eye Camp in Kandavara (03); Eye Camp in Chikballapur (05); Basic Research on Vocational and Industrial Training (07); Securing Voluntary Professional Medical Services (09); and Sponsorship Support by *Take 2 Theatre Group* (15)

In addition the following people made significant individual and institutional contributions:

Mr. D. Devaraj, Chartered Accountant, Bangalore, Karnataka, India.

Mr. H. R. Seetharam, Advocate, Chikballapur, Karnataka, India.

Mr. Chikveerappa, Advocate, Chikballapur, Karnataka, India.

Mr. H. R. Ananthakrishnamurthy, Advocate, Bangalore, Karnataka, India.

Mr. B. T. S. Murthy, Civil Engineer, Kandavara/Chikballapur, Karnataka, India.

Mr. Jayanth, Civil Engineer, Chikballapur, Karnataka, India.

SJC Institute of Technology, Department of Civil Engineering, Faculty and Students, Agalagurki (Greater Chikballapur Area), Karnataka, India.

03. Eye Camp in Kandavara, Chikballapur, Karnataka (2007:SE:08, Sat.)

The quadripartite partnership of *Narayana Netralaya* (NN), local people (KDC/KTF), the professionals from Bangalore (TEHF), and some interested people in Canada (PK) resulted in the following.

Outcome of the Eye Camp

01. 255 patients were tested for their sight and any other ailments;

02. 75 patients could not be tested because of time constraint. NN promised to come back to Kandavara within 2 months to attend to these 75 and others who might come for testing;

03. 93 patients were identified as requiring cataract surgery. The cataract surgeries will be carried out at the main hospital in Bangalore on 2007 October 9;

04. 10 patients with *Yeshaswini Cards* were identified as requiring other types of eye care. They will be treated at the main hospital in Bangalore as and when the patients appear at the hospital;

05. 37 patients were identified as requiring prescription eye glasses. 21 of them accepted the frames from the used eye glasses sent from Canada and the remaining 16 wanted to get their own frames elsewhere. For all 37 patients, *NN* will provide prescription glasses at a nominal cost. The glasses sent from Canada could not be used;

06. *NN* expressed a desire to work with the local elders and youth (*KDC/KTF*) and the professionals from *The XVIII Horse* in Bangalore on a long-term basis. The three parties have to work out the mechanics of regular periodic Eye Camps in Kandavara; and



07. Mr. B. R. Ramesh of the Reliance service Station/Sai Tractors, Chikballapur, gave an undertaking that he would sponsor such philanthropic endeavours in the Greater Chikballapur Area

(GCA) in the future as long as the local people secured his authorization ahead of time.

The following comment sums up the Eye Camp event:

"This is the first ever in our history that the Camp is so well organized."

Mr. Rajendra, Manager, *NN* Eye Camps.

04. Office of The Tripartite Partnership (*KDC-KTF/TEHF/PK*) in Bangalore

The sustained search efforts by Messrs Srikanth and Manjunath from *The XVIII Horse Foundation (TEHF)* resulted in the finding of a suitable accommodation for the location of the Head Office for the local, national, and global partnership, namely, the Tripartite Partnership. The Head Office has been functioning since 2007 November 1.

The Head Office is a modest two bedroom dwelling on the third floor of a condominium building in the Kempapur neighbourhood, about half a km east of

NH-7 (Bellary Road). The street address is: Unit 302, Saraswathi Residency; No 14, 1st Cross, Pampa Extension; Kempapur; Bangalore 560 024; Karnataka; India. The fixed land line telephone number is: 4168-4821. From North America dial: 011-91-80-4168-4821. We do not have a fax number. If you are coming from the south, i. e., downtown, go past the fly-over (Outer Ring Road and NH-7) on NH-7 and turn right (going east) on the Kempapur Main Road abutting the Esteem Mall on the north side.

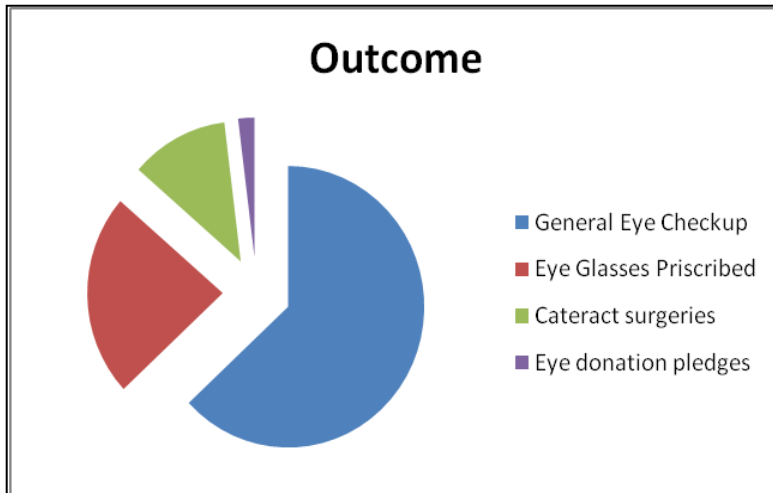
Please bear in mind that this is not a regular office with paid staff present during regular business hours. It is an office space used by volunteers who work outside the building during regular business hours. Please call one of the volunteers on their mobile phone before you come in order to avoid disappointment.

