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June, 2011

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(Late) Mr. Yashwant Kanitkar**

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Dear Friends

I am completing nine years on the Executive Committee, soon to be called the Board of Directors, of Maharashtra foundation. After careful thought, I have decided to step down at the end of July 2011, as the President of Maharashtra Foundation (MF). It has been an honor to serve our community and to work with the current and past members of the executive committee. It was wonderful that all of us got along so well together and were able to resolve important administrative issues.

Most notably, last year, we worked hard to make a success of the grand Fund raising event, with Mr. Carl Pope, Chairman of the Sierra Club, as our keynote speaker. We were also fortunate to have Pallavi and Kaustubh Amte, and Anand Bang as our invited speakers from India, representing a long tradition of lifelong, selfless service to the desperately needy and the outcasts.

Many of us from MF traveled to India at our own expense to review and make sure that our projects are on track and fulfilling MF's mission. Last year, we visited several projects in the Mumbai/Pune area, and the Prince Khedkar Hospital in Anjanvel, Kokan. It is now partially in operation as hospital construction progresses. The outpatient service, run by our full time physician, Dr. Mahajan, with a daily average visits of over 60 patients, has proven to be of vital importance to the delivery of healthcare service in this rural area of Maharashtra.

As you may know, MF is one of the foremost charitable organizations operating in Maharashtra. The credit goes to you – the donors – who supply the passion and the funds, to our Executive Committee, and to the volunteers and partner organizations in India who do the real "leg-work" to ensure that the funds are deployed and used effectively. I am happy to report that several projects have surpassed all expectations, and met the MF criteria of efficiency, transparency and integrity. We have now a bond between MF and the NGOs.

I appeal to you for your generous support to two new projects:

- Provision of education to about 500 children of waste-pickers, in partnership with the Stree Mukti Sanghatana. Over the next 10 years, we hope to support at least one child from each such family, now entering Grade One- in school, until he or she finishes high school or becomes proficient in some skilled trade or occupation.
- A Holistic Pediatric Health check up in Harali, Solapur, in association with Share & Care and Jnana Prabodhini.

The vision of Maharashtra Foundation has been to try to minimize administrative costs and maximize help to deserving charities. Going forward, we need to use technology to achieve these goals and promote progressive and scientific attitudes.

I leave with a heavy heart, but with full confidence that the administration of MF is in good hands and will continue to scale new heights helping those who might otherwise miss the express train of economic progress.

Thank you and Best Wishes,

Arundhati Vinod
President, Maharashtra Foundation

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Welcome- MF's New Auditor

After many years of accounting service from Mr. Ramesh Sarva, Maharashtra Foundation Executive Committee has appointed a new auditor Mr. Ravi Ramaswamy-to audit our financial reports.

Ravi Ramaswamy is a Certified Public Accountant with an accounting firm, practicing in the State of New York and in the State of New Jersey. He is a member of American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants (NYSSCPA) and a Certified Business Manager. Mr. Ramaswamy has more than 20 years of experience in providing accounting and auditing services to non-profit organizations as well as government and commercial entities. Prior to starting the firm, Mr. Ramaswamy has held various senior positions in the non-profit industry including CFO for a large non-profit organization.

The MF executive committee would like to thank Mr. Sarva for his many years of accounting service at Maharashtra foundation.

"Youth Wellness Camp" at Jnana Prabodhini, Harali

Maharashtra Foundation and Share and Care Foundation (SCF) will hold the second "Youth Wellness Camp" at Jnana Prabodhini, Harali near Solapur in Maharashtra during **Jan 15-19, 2012**. The "Youth Wellness Camp" has been an annual feature of SCF for the past five years. Maharashtra Foundation joined the Share and Care Foundation last year in this project. This is a well planned hands-on program, which facilitates the basic human desire to give and share. This is a true win-win program with focus on development of rural youth. The U.S. based volunteer medical professionals along with doctors from India work together for four days. Both the giver and the recipient are inspired by each other in the process and a strong bond is created.

For more information on how to participate in this rewarding activity or to donate towards the 'Youth Wellness Programs', please contact:

Shaila Vidwans (Shaila@vidwans.com)

Nominations for MF Executive- Committee Member, 2011

Nominations are invited for one position from members to serve on the Executive Committee (EC) of Maharashtra foundation (MF) for a three-year term beginning 2011. Only Benefactor, Patron, Life members and 2010 members are eligible to serve on the MF EC. Please send in your written nomination and a brief bio-data to the following address:

Maharashtra Foundation

P. O. Box 2287

Church Street Station, New York, NY 10008-2287.

Or email to:

secretary@maharashtrafoundation.org

All nominations must be mailed on or before:

June 30th 2011.

Any nominations post-marked later than June 30th will not be valid. All valid nominations will be posted on the MF website by: **July 5th, 2011.**

EC members are expected to contribute and participate in the volunteer work related to preparation of appeals for donations and brochures, mass mailings, organizing fund-raisers, maintaining accounts, updating mailing lists, etc. It is also expected that EC members attend monthly tele – conference/ meetings.

Please contact any of the current EC members for additional information.

MF Unallocated Donations

Maharashtra foundation (MF) executive committee unanimously agreed that unless specifically directed by the donor, any unallocated donations made after August 2011 will be deposited in Maharashtra Foundation's General Fund.

Go Green with your next copy of MF Newsletter in Electronic Format

Please sign up for **email delivery** of future issues of the Maharashtra Foundation's (MF) newsletter.

Go Green and help MF in implementing cost effective, quick communication tools and technology of today.

Please send your email address to:

Sharayu Tulpule,

Email: secretary@maharashtrafoundation.org

Your email address will only be used by MF for its communication with you only, and will not be given to anyone else.

- MF Executive Committee

MAHARASHTRA FOUNDATION INC. Annual General Body Meeting, 2011



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Dear Maharashtra Foundation Member,

As required by our constitution, the Annual General Body Meeting will be held on July 31st, 2011. All members are invited to attend and participate in the meeting.

The details of the meeting are as follows:

Place: Arundhati Vinod's Residence
92 Hillside Ave
Tenafly NJ 07670

Date: Sunday, 31st July, 2011

Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes of General Body Meeting 2010
2. President's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Introduction of EC members.
5. On-going Projects' and New Projects' Reports
6. Fundraising event in November 2011
7. Unallocated Fund Policy
8. Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

Members are requested to RSVP to MF secretary. It will help us plan the seating and food arrangements.

Yours Sincerely,

Arundhati Vinod
President, Maharashtra Foundation

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MAHARASHTRA FOUNDATION INC. Financial Report as of Dec. 31, 2010

MF Profit & Loss as of Dec. 31, 2010

	<u>Jan - Dec 10</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 · Direct Public Support	
4010 · Corporate Contributions	25,140.63
4030 · Individ, Business Contributions	572,035.24
4000 · Direct Public Support - Other	<u>2,756.58</u>
Total 4000 · Direct Public Support	599,932.45
4100 · Indirect Public Support	
4110 · United Way, CFC Contributions	<u>45.00</u>
Total 4100 · Indirect Public Support	45.00
4300 · investment income CG	13,024.03
4500 · Investments	
4510 · Capital Gains/Losses Realized	101,257.68
4520 · Capital Gains/Losses Unrealized	209,871.92
4530 · Investment Dividends	52,487.36
4550 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	<u>2,447.01</u>
Total 4500 · Investments	183,548.61
4700 · Program Income	
4710 · Membership Dues	<u>580.00</u>
Total 4700 · Program Income	<u>580.00</u>
Total Income	777,130.09
Expense	
5000 · Donations/Disbursements	302,399.98
5400 · Facilities and Equipment	339.00
5500 · Bank Charges	418.24
5640 · Fundraising Exp	19,675.25
5700 · Operations	
5710 · Advertisements Exp	1,019.00
5730 · Postage, Mailing Service	577.31
5740 · Printing and Copying	1,678.48
5745 · Dues	785.00
5750 · Supplies	588.27
5760 · Telephone, Telecommunications	2,700.00
5770 · Taxes & Fees	<u>512.69</u>
Total 5700 · Operations	7,840.75
5800 · Other Types of Expenses	
5810 · Insurance - Liability, D and O	974.00
5820 · Other Costs	<u>65.00</u>
Total 5800 · Other Types of Expenses	1,039.00
5830 · Office Exp	652.77
5900 · Travel and Meetings	<u>4,450.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>336,814.99</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>440,315.10</u>
Net Income	<u><u>440,315.10</u></u>

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MF Balance Sheet as of Dec. 31, 2010

	<u>Dec 31, 10</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 - Citibank Operating	608,600.97
1010 - Citibank 9933038415	104,217.33
1020 - Citibank 9933038423	104,217.33
1030 - Citibank Imma	19,973.05
1050 - PNC bank	<u>70,651.49</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>907,660.17</u>
Total Current Assets	907,660.17
Fixed Assets	
2400 - Office Equipment	10,443.26
2450 - Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-10,443.26</u>
Total Fixed Assets	0.00
Other Assets	
2500 - RJ Investments	
2510 - RJ Deshpande 85967850	202,886.10
2520 - RJ Elite 52273430	175,262.83
2530 - RJ Endowment 85424976	540,275.35
2540 - RJ Khedkar 52518847	
2800 - Khedkar Project Investment CD	250,000.00
2540 - RJ Khedkar 52518847 - Other	<u>563,900.07</u>
Total 2540 - RJ Khedkar 52518847	813,900.07
2550 - RJ Tulshibawale 17797798	<u>480,097.26</u>
Total 2500 - RJ Investments	<u>2,212,421.61</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>2,212,421.61</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>3,120,081.78</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Long Term Liabilities	
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>
Total Liabilities	0.00
Equity	
3000 - General Fund	1,089,326.95
3200 - Temp. Restricted Net Assets	863,900.07
3500 - Endowment Fund Life/Patron	346,324.00
3600 - Endowment Fund Literatere	193,951.00
3800 - Retained Earnings	186,264.66
Net Income	<u>440,315.10</u>
Total Equity	<u>3,120,081.78</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>3,120,081.78</u>

NOTE: Audited financial report of Maharashtra Foundation Inc. for the year ending December 2010, will be presented during MF's annual general body meeting, July 31st, 2011



Maharashtra Foundation

Presents

Annual Fundraising Day

An evening of giving and sharing,
and entertainment,
and cocktail
and dinner !

Sunday, November 13, 2011 at 2:30 PM

Ukrainian Center, Somerset, New Jersey

Guest Speaker: Jyoti Mhapsekar of Stree Mukti Sanghatana

'Yesterday is but today's memory,
Tomorrow is today's dream' - Khalil Gibran

Let us help the not so fortunate realize their dreams
Be there to support the cause of Maharashtra Foundation

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Mental Health

Silly. This is just silly. Fifty primary school children were lying on the field, their golden uniforms contrasting with the stark red of Ugandan dirt. My friend and I stood above them, asking them to close their eyes and imagine the place where they felt the happiest. My friend was talking in soothing tones, getting the fifth graders to hear the sounds and smell the smells, but I could not take myself seriously.

We had been teaching health education classes at the Naama Millennium Preparatory School for six weeks, and after covering hygiene, basic germ theory, malaria, and other parasites, we had arrived at our mental health day. We were to start by discussing stress and relaxation techniques, and then move on to confidence-building and positive thinking exercises. While designing the lesson plan, I kept thinking back to my own elementary school days- whenever we had a health class like this, I would always ignore the teacher. Why, then, would these children want to listen to me?

The children sat up, giggling a little. I asked if some of them could describe what they had imagined, but there was no response. After a few minutes of failed prompting, I tried a simpler angle, asking them to tell me about times when they are happy. They all looked at me, a little bleary-eyed, just as I had once blankly stared at my health teacher, but I realized their stares indicated a completely different story. I had been bored during my health class, tired of hearing the repetitive speech about understanding your feelings and being confident. My students, however, were not bored at all; they were just confused, never having heard anything like this before. Finally, Solome, the class prefect spoke, declaring "I am happy when I get good marks." This began a cascade of shouting- I am happy when I score a goal! I am happy when I see my mother! I am happy when I eat cassava!" This was one of the first times the students had been free to consider their own emotions in a world of rote-memorization at school and hours of carrying water at home.

As we continued the lesson, the children became more and more enthusiastic. We had them stand in a circle, and say something positive to the person standing next to them. While the initial statements were a bit odd, such as "I like Shakira because she sells me pancakes," the students soon grew more comfortable with the idea of compliments, and wanted to go around a second time. We asked each student to tell us a dream they had, or what they wanted to be when they grew up.

Some students, especially the girls, were very hesitant to tell us their career goals, but we encouraged each one to talk, and told them that if they tried, anything was

possible. At the end of the class, children who had been sitting meekly just an hour before were jumping up and down, yelling, "I can do it!"

Jumping with them, red dust flying everywhere, I finally felt satisfied. Today, these children had taken the first steps to empowerment, to becoming aware of themselves and their emotions and to gaining the self-confidence to choose their own life paths. This idea, which my all-American education had ingrained in me to the point of insignificance, was the most important lesson we could teach. All of our songs and classes about washing hands and using mosquito nets were completely useless until our students understood that they were in charge of their health, and in charge of their lives. Although we only had the time to conduct one lesson with our students, I will forever remember the power of mental health exercises- they are anything but silly.

- Neha Limaye, NJ

Aparajit Sriram & Avanti Dabholkar:
Winner of this year's Prestigious State
Department Award

State Department Award is one of the most prestigious awards by U.S. government. This year, Aparajit Sriram and Avanti Dabholkar, have bagged it for creating a website named "Cultural Diplomacy With the Muslim World" for its 2011 Doors to Diplomacy Award.

Aparajit Sriram and Avanti Dabholkar, both are grade students in grade12, of Plainsboro High School North in Plainsboro, New Jersey. Contestants were in the age group 11 to 18 years. 341 student teams from 30 countries participated in the contest. The event was also co-sponsored by Global SchoolNet. Each student member of the two winning Doors to Diplomacy Award teams will receive a \$2,000 scholarship.

Aparajit Sriram lived parts of his early childhood in Baharain, Singapore, India and then settled in the U.S. His volatile life journey in India and abroad has ushered him huge experience and exposure towards the diversity of the world's cultures and societies. Soon he will be traveling to Turkey to learn Turkish as part of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs' NSLI-Y language exchange program!

On the other hand Avanti is an aspiring architect who one day hopes to contribute to her surroundings through her work; Avanti will join a university architecture program in the coming fall.

The website designed by Aparajit and Avanti explores the role that culture plays in international diplomacy.

- Vinata Kulkarni

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