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Dear Friends,
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As the worst economic slowdown since the Great depression dragged on, increasing the need for help, there was a concern that donations would dry up. But, our community has responded enthusiastically and the donations far outweighed last year's. We are grateful for your generosity, and continuous support to Maharashtra foundation (MF). The total funds received by MF in 2010 were in excess of \$800,000 and ranged from small amounts to thousands of dollars. The credit goes to you, the donors.

Looking back, MF November 2010 New Jersey fund raiser event was a grand success. The young speakers, Pallavi & Kaustaub Amte and Anand Bang captured the hearts of our audience. We had a feeling that "everybody was contributing and that everybody should!" The MF award Ceremony for Literature and Social Service was held on January 26th 2011, in Bal Gandharva Auditorium in Pune. This event was very well attended and covered by the media, as usual. The details are in this newsletter issue.

All the projects run by MF in India are doing well, while some are nearing completion. For the first time, MF conducted a wellness camp in Harali, Sholapur. Please check MF fund raiser, and wellness camp details given in this newsletter. We hope to continue this project for the next few years, partnering with 'Share & Care Foundation' and Jnana-Prabodhini, Harali. The MF Executive Committee plans to focus more on helping the U.S. based NGOs by establishing greater rapport with some institutions here. All in all "the Foundation" is doing well. We urge you to send us your suggestions, ideas for possible fund-raising programs, speakers you would like to hear and institutions you would like us to support.

Have a wonderful, prosperous and peaceful year.

- Executive Committee,
Maharashtra Foundation

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MAHARASHTRA FOUNDATION INC. Financial Report as Of December, 31, 2009

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Report

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Gentlemen:

We have audited the accompanying Balance Sheet of Maharashtra Foundation as of December 31, 2009 and the related statements of Income & Retained Earnings for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and assessing the accounting principle used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement preparation. We believe that our audit provides reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Maharashtra Foundation as of the year ended and the results of its operations for the year then ended are in conformity with the generally accepted accounting principles.



Ramesh Sarva CPA
February 11, 2011

MAHARASHTRA FOUNDATION INC**Profit & Loss**

January through December 2009

	<u>Jan - Dec 09</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Direct Public Support	
Corporate Contributions	4,746.68
Individual Contributions	327,188.75
Direct Public Support - Other	10,651.00
Total Direct Public Support	<u>342,586.43</u>
Indirect Public Support	
United Way, CFC Contributions	5,262.96
Indirect Public Support - Other	5,016.65
Total Indirect Public Support	<u>10,279.61</u>
Annual Membership Dues	1,420.00
Realized Gain /(Loss) on Invest	-19,766.09
Unrealized Gain /(Loss) on Inve	347,201.29
Dividend Income	60,261.18
Interest Income	5,790.35
Other Income	10.72
Total Income	<u>747,783.49</u>
Expense	
Reimbursement	2,585.12
Donations	364,558.20
Bank Charges	423.00
Advertising	2,041.00
Insurance	974.00
Postage & Delivery	941.66
Printing & Stationery	1,170.00
Telephone Charges	2,535.74
Equipment Rental	151.00
Miscellaneous	1,497.38
Professional Fees	480.00
Total Expense	<u>377,357.10</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>370,426.39</u>
Net Income	<u><u>370,426.39</u></u>

MAHARASHTRA FOUNDATION INC
Balance Sheet
 As of December 31, 2009

ASSETS	<u>Dec 31, 09</u>
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Citibank	
Citibank - IMMA	339,222.61
PNC Bank Checking	19,923.18
Citibank	70,616.49
Citibank	103,298.03
Total Checking/Savings	<u>103,298.03</u>
	636,358.34
Other Current Assets	
Investment	
Khedkar Estate	
PNC	
Raymond James 8847- Khedkar	250,000.00
Total Khedkar Estate	<u>520,831.31</u>
	770,831.31
Raymond James - 7850 Anil Deshpande	
Raymond James - 7798 Tulsibagwa	187,224.14
Raymond James- 430 Elite Account	447,649.15
Raymond James- 4976 Endowment	157,853.24
Investment In TMSV LLC	480,830.50
Investment - Other	14,611.60
Total Investment	<u>5,000.00</u>
	2,063,999.94
Total Other Current Assets	
	<u>2,063,999.94</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>2,700,358.28</u>
Fixed Assets	
Office Equipment	
Acc. Depr - Office Equipment	10,443.26
Total Fixed Assets	<u>-10,443.26</u>
	0.00
Other Assets	
Advance For Exps	
Receivable From TMSVLLC	137,359.00
Total Other Assets	<u>114,828.31</u>
	252,187.31
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>2,952,545.59</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Long Term Liabilities	
Khedkar Estate	
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>886,767.00</u>
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Total Liabilities	<u>886,767.00</u>
Equity	886,767.00

MAHARASHTRA FOUNDATION INC
Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2009

	Dec 31, 09
General Fund	247,939.67
Endowment Fund (Life/Patron)	346,324.00
Endowment Fund (Literatere)	228,164.00
Restricted Net Assets	433,722.96
Retained Earnings	438,451.97
Net Income	371,175.99
Total Equity	2,065,778.59
 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	 2,952,545.59

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Maharashtra Foundation
Notes to Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2009

1. New York State Attorney General entrusted the disbursement of Khedkar Estate in 2007, a sum of \$ 1, 040,017.05 upto December 31, 2009. These funds are trust funds to be earmarked for health services to be provided to people in the village of Anjanvel, Maharashtra, India. The remaining balance funds as of December 31, 2009 are \$ 886,767.

Youth Wellness Camp, 2011 at Jnana Prabodhini - Harali

Last year Share and Care Foundation (SCF) – a US based non-profit organization brought a proposal to Maharashtra Foundation (MF) to conduct a Youth Wellness Camp for Jnana Prabodhini (Harali) students. SCF have done such camps in Gujarat for past 5 years and they wanted a partner do similar camp in Maharashtra. SCF wanted Marathi speaking doctors and volunteers to accompany other non-Marathi doctors. And of course who else could be a better partner than Maharashtra Foundation?

Jayantbhai Shroff of SCF was the overall coordinator and he gathered a team of doctors and volunteers which included Dr. Bharati Mullick, Dr. Shubhangi Thakur, Dr. Uma Thakur, Dr. Ujwala Mulgaonkar, Dr. Kumud Shah, Dr. Yogini Shroff, Dr. Bharati Palkhiwala, Dr. Arun Palkhiwala, Dr. Baldev Das, Dr. Sudha Sangane (dentist), Dr. Shaila Vasa (dentist), Dr. Dinesh Vasa (dentist), Bhupendra Parekh, Rekha Das, Usha Chitalia, Chandrakant Shah, Jayant Shroff and myself.

All of us met on VT station in Mumbai on 15th January at 9PM and set out on our sojourn towards Harali which is a small village about 30 kms interior of the Solapur-Hyderabad highway. Harali was heavily destroyed in the earthquake of 1993. Under the aid of Jnana Prabodhini, a non-political organization, the village was reconstructed by providing jobs to the adult residents and education to the children. Today the village survives in much better condition, and the school is imparting education to over 300 students from Harali as well as other nearby villages. Jnana Prabodhini's school is situated on 60-acre land of orchards growing a variety of fruits and vegetables. Jnana Prabodhini also has a small processing plant to make food products like Jam and pickles from the fruits and vegetables they grow in their farms. The Harali campus has a residential school with 220 students, a day school with 200 students and a two-year agricultural vocational training school with 120 students.

Also an anganwadi in the village of Harali with 80 children and some villagers were included in this program. Students of Harali are very bright, enthusiastic, well disciplined and eager to learn.

We arrived in Solapur in early morning of 16th January and went to Harali. There was so much energy and enthusiasm in the student community about the camp! The warmth in the welcome by the Harali staff and student community was overwhelming. The facilities were absolutely clean. We could see the philosophy and discipline penetrating down from Annasaheb Tamhankar and Latatai Bhisikar to the entire staff and student community.



We participated for four days in the camp. SCF had done all the initial planning in USA such as setting objectives for this initiative, setting the dates, forming the team, working with Jnana Prabodhini for local arrangements, logistics, procurement of medicines, supplies etc. After the initial planning and set up, six teams of doctors were formed.



Our presence also inspired local professionals. There were other local physicians on hand to compliment our work. The local team consisted of: four OBGYN, two ophthalmologists, a dermatologist, an ENT specialist, a neonatologist and two general practitioners. Some physicians came from Dinanath Mangeshkar Hospital in Pune. Since SCF had expertise in conducting such medical camps, most of the operation was quite smooth from day one.



We used the medical forms that were already filled by the students for medical and dental records. Medicines and supplies for common ailments were shipped from LOCOST pharmacy through another NGO called "ARCH" beforehand. The children had undergone preliminary check-up. A routine vision screening was already done prior to the camp.



10% of the students were given eye glasses. One important attribute introduced in this camp was identification and remediation of mental illness and correction of learning disabilities. For a small number of acute cases, we decided to refer them to the local hospital for further action.

In order to sustain this program, it is necessary to recruit younger people for this work and identify local talents for



maintenance of this program. Also this camp will have local trained teachers and senior students to maintain the program during the year. We decided that it is best to send the local candidates for training in basic healthcare at ARCH after the completion of this camp.

Here is a summary of findings and recommendations from Jayantbhai and lead Dr. Bharatiben Mullick.

Findings:

We examined 580 students. Approximately 99% of the students had Hgb. lower than 10 gms (anaemic). This probably is a result of intestinal parasites infection. A treatment is planned. Approximately 20% of the students showed a sign of malnutrition with poor physical and delayed growth. Although the scope of the camp did not cover assessment of learning disabilities, one psychiatrist on the team did some work and informed appropriate member. Familial and societal factors affecting the well being of these students also remain to be explored. About 52 students (10%) had acute illnesses/conditions for which they were either treated or referred doctors in Solapur.

These 52 students included:

28 respiratory illness, nine - skin condition, two - GI disorder, five - GU disorder, two- eye related, three - ENT, one - cardiac and two- orthopedic.

Recommendations:

- 1) These schools (except Anganwadi) are generally better off as far as general wellness is concerned. However development of a routine health program will further help these students concentrate in their studies. Mrs. Sathe (a local nurse) was interested in initiating such a program. She can take help from a local physician (we can assist).
- 2) Routine vision and hearing screening once every year or two.
- 3) Height and weight monitoring once a year.
- 4) Once a year BP check for 6-year old and above with correct size cuff.
- 5) Develop computerized health records for each student
- 6) Give Iron tablets to all students (availability is being explored). To be worked out.
- 7) Twice a year treatment for intestinal parasites. To be worked out.
- 8) Give Calcium supplement to all girls. To be worked out.
- 9) About six teachers from this campus should be sent to ARCH for program maintenance training.

On 17th January, 2011, we visited S.P.A.R.S.H. organization at Sastur and saw the impressive work that is being done by this NGO. It is run by PRIDE India. PRIDE India was founded by the late Mrs. Vipula Kadri and is a sister organization of "Save the Children India". Maharashtra Foundation has been sending donations to "Save the Children India" for many years. On the 18th January, we visited HALO Medical Foundation and met with Dr. Ahankari. The Halo Medical Foundation is a two-building complex outside the village of Anadur. Over 70 villages are connected to their health and microfinance programs. Their work has impacted the lives of thousands in the Osmanabad and Solapur Districts of Maharashtra. Dr. Ahankari and Andrew (a fellow working there) gave us the tour of the facility and showed the ECU room that is built with the aid from Maharashtra Foundation. Youth Wellness Camp is a project that MF has taken up this year. The plan is to continue this for at least four years to study the impact on the well being of the children in in the Harali village. For more information or to participate in the camp next year, please contact me through email.

- **Shaila Vidwans**

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Think Maharashtra - Link Maharashtra

With Maharashtra foundation's initial support, a project 'Think Maharashtra link Maharashtra' with a website <http://thinkmaharashtra.com> has been launched in 2009.

The long term goals of the project are:

- Developing, nurturing and strengthening awareness of cultural heritage of Maharashtra.
- Facilitating a stage for intellectual process, knowledge sharing through networking, media and technology, to reach the current young- generation.

Current Goals of the project are:

- Web site development and networking
- Community Radio
- Newsletter Publication
- Television Channel

To read a report about ThinkMaharashtra.com, written by Mr. **Dinkar Gangal**, Editor, Ruchi, Feb., 2011, Granthali Prakashan, (Mumbai), visit, [http://www.maharashtrafoundation.org/documents/2011%20Feb%20Ruchi\[1\].pdf](http://www.maharashtrafoundation.org/documents/2011%20Feb%20Ruchi[1].pdf)

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- **MF Executive Committee**

Maharashtra Foundation's Fund Raising Event 2010

Maharashtra Foundation (MF) works towards providing better healthcare and education for the under privileged, and empowering women and minority groups to improve their economic conditions. MF held an annual Fund raising event on November 13th 2010 at the Ukrainian centre, Somerset, NJ. It was a well attended, enjoyable and inspiring evening by donors and many well wishers of MF. Dr. Arundhati Vinod, MF President, gave an overview of MF's recent activities .



Mr. Carl Pope, Chairman of the Sierra Club, in his keynote speech emphasized that MF pioneered the idea of supporting socially conscious non-religious charities some thirty years ago. Sierra Club's environmental awards in India emulate the format used for Maharashtra Foundation's awards in literature and social services.

Other speakers included Anand Bang, a young promising social worker from "Search foundation" of Gadchiroli in remote parts of Eastern Maharashtra.

He is also involved in "Nirman", a program to develop leadership in young people, and various projects related to health issues of the indigenous peoples of Gadchiroli region of Maharashtra. He talked about the lack of basic necessities among the tribes. He told stories that left the entire audience spellbound. His innovative research among the aborigines in the region has been adopted by the World Health Organization (WHO).



Pallavi and Kaustubh Amte manage as many as 40 projects serving the daily needs of about 4000 physically challenged persons in Anandwan, a charity organization called "Maharogi Sewa Samiti."

These three young social workers challenged the audience to help, not only with finances but their specialized knowledge and expertise. It was inspiring to hear these elaborate the future plans and dreams.



Also, at this fund raising event, MF recognized Ms. Sunita Dhumale (MF's past president) for her dedication to MF, over a decade, and her work for the cause of

'Maytrin' a help line that Mrs Sunita Dhumale has managed for the last eleven years.



There was a delightful instrumental music and dance recital called "Conversations in Taal" by Aditi Bhagwat, Gargi Shinde and her team, based on the fusion of classical Indian dance and western music.



In addition to the speeches extolling the dedication to social and environmental causes, a dance/ music program, delicious snacks, food, drinks and ambience



encouraged social networking.

MF had also organized multiple events in the NY – CT – PA – Washington DC area during the month of November, 2010 to have young people in these areas interact with Amtes and Bang, and engage in a mutually beneficial dialog.

- **Sharayu, Tulpule**

Secretary, Maharashtra Foundation

(Note: To read *Marathi* report written by MF member Vasumati Deshpande, (TX), about MF's Annual Award Ceremony, visit: webpage:

http://www.maharashtrafoundation.org/documents/MF_2010_Awards_Report.pdf



L to R- Sitting: Prof. Chandrakant Kelkar, Mr. Sunil Deshmukh, Padmabhooshan Nagnath Naiakwadi, Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar, Padmashree Mohan Dharia, Mr. Amol Palekar, Mr. Arun Tikekar, Mrs. Rajanee Shendure, Dr. Shrikhande. **Standing:** Mrs. (wife of Laxmikant) Deshmukh, Mr. Satyapal Maharaj, unnamed- Assistant to Nagnath Anna, as he has difficulty walking, Mr. Nilesh Nimkar, Advocate Bastu Rege, Mr. Harish Sadani, Mr. Ashutosh Potdar, Mr. Anand Teltumbade, Mr. G. K. Ainapure, Mr. Sayyad Bhai, Dr. Dabholkar

Maharashtra Foundation (MF), has always believed in and strive to create a socially-just and better society. Many people and organizations through Art, Literature and Social work have spent their life for helping to achieve this goal. Under the leadership of Mr. Sunil Deshmukh, (FL), MF has been recognizing the significant work of individuals in the field of literature (since 1994) and social-work (since 1996) in Maharashtra, by way of annual awards. Until 2009, Keshav Gore Smarak Trust (Mumbai), in coordination with MF organized this annual event. Since 2010, Sadhana Trust, Pune took the responsibility of organizing the event. It has become a dignified icon in the social and literature - circle in Maharashtra.

Under this program, one life time achievement award for literature and social work, four/five awards each under other categories for literature and social work are given every year to the acclaimed personalities from Maharashtra. Various committees have been formed for selection process of these awards. The focus is on the individual's unique work for the society. The committee members request information, recommendations of subject experts about the current literature and social work and finalize three names for awards in each category. Another committee of subject experts, from North America, review these recommendations and one award in each category is finalized with consensus.

This year's award ceremony took place on 26th January 2011, in attendance of over 1200 people, at Balgandharva Rangmandir, Pune. Noted scientist Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar, veteran Actor-Director Amol Palekar, Sadhana Trust's President-Padmashree Mohan Dharia graced the event. The speeches were quite informative, especially, Dr. Mashelkar's theme of "doing well by doing good" struck

the chord.

This year, veteran journalist Arun Tikekar and freedom fighter Nagnath Naikwadi were recipients of the life-time achievement awards in the field of literature and social work respectively. The award comprised cash prize of Rs. Two Lakh (0.2 millions), a citation and a Memento.

Other prominent winners of the literature awards were: Sayyad Bhai (book 'दगडावरची पेरणी'), Anand Teltumbde (book 'साम्राज्यविरोध आणि जातिविनाश'), Dr. V. N. Shrikhande (book '..आणि दोन हात', Unconventional experiences of a surgeon), G.K. Aenaapure (Novel 'रिबोट' Lalit/Fine literature), Ashutosh Potdar (Play Script Writing 'आनंदभोग मॉल', award started by Mrs. Rajani Shendure, Cleveland, Ohio). Other recipients of the awards in the field of social work were: Prof. Chandrakant Kelkar (Extraordinary social work), Satyapal Maharaj (Prabodhan, preaching social reform), Bastu Rege (Education and welfare of the children of the stone quarry workers), Harish Sadani (Social issues in Changing environment), Neelesh Nimkar (Social activities for youth and children under an organization 'Quest'), Laxmikant Deshmukh (Public Administration - 'Save The Baby Girl, Save The Nation' project.)

Overall, the award ceremony was quite a delightful event. 'No doubt, these programs are serving Maharashtra Foundation's mission by highlighting life-long, dedicated social and literature work of the winners, who are a source of great inspiration for a social cause. After all, 'Great men are those who render great service to the human race!'

- **Vinata Kulkarni**

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