05. Eye Camp in Chikballapur, Karnataka (2007:NO:18)

The largest Eye Camp in Chikballapur ever was conducted by *Narayana Netralaya (NN)* on the 18th of November 2007 at the *Junior College* quadrangle. The entire event was sponsored by Mr. B. R. Ramesh of *Sri Sai Distributors*. The Eye Camp commenced at 9:00 a.m. and concluded at 6:40 p.m. with everyone attending the event served with lunch on the premises.



810 patients were properly registered and secured the expert professional services provided by a team of 25 from *NN*. A number of unregistered patients also secured the services. 300 patients were identified as requiring prescription eye glasses and they will receive those glasses on the 25th of November with the compliments of Mr. Ramesh. 150 patients were identified as requiring cataract surgery and they will receive free transport, lodging, boarding, surgical service and ancillary medical treatment at the *NN Hospital* on Hosur Road. 25 patients signed pledges donating their eyes after their passing. The response to the Eye Camp was so overwhelming that there was some confusion about registration at the commencement. The wait time was long and discouraged several patients who had expected immediate service. One estimate places the number of patients leaving early to attend to other work at 200.



The volunteer corps was made up of staff from *Sri Sai Distributors*, the youth from the *Kandavara Task Force*, the young professionals from the NGO group *The XVIII Horse*, Bangalore, and *Project Kandwar* in Sudbury, Canada.

The statement by Mr. Ahemed Sab, a 50 year

old street vendor who has a problem with one of his eyes captures the sentiment of the overwhelming majority of patients who received eye care, “I had decided to see the world with only one eye, as treatment for one eye costs so much. I can’t afford to spend that much money. Instead, I can give my daughter a good education and build her career, with that money. I felt very happy you people came to our doorstep to give vision free of cost. Thank you very much.”

06. VOTRAP Proposal to The Skills Development Corporation

On 2008 December 20, Dr. Vishnukanth Chatpalli, Head of The Skill Development Corporation, *State of Karnataka*, met with the following three members of the *Canadia* team: Dr. Venkatram Akula, Head of Department of Mechanical Engineering, *University of California-Riverside*, Mr. Srikanth P. Amalladinna, Assistant Manager of Human Resources, *Oracle-Bangalore*, and Mr. Narasim Katary from *Project Kandwar*, Sudbury, Canada.

The *Canadia* team presented the first draft of a Project Report for a vocational school in Chikballapur. After a two hour long discussion, Chatpalli recommended that we submit a Project Report dealing exclusively with vocational training using rented space instead of creating a new building. We readily agreed to do so.

As a matter of protocol, Chatpalli took us to meet with Ramesh Bindurao Zalki, the then Commissioner of The Directorate of Employment and Training. Mr. Zalki saw our proposal and instantly stated, “We will rope these people in to create a new vocational school.” He called Mr. Raghupathy S. Bangalore, the Joint Director, three times in our presence but could not locate him. He urged us to have lunch and come back to see Raghupathy. We did just that. When we returned Raghupathy was not available and we left our business cards with the Personal Assistant to Raghupathy.

On 2008 December 23, we prepared and electronically submitted a Project Report titled *VOTRAP (Vocational Training Program)*, generally following the guidelines set by Chatpalli. Chatpalli.

07. Basic Research on Vocational and Industrial Training

In order to prepare a comprehensive Project Report on an outstanding vocational and industrial training institution such as *CIVIL (Canada Institute of Vocational and Industrial Learning)* we undertook a significant amount of basic research so that we could incorporate latest knowledge and lessons from experience. Accordingly we read a number of relevant documents. Three documents are worthy of special mention. They are: *Draft Skill Development in India: The Vocational Education and Training System*, prepared by *World Bank* (2006 January); *Note on State Skill Missions*, prepared by the *Federal Government of India* (no date); and *Unleashing Skilled India: Transforming ITI's Together, Getting started*, prepared by *The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)* and *IIT Alumni* (2008:SE:17).

We also undertook field study by visiting the following six private institutions and spending nearly a day in each place speaking and listening to members of faculty and administration: *Nettur Technical Training Foundation (NTTF)*- Peenya, *Nettur*

Technical Training Foundation (NTTF)-Electronic City, *Canara Bank A. D. Pai Institute for Rural Development*, Vajarahalli, *Ramanagaram District, Canara Bank KPJ Prabhu Artisans Training, Production, and Marketing Centre*—Jogaradoddi, *Ramanagaram District, Toyota Technical Training Institute (TTTI)*, Bidadi, and *Bosch Vocational Centre (BVC)*, Audugodi. Subsequent to the submission of the Project Report we visited and spent a day with



members of faculty and administration of the privately run (founded on charitable donations) vocational school called *Unnati* in the *Sadananda Neighbourhood*.

A comprehensive Project Report like *CIVIL* (2009:JA:22) is made possible by the voluntary help from several people. We are honoured to have had their assistance. It is our hope that the institutions and individuals who made the Report possible will continue to participate in making a world class institute a reality and give a hand up to the poorest of the poor.

We mention the following because of their unstinted support and encouragement.

Mr. H. N. Shashidhara of *Siliconsmith Learning India, Pvt., Ltd.*, Bangalore, Mr. S. Lakshman Rao, Chartered Civil Engineer and Contractor, Mr. M. Varadaraju, Retired Director, Canara Bank A. D. *Pai Institute for Rural Development*, Vajarahalli, Ramanagaram District.

The following people from the *Nettur Technical Training Foundation (NTTF)* from the Peenya and Electronic City Campuses in Bangalore, were invaluable in their guidance and assistance: Messrs N. Reguraj, the Managing Director, K. Venugopal, Director Training, N. Arul Selvan, Associate Director Training, S. Stephen Louis, Associate Director, finance and Administration, C. G. Krishna Mohan, Principal, N. Ramani, Principal, School of Post Graduate Studies, S. S. Srinivasa Gopal, and Ms V. Dharmambal, Manager Training.

The following two people from *Toyota Kirloskar Motor Pvt. Ltd.* from the UB City Head Office and the Bidadi Campus were invaluable in their guidance and assistance: Messrs A. R. Shankar, General manager, Corporate Planning Division and T. Somanath, Principal, *Toyota Technical Training Institute (TTTI)*.

08. CIVIL Project Report to The Directorate of Employment and Training

THE CREATION OF AN OUTSTANDING VOCATIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SCHOOL HAS BEEN OUR PRINCIPAL FOCUS SINCE 2008 JANUARY.

At the request of Ramesh B. Zalki, the Comissioner, Directorate of Employment and Training, Raghupathy S. Bangalore, the Joint Director, called Srikanth on 2008 December 24. On 2009 January 1, Thursday, three of us from *Canadia* team, namely, Srikanth P. Amalladonna, Harish D. Rao, and Narasim M. Katary, met with Raghupathy for a little over an hour. It is fair to say that this meeting was the turning point in our efforts to create an outstanding vocational and industrial training school in the Greater Chikballapur Area (GCA)

It is accurate to say that the Project Report for the proposed *CIVIL (Canadia Institute of Vocational and Industrial Learning)* has evolved since the First Draft dated 2009 January 22. The highlights are the following.

We have a detailed chronology of all important meetings and events related to the school that runs into approximately 40 pages, single spaced. We also have detailed minutes of all of our important meetings with senior civil servants and others in connection with the school. Also we have a set of documents such as correspondence, field notes, etc. In the following paragraphs we have given a brief outline of the Project and its current status.

The Project: A multi-skill vocational and industrial residential school called *CIVIL* (*Canada Institute of Vocational and Industrial Learning*) in the Greater Chikballapur Area (GCA) 55 km. north of Bangalore, Karnataka, India. *CITI* is aimed at meeting the needs of the poorest of the poor while simultaneously meeting the demands of industry for skilled labour.

Unique Features: First, it is a joint partnership venture between public and private sectors. Second, it is a multi-national undertaking. Third, it places great emphasis on faculty and quality of training and the program outlines convey the importance of that message. Fourth, it strives for an institutional culture to enable students to rapidly become global citizens. Fifth, it focuses on mandatory training in “skills for life” with four broad areas of preparing for market entry with minimal difficulty. Sixth, it is conceived as an ecologically harmonious juxtaposition of built and natural environments including a market garden as a profit centre. Seventh, it is planned to become a self-reliant institution within 7 years.

Current Status: On 2010 October 23, Saturday, at a meeting between senior officers from the Directorate of Employment and Training, *State of Karnataka*, and three members from the *Canada* team, the Commissioner, Mr. Umashankar R. Sitapura stated (for full details see Minutes):

- The *State of Karnataka* fully supports your Project *CIVIL* and that is not the issue here. We support it both in principle and in practice.
- You can tell people in North America that we are fully behind this Project and all that is remaining is following the proper application procedures. Raghupathy will take care of that.
- The Project is approved by us in all respects except for the pending decision on location.

We are awaiting a final decision on location by the *State*. Following that decision we will negotiate and sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). We have submitted to the Directorate two Drafts for consideration. Once the MOA is signed incorporating a governance structure with complete autonomy along the lines already granted to a German proposal, we plan to commence work immediately on creating the physical infrastructure.

A cautionary note is in order. People in North America need to understand that signing a MOA does not axiomatically result in rapid action. A number of details in implementation may take more time than is usual in North America. It is important to bear in mind that public money is being expended for a significant project.

09. Securing Voluntary Professional Medical Service

On 2009 November 20, Friday, Dr. Praveen Kumar, a Presidential award winning Gastroenterologist and Family Physician, with a very successful practice in the Indira Nagar neighbourhood of Bangalore offered in writing to serve *pro-bono* at the Nursing School under construction in Kandavara/Chikballapur.

His offer is straightforward. If the Nursing School can make available a room where outpatients can come and go without interfering in the operations of the School, he is willing to give one day a week for a clinic in that room.

10. Request for an Outpatient Clinic at the Nursing School, Kandavara

Narasim took the formal letter of offer by Dr. Praveen Kumar together with his impressive biographical sketch and hand delivered it to the Principal Secretary of



Health, *State of Karnataka*. The Principal Secretary promised to pass the offer document to the concerned authorities and request them to see what can be done to take up the offer.

Narasim also took the offer document and hand delivered it to the Personal Assistant to the District Health Officer (DHO), Chikballapur. Narasim called him twice on his mobile but he did not pick up the

phone. As of this writing, we have not heard from either the DHO or from anyone in the Principal Secretary's office.

Currently we are exploring the feasibility of building a clinic in Kandavara. We have a vacant lot available. We have a sketch design for the building and have estimated the cost of construction. The well established civil engineer/contractor, Mr. G. Somashekar was most helpful in guiding our plans for construction.

11. A Philanthropist's Offer

Mahatma Gandhi once remarked that when you are doing selfless work, people pop up on the sidewalks to help you. We have had that experience throughout our efforts. One particular instance is important to mention here because it has elements of tragedy in the noblest sense of the word. As of this writing, we do not know how this story will end.

Mr. G. N. Srinivasa Reddy, is a dedicated person, who has done impressive work in community development near the city of Tiptur, approximately 130 km northwest of Bangalore. There is no way of summarizing his tremendous efforts in the past 25 years. His work is very well documented and he has received

several awards for his public service. He introduced Narasim Katary to a well-known wealthy philanthropist in Bangalore who has funded a number of projects. His name is Mr. Srinivasa Raju and he heads the Registered Charity called *Navchetan Trust* (New Dawn Trust).



Using the Project Report, Narasim made a full-scale presentation of the vocational school proposal to Srinivasa Raju at his office. The two of them spent many hours, extended over several days, discussing many matters including but not limited to: the personalities of people involved, organizational structures, mechanisms of implementation, etc.

Early on during the discussions, Srinivasa Raju stated the main points in the following manner:

I will lease you on a long term basis 5 to 10 acres of land [near Madhurenahalli] to your *CIVIL Trust* or *Canadia* and you build and operate *CIVIL* as per your plans. As long as it is world class, I will do this. I will put some riders on the land being treated in an ecologically sensitive manner.

Do not waste any more time with the *State of Karnataka* because nothing is going to happen with them because they are not accustomed to taking decisions requiring using their discretion.

Do not waste time with your lot in Kandavara. By the time you build the building, operate it for a few years to gain a reputation, and then go for your *CIVIL*, you will be burnt out.

NMK expressed his sincere thanks on behalf of the people involved in India and North America and stated simply that *Canadia* does not have Rs. 7.5 crores (\$1.5 m US) to execute the project. Raju understood the fact clearly and asked NMK to think about the matter. He also wanted NMK to visit the site and examine the suitability of the site for a world-class vocational school.

Narasim made a site visit. He spoke to several villagers in the area, took some photographs, and made field notes. Within a day of his return, he wrote a detailed Site Visit Report and submitted it to Srinivasa Raju. The major finding

was that although the site was aesthetically very appealing, it lacked road access.

Srinivasa Raju was disbelieving of the major finding and arranged for a meeting with his lawyer who had bought the parcels of farm land for Raju. The lawyer, a sincere person, kept insisting that road access to the site could be obtained. After examining the maps that the lawyer had, NMK requested him to contact the right person in the survey office in the city of Chikballapur and get a delineation of the right of way on the map, duly attested to by the officer.

To the great chagrin of Srinivasa Raju, there was no road access to the site. Narasim does not know what might have transpired between the two of them. What Narasim does know is that Raju reluctantly concluded that the site was not suitable for a vocational school.

All of us were deeply disappointed. We consoled ourselves by telling each other that even if the site had road access, we still would not have the money for infrastructure. If ever there was a case of sour grapes, this was it.

A couple of days before Narasim left for Sudbury, he along with Srikanth and Manjunath met with Srinivasa Raju and discussed some possibilities. All four knew the steepness of the hill to climb and parted with good cheer and a resolve to keep looking for alternatives.

Who said doing good is easy?

12. Applying for Sponsorship by COLT

Ms Manjula Rao made detailed presentations about all of our activities to the team of people at COLT who were exploring several options on choosing a theme for their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) mandate. She even organized a visit by the COLT team to visit our Head Office in Kempapur/Bangalore so that they could find out more details about our all volunteer organization. The selection team was quite impressed by our range of activities and our current focus on vocational and industrial training.

In the end, however, the COLT selection team shoes to focus on the theme of education of children below the age of 8.

13. Exploring Funding by Infosys Foundation

Mrs. Balakrishnan, Vice Chair, *Infosys Foundation*, met with Narasim for about 40 minutes. She was gracious and listened to the different activities of *Canadia* team. She received a back-of-the-envelope kind of estimate of costs on the different things that we wanted to do in Kandavara/Chikballapur.

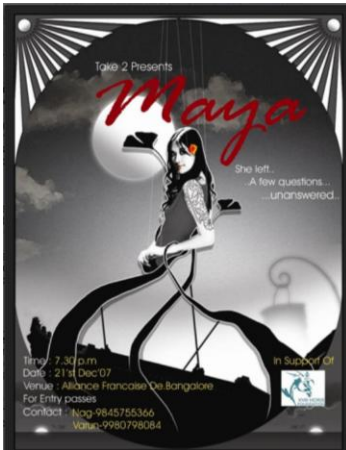
She promised to visit Kandavara and requested Narasim to call Lakshmi, her Personal Assistant, and make arrangements for a site visit.

14. Support from *The Rotary Club of Bangalore*

After a series of meetings with senior officers of *The Rotary Club of Bangalore*, Rotary International District 3190, we were able to secure a letter of endorsement for *CIVIL* dated 2010 January 28.

The President of Rotary, Mr. C. K. Sreenathan, states that the Rotary would be glad to assist *CIVIL* once the infrastructure (land, buildings, equipment and supplies) was ready.

15. Sponsorship Support by *Take 2 Theatre Group*



On 2007 December 21, the amateur theatre group. *Take 2 Theatre*, consisting mostly of IT professionals staged a play called *Maya* at the French Cultural Centre, *Alliance Francaise* in the Vasanth Nagar neighbourhood of Bangalore as a benefit performance. The group donated Rs. 10,000 to our partners, namely, *The XVIII Horse Foundation (TEHF)*.

We are confident that our partner, *TEHF*, will continue to raise funds in India and transfer the funds to a dedicated account set up by *Canadia* to build up *CIVIL* into an outstanding institution.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN CANADA

01. Creating the Human Infrastructure

A dedicated and competent group of volunteers in Ontario came together to create a not-for-profit non-governmental organization called *Project Kandwar* (*PK*) based in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada..



The biographical sketches of the most active people are posted on the website: www.projectkandwar.org. There is also a list of Friends of *PK* on the website.

We are continually seeking dedicated members for our team. This is a strenuous undertaking given the demands on the time of people who are public service minded. We are somewhat stymied by the fact that the actual work is

being undertaken half a world away. Competent people are reluctant to get involved in projects that they cannot touch and feel easily notwithstanding their enormous sympathy for the poorest of the poor in India.

02. Toys for the Needy through *Dwaraknath Trust*

In 2005 October, Ms Shannon L. Katary, the Human Resources and Marketing Officer with *CEMI (Centre of Excellence for Mining Innovation)*, a think tank based in Sudbury, Canada, collected a large number of toys including most from her own childhood. She donated them for needy children in the Greater Bangalore Area (GBA).

Air Canada Jazz, Air Canada, and Lufthansa Airlines consented to transport the two very large bags of toys from Sudbury, Canada to Bangalore, India as their contribution to assist the needy children.

On 2005 November 29, Narasim, handed over the two large bags of toys to Ms Anita Reddy, the Managing Trustee of *Dwaraknath Reddy Ramanarpanam Trust (DRRT)*. Ms Reddy opened the bags and examined the numerous toys and asked the staff of *DRRT* to distribute the toys to the families where *DRRT* is doing community development work in the Lowest Income Neighbourhoods (LINs) of Bangalore.

03. In-Cash Contributions

Please see below contributions from Matt Livingstone's Campaign (06), MIRARCO (10), Jessica Watts Art Show (11), and *India-Canada Association-Sudbury* (12).

In addition, the following individuals have made contributions: Ms Kathyjo Bolduc, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada; Mr. Frank H. Reynolds, Brechin, Ontario, Canada. Ms Molly Hancock, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada; Mr. Robert and Ms Colleen Johnston, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada; Mr. Mike Atkins, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and Ms Satya Naidu, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

Project Kandwar (PK) is attempting to raise funds in Canada. Thus far, it has raised a very modest amount. We have encountered three concurrent resistances. First, is simple donor fatigue, what with Haitis and Darfours. Second, is the climate engendered by the current deep recession that has put a damper on generosity. Third, is a puzzle because it is rooted in a limited understanding of conditions in India. People sincerely believe that India is a wealthy country that ought to take care of its own. Repeated efforts to show the extent of poverty using the latest and best data from multiple sources is met with deep skepticism. The net result of these three resistances is that it is very difficult to raise large sums of money in Canada at the present time. Notwithstanding these obstacles we are continuing our efforts to seek funds from a multiplicity of sources. We assure you that whatever money we can raise will be used for *CIVIL* until the Project takes final form.

04. In-Service Contributions

The single largest *pro-bono* professional service contribution has been made by Mr. Dennis Castellan, a well recognized and experienced architect in Canada. He designed the entire building complex and the associated landscape open space.

He and his colleagues in the firm brainstormed the best possible design for tropical climate. The result is a "Living Building" that is ecologically suitable for the climatic and weather conditions in the Greater Chikballapur Area (GCA). The design has been included in our Project Report to indicate the kind of campus



that will emerge if the *State* commits adequate funds for an outstanding campus.

Cambrian College, the post-secondary skills diploma institution in Sudbury has made modest contributions in assisting us in preparing the Project Report of *CIVIL*. Once *CIVIL* is functioning,

Cambrian may be interested in establishing a partnership depending upon the kind of programs that are offered. Any discussion on partnership is premature at this time.

05. In-Kind Contributions

Please see below contributions from *City of Greater Sudbury* (07), *Sudbury Regional Hospital* (08), and *College Boreal* (09).

In addition the following organizations and individuals have made contributions: *Vianet Internet Solutions*, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada; *Journal Printing* (Mr. Klaus Herring), Sudbury, Ontario, Canada; Mr. V. T. Anand and Ms Anila Anand, Bangalore, Karnataka, India; Dr. Praveen Kumar and Ms Ambika Kumar, Bangalore, Karnataka, India; Mr. Anand Raju and Ms Geetha Raju, Strathroy (Greater Melbourne Area), Victoria, Australia and *The Lions Clubs of District A-5*, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada.

06. Matt Livingstone's Fund Raising Campaign



In 2006, Matt Livingstone with the *City of Greater Sudbury*, undertook a one person campaign to raise some money for *Project Kandwar*.

His sustained efforts resulted in some money being raised by individuals. The *Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE)*, *Local 705*, matched individual contributions, dollar for dollar.

07. Warehouse Storage Space Donated by the *City of Greater Sudbury*

The *City of Greater Sudbury* has authorized the use of surplus space for storage of equipment and supplies collected by *Project Kandwar* for use in the Greater Chikballapur Area (GCA).

The aesthetically appealing free standing chapel at the Valley East Cemetery on Gravel Road in the northern part of the city (Hanmer neighbourhood), is approximately 20 km from downtown Sudbury. Space on the first floor (ground floor) and in the basement is available for



storage. As of this writing, we have not utilized the space. The photographs give an accurate picture of the size and the landscaping around the building.

Mr. Narasim Katary wrote a letter of thanks to the Mayor of the City, Mr. John Rodriguez, for his support of the efforts by *Project Kandwar* in 2007 September.

08. Medical Supplies Donated by the Sudbury Regional Hospital

The Sudbury Regional Hospital donated surplus medical supplies in 2007 October.

Air Canada Jazz, *Air Canada*, and *Lufthansa* authorized two additional suitcases containing medical supplies and computers as accompanying baggage on the flights from Sudbury to Bangalore.

Ms Kathy Brankley, Ms Debbie Regan, and Mr. John Perry, all three from the same Hospital assisted in the preliminary identification of supplies that might be useful in India. Dr. Steve Waldmann selected the items that might be most useful at the *CSI Hospital* in Chikballapur.

Ms Giselle Chretien, Chair of the *Sudbury Regional Hospital* wrote a letter to the customs officials in Bangalore explaining the nature of the donation and requesting them to clear the contents without difficulty. Ms Carmen Simmons of *Project Kandwar* also addressed a similar letter to the customs officials. Mr. Srikanth and Mr. Harish from *The XVIII Horse Foundation* in Bangalore coordinated with customs officials in Bangalore.

Mr. Narasim Katary of *Project Kandwar* carried the donated items and delivered them to Dr. Leelavathi Devadas, the Medical Superintendent of *CSI Hospital* in Chikballapur on 2001 November 3, Saturday. Mr. B. R. Ramesh from *Sathya Sai Distributors*, Chikballapur, Mr. Rajendran from *Narayana Netralaya*, Bangalore, and Mr. Srikanth P. Amalladonna from *The XVIII Horse Foundation*, Bangalore, assisted in the delivery of the supplies to the *CSI Hospital*.



Dr. Leelavathi Devadas of *CSI Hospital* was deeply moved by the quality and range of supplies donated and wrote a heartfelt letter of thanks to Ms. Giselle Chretien of the *Sudbury Regional Hospital*. The low key handover to Dr.

Leelavathi was captured in a few photographs and the expressions on her face convey her delight better than anything she said on the occasion.

09. Notebook/Laptop Computers Donated by *College Boreal*, Sudbury

College Boreal of Sudbury, the French technical college, donated six (6) surplus notebook/laptop IBM T30 computers for use in 2007 October.

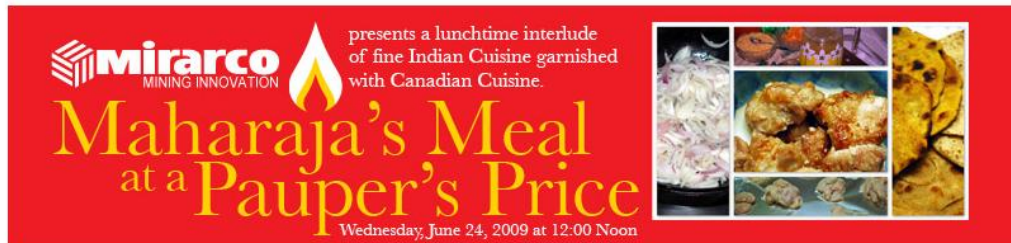
In the light of weight restrictions, five of them have been transported to Bangalore.

Mr. Harish Babu from *The XVIII Horse Foundation* has installed the software on the computers.

We are exploring mechanisms on how best to put the computers to use. As you can imagine, simply giving the computers to the *Heritage Primary School* in Kandavara is not helpful. We need to train one or two staff and secure a commitment from staff that they would regularly teach the children how to use the computers. We are also looking into whether the computers can be set up in the office of *The XVIII Horse* in Bangalore and computer skills can be taught to the needy in the city. We are confronting a textbook case of technology and skill transfer.

10. Project Kandwar Chosen Charity of Choice 2009 by *MIRARCO*

In January, the staff of *MIRARCO* (*Mining Innovation, Rehabilitation, and Applied Research*), a think tank based in Sudbury, adopted project Kandwar as its Charity of Choice for the year 2009.



They set a goal of \$5,000. Throughout the year 2009 they conducted a variety of events to raise money. The staff is holding the money in a dedicated account and will transfer the money to a pool that will assist in the creation of *CIVIL*.

11. Charity Art Show by Jessica Watts on 2009:AP:24

The inaugural Jessica Watts show featuring acrylic and oil on canvass Palettes at *Tree of Life North* on Regent Street in Sudbury was a highly successful debut for a young budding artist.

The show was well attended with people drawn from various walks of life in Sudbury. Light refreshments consisting of fruits, vegetables, and baked delicacies enabled visitors to take a break from aesthetic overload and return to the paintings for an in-depth appreciation. Visitors were greeted by live guitar music by Pierre Laframboise.

Eight of her works were sold during the three hour event. Prices for the works sold ranged from \$ 20 to \$200.



Ticket for admission to the show was \$10. Thanks to the outstanding organizational talents of Jessica, by the time the show opened, 100 tickets had been sold. In addition several people came and bought tickets at the door.

Watts donated the entire sum from tickets and a portion of the sales from her paintings to a local charity,

Project Kandwar, which is undertaking health, education, and infrastructure projects in the settlement/village of Kandavara (Chikballapur) in the state of Karnataka, India. The money will be used for giving a hand up to the poorest of the poor.

Ms Carmen Simmons, the Executive Director of *Sudbury Community Foundation* and one of the founding Members of the Board of *Project Kandwar*, received the check from Jessica Watts. Ms Simmons expressed thanks on behalf of *PK* and mentioned how much of a pleasant surprise it was that Ms Watts was able to raise so much money for the charity. Mr. Matt Livingstone, the Lead Graphic Designer with the *City of Greater Sudbury*, designed the colourful poster and other promotional documents for the Show. Ms Deb McIntosh, the Executive Director of *Rainbow Routes* and one of the founding Members of the Board of *PK*, bought one of the art works to demonstrate support for the artist and *PK*. Ms Shannon Katary, the Marketing and Human Resources Specialist with the *Centre for Excellence in Mining Innovation*, assisted in the sale of tickets. Mr. Narasim Katary, the founder of *PK*, in his brief remarks outlined the kinds of activities *PK* had undertaken and is currently undertaking. Ms Charmaine Kennedy, the owner/manager of *Tree of Life North*, hosted the event and made the occasion a pleasant experience for all.

12. India-Canada Association-Sudbury, Maharaja Meal 2009:JN:24

The joint *MIRARCO* and *India-Canada Association-Sudbury*, fund raiser luncheon for *Project Kandwar* was a splendid festive event. The lunch was both a

memorable experience for the participants and a tremendous fund raising success for the people who will benefit from the effort.

To say that the luncheon interlude was meticulously organized and was backed by near universal participation by *MIRARCO* staff is to say nothing at all.



server at the food desk.

Although a large number of *MIRARCO* people participated as guests in the event and a significant number contributed to the final outcome, without the invaluable contributions by the following fabulous four, the event would not have been such a grand success. Ms Sandra Willock, Ms Sandra Djivre, Mr. Andrew Zaverucha, and Ms Diane LePage were tireless in their efforts. Ms Jane Djivre became a volunteer

The Executive of *India-Canada* unanimously endorsed the participation of its members in the fund raising effort. The following magnificent four were instrumental in preparing the delicious dishes and serving them to the guests. Ms Bela Ravi, Ms Zorha Nawaz, Ms Gurubaksh Sokhal, and Ms Renuka Mamidi. Dr. Ramesh Subramaniam, Ms Hillary Nelson, and Mr. Narayan Mamidi were cheerful servers of the delicacies. To watch their steadfast efforts in organizing the preparation of the array of delicacies and serve them out with characteristic cheer was to observe an orchestral feast.

The seven main dishes were: Chicken Masala/Curry, Chana Masala/Curry, Basmati Rice, Naan Bread, Fish Curry, Potato Masala/Curry, and Beef/Vegetable Stir Fry. Guests could not say enough nice things about the lunch and urged the hosts to repeat the effort. The disappointed, numbering perhaps at least eighty, who could not get tickets, are pleading for a repeat of the effort on a larger scale.



Mr. Matt Livingstone from the *City of Greater Sudbury* and *PK web God*, designed the poster. Dr. Nagarajan Karatholuvu of *Laurentian University* was the

music maestro. Ms Christine Wood, a geologist, and Mr. Andrew Wilson and Ms Shannon Katary from *CEMI* were all round volunteers attending to several duties.

All contributions by the people involved were in-kind and in-cash contributions. The result was that the entire sum of ticket sales and donations went for giving a hand up to the poorest of the poor. The collaboration of people involved was so effective that all tickets were sold out five days before the event.

Some of the well-known public figures who participated in the event included Mr. Floyd Laughran, former Deputy Premier of Ontario, Mr. Ted Callahan and Ms Janet Gasperini, Councillors, *City of greater Sudbury*.

The festive event resulted in raising some money for the proposed vocational education and training centre in the Greater Chikballapur Area, Karnataka, India.

The Tripartite Partnership of local/national/global organizations, namely, *Kandavara Task Force*, *The XVIII Horse Foundation*, and *Project Kandwar*, are grateful for the effort by the two organizations and all the individuals who made the event such a success.

13. Support from *The Rotary Club of Sudbury*

Following a series of meetings with senior officers of *The Rotary Club of Sudbury*, Ms Elizabeth Bamberger, Chair, World Community Service, wrote a letter endorsing *CIVIL* on 2009 September 30.



Ms Bamberger states that the Rotary would raise a sum of approximately \$ 130,000 CDN provided the *State of Karnataka* entered into an agreement to create the infrastructure (land, buildings, equipment, and supplies) and execute the commitment expeditiously.

On 2010 May 31, Monday, *The Rotary Club of Sudbury* at its meeting of the Assembly unanimously adopted by a show of hands a motion recommended by the Executive Board of the Club authorizing the raising of funds for *CIVIL*. The motion commits to the raising of a minimum of \$10,000 and using that base to leverage funds from other Rotary Clubs and other sources to reach the target of \$140,000.

Ms Elizabeth Bamberger made a brief enthusiastic presentation. Mr. David Dorland put forward the motion that was seconded by Ms Vicky Jacobs. Mr. Rick Van Oort from the Executive Board spoke strongly in favour of the motion. David Dorland and Narasim Katary answered a few questions. Mr. Lionel Rudd stated that all persons concerned should make efforts to ensure that 50 percent of students in the vocational school are female.

14. Ice Cricket Benefit Game by Sudbury Cricket Club

Dr. Lionel Rudd, Emeritus Professor, *Laurentian University*, put forward the brilliant idea of organizing world's first cricket game on ice or Ice Cricket in Sudbury around the Republic Day of India, namely, 2011 January 26.



The World Community Service group of *The Rotary Club of Sudbury* has enthusiastically endorsed the proposal as a fund raising event for *Project Kandwar*. Rudd has taken the initiative in meeting with members of the Field Cricket team in Sudbury. Members of the Field Cricket team are getting together two teams for the inaugural match. The one day match is tentatively named, India vs The Rest of the World. Rules of the game are being developed based upon modified Australian Cricket.

The one unforeseeable event is the weather on the planned date. If there is a snow storm, the game would have to be held indoors on the ice rink in a City Arena. The rules may have to be adjusted quite a bit.

15. Paul Harris Benefit Lunch by The Rotary Club of Sudbury

Senior officers of the Rotary are currently discussing the feasibility of a benefit Paul Harris Award Lunch in 2011 March.

There is a broad consensus among the senior officers that the Paul Harris Lunch is a very good way to raise a meaningful amount of money for *Project Kandwar*. Narasim has met with several members to promote the idea. Some are discussing the person who should receive the award for exceptional community service.