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Namaskar Mandali.

Since its inception, Maharashtra Foundation has been privileged to have several individuals as donors, supporters and pillars. However, there have been a handful that have been all three. Unfortunately, this summer we lost Mr. Dilip Chitre from Tampa FL (previously from Lanham MD). Dilip was a friend of Maharashtra Foundation, and his contribution to the organization was invaluable. He did numerous fundraisers both in DC and the Tampa area. He also spread the word and helped promote the cause of Maharashtra Foundation through various mediums, including art and literature. To date, many tributes have been paid to Dilip, but today I can only say, THANK YOU, we will MISS you, you had no right to leave your foundation family suddenly.

While we were recovering from the loss of Dilip Chitre, we lost another good friend of the foundation; Mr. Kishore Pathare from Orlando FL. Among his many talents Kishore was a set designer, and he designed and built numerous sets for Maharashtra Foundation events. Not only did he design and build sets, but he personally showed up at his own expense to oversee the construction of these sets. Kishore, we owe you a lot and your friendship and dedication will never be forgotten.

As if this was not enough, the news from the southeast continued. Nature unleashed its fury on the United States, and the Caribbean. Tropical depressions Harvey & Irma battered Texas, Florida and the island nations of the Caribbean. More recently tropical depressions Jose and Maria have completely devastated Puerto Rico and the Caribbean islands. After Hurricane Harvey, Maharashtra Foundation joined hands with BMM to raise funds for immediate relief in Texas. We thank BMM for partnering with us and to all the donors who have generously donated to Hurricane relief thus far.

EDITORIAL

Recovery of areas affected by natural disasters generally takes a significant amount of time. While manpower is generally needed right after the disaster, significant monetary help is needed to begin and continue redevelopment efforts in such communities. Maharashtra Foundation's operandum is 'Rebuilding'. In the past, we have done this in Latur, Ahmedabad, Haiti, and Nepal. Similarly, this time our findings are that even if Texas and Florida got severely hit by these hurricanes, it is the islands in the Caribbean that will need significant help.

Many citizens of these islands are underprivileged and economically disadvantaged. Over the next weeks we intend to identify such islands where aid will not be available through the government or large NGO's. We will work with local NGO's (with low overhead like ours) to identify specific projects such as rebuilding a school, nursing home or shelter, that will make a difference in the lives of the affected people.

To do this, we need your HELP! Please donate generously to Maharashtra Foundation's "Hurricane Relief Fund". Today, I am setting a goal of raising \$100,000 for this fund. Please donate generously for this cause.

Last but not the least, I would like to remind everyone that this year's Annual Fundraising Banquet event in New Jersey will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2017 in Carteret NJ. I am happy to announce that Mr. Sam Pitroda has graciously accepted to be the keynote speaker at the event. Given Mr. Sam Pitroda's profile and history we are expecting a full house for the event, and the word is already out! Therefore, I urge everyone to get their tickets ASAP! All details are available on our website.

At the event, we will have an excellent entertainment program that is locally produced by the Indian Heritage Cultural Association of New Jersey. and we will present initiatives undertaken by the Foundation for calendar year 2018.

**DONATE GENEROUSLY AND I WILL SEE YOU
AT OUR EVENT IN NJ!**

Shirish Gupte
President

DISASTER RELIEF APPEAL**Appeal – Hurricane Relief Fund****WHY THE RELIEF**

- 4 major tropical depressions in a very short time period.
- Texas and Florida affected, but major damage done in the Caribbean islands.
- Caribbean islands, and small island nations repeatedly battered by the hurricanes, causing complete devastation, and halting almost all economic activity and life there.
- Return to normalcy for some island nations still seems farfetched.
- Relief Aid flowing in, but significant support will be needed to rebuild communities – schools, healthcare facilities, shelters etc.

**HOW ARE WE GOING TO HELP?**

- We are currently assessing this fluid situation.
- Maharashtra Foundation will identify and partner with a local non-profit organization.
- We will identify a specific project need and HELP REBUILD!



OUR RELIEF FUND GOAL
\$100,000

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

- Donate generously and help us reach our goal.
- Visit www.maharashtrafoundation.org or mail donations to
Maharashtra Foundation, P.O. Box 2287, Church Street Station, New York, NY 10008-2287

PROJECTS 2017-2018

Educate for Life

Project—Hunar Ghar

MF Issue Area: Education, Health and Poverty Reduction

Educate for Life has been serving Bakhel Panchayat, an extremely deprived and marginalized rural, Adivasi community in Udaipur, Rajasthan, for ten years. Educate for Life runs an innovative primary school called Hunar Ghar, which also acts as a community hub, providing integrated education, healthcare and community development services to the community, including a contiguous package of support from pregnancy to adulthood. Educate for Life involves the local community in the running of the school, adapting curriculum material so that topics are meaningful to the experiences of first generation rural learners, and providing ongoing training, support and mentorship to their teaching staff. Educate for Life firmly believes that good education and good health go hand in hand. Children at Hunar Ghar School are given two healthy, nutritious meals each day, annual health checks from a pediatrician, vaccinations, weekly iron folate supplements and 6 monthly deworming medication. Educate for Life believes in providing holistic services to break the cycle of illiteracy in poor, rural areas.



MASUM (Mahila Sarvangeen Utkarsh Mandal)

Project— Aadhar Gat

MF Issue Area: Women's Empowerment

MASUM evolved out of a commitment to women's rights within and outside the home. MASUM's major goals include strengthening women's self-reliance, providing vocational training and credit and nurturing women's health. MASUM has a human rights approach, with the primary belief that people can resolve their own problems collectively with some amount of external support. In order to emphasize people's participation in decision-making at every level, the staff is mostly local, especially women from marginalized sections of rural society. MASUM's 'Aadhar Gat' members intervene in domestic violence situations, making the family realise that it is not acceptable in the village, encouraging neighbours and bystanders to intervene and providing overnight shelter and care to the woman and her children in the homes of members of the Aadhar Gat. Aadhar Gats not only try to save a woman's life but also support her toward leading a life of dignity and rights.



Pragati Abhiyan

MF Issue Area: Poverty Reduction

To address rural poverty and lack of infrastructure for agriculture, the government of India formulated the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act – MNNREGA. It promises 100 days of unskilled manual work to each rural family, paid according to the minimum wage of that area. However, the residents of the poor, backward regions that the act is designed to help, are often unaware of its existence, and powerless to exercise their rights. Pragati Abhiyan works in the most tribal parts of Nashik district (Igatpuri, Triambakeshwar, Peth and Surgana) to ensure the effective implementation of MNREGA, organizing tribal youth and helping communities avail of the benefits due to them. Pragati Abhiyan will implement this work by conducting training workshops for tribal communities, on government schemes that are embedded in the law, such as the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and Right To Information Act. This will bring employment and livelihood to these areas in the form of infrastructure and natural resource management projects.



Resource and Support Center for Development (RSCD)

Project: Budgets, Orders, Schemes and Services (BOSS) Course

MF Issue Area: Women's Empowerment

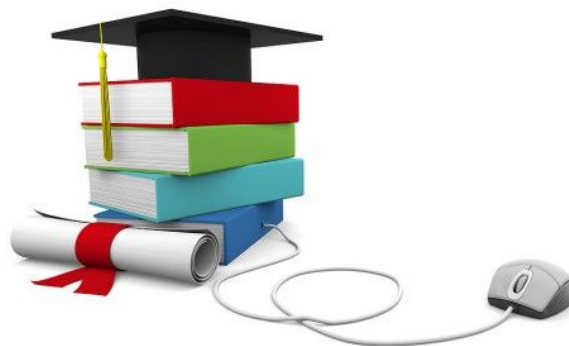
Sweeping reform of Indian government institutions has created space for women's political inclusion at an unprecedented scale. One-third to half of all positions in Panchayats are now reserved for women. However, the political effectiveness of Elected Women Representatives' (EWRs) is limited by their lack of political experience, information, and more generally by women's marginal position in local political networks. EWRs on being elected often find themselves having to perform their duties in an information vacuum. RSCD develops and administers self-governance training and provides mentorship to EWRs in local government. These trainings, collectively called the BOSS course, are conducted in Marathi, and made further accessible through distance learning.



Suhrud Mandal

MF Issue Area: Education

Suhrud Mandal works for the Educational & Vocational training and rehabilitation of children with hearing impairment. Although initially Suhrud Mandal started schools in the interior of Maharashtra, in 1995 they decided to focus only on schools in Pune and around Pune. Now they have expanded to four schools in and around Pune city that impart education to 450 children with hearing impairment. Suhrud Mandal also runs a Teachers' training College i.e. P S Mulgaonkar College of B. Ed (special Education) approved by the Rehabilitation Council of India and affiliated to Savitribai Phule University Pune. Suhrud Mandal's current project involves adapting textbooks to hearing impaired needs. They have been creating such parallel textbooks for all subjects since 2011. They are now expanding this work to develop special textbooks for grade VI.



Swami Vivekanand Vidya Pratishthan (SVVP)

Project: Utkarsh Balghar

MF Issue Area: Education, Health and Poverty Reduction

SVVP provides quality education to the rural, tribal and economically poor children in village Takali Dhokeshwar and other parts of Ahmednagar district. Their project 'Utkarsha' is dedicated to the education of these vulnerable children, specifically targeting nomadic tribes like Paradhi Bhilla, Dombari, Kaikadi, Ghisadi, Dhanagar, and Kolhati. These communities have traditionally been so poor that they have gained notoriety for begging, thieving, looting and other criminal activity. They are largely illiterate, unemployed, engage in child marriage, and are unwilling to go to doctors or hospitals due to superstitions. Due to their migrant nature, their children do not have access even to primary education, leaving them with few skills to earn a livelihood. Along with education and vocational training, Project Utkarsha provides these children with dormitories, bedding, clothing, nutritious food, regular exercise and health checkups and counseling and mentorship. A unique feature of the program is their drive to help the older children find employment through government schemes specially designed for them such as 'Rojgar Hami Yojana'.



Vanasthali Rural Development Center (VRDC)

MF Issue Area: Education and Women's Empowerment

VRDC believes that the process of rural development has to be initiated at the grassroots level, and that education is the best way of making inroads into rural society. They also believe that external help is unproductive unless it is rooted in the village. Since it is hard to bring teachers from outside, VRDC trains minimally educated local women to teach in their schools. They thus satisfy a twofold outcome of addressing rural education of poor children and women's empowerment, in a uniquely designed program that educates poor children in western rural Maharashtra by employing the underutilized capacity of local women. This allows women to make use of their knowledge of the area as well as offers them an opportunity for self-development, leading to their empowerment.



Project Prakash

MF Issue Area: Health and Education

Project Prakash has the dual objective of treating and educating curably blind children across the poorest swathes of India, across hundreds of villages in Haryana, Rajasthan, Orissa, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Jharkand. Project Prakash serves children from rural areas and villages, screening them for multiple ocular abnormalities and severe refractive errors, and arranging for congenitally blind children who can potentially benefit from surgical care to come to Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital (SCEH) in Delhi for sight-initiating surgery. Once treated, these children have the opportunity to receive an education, increasing their chances for gaining employment. The next objective of the initiative is to provide a "bridge course" to children between their unschooled state due to blindness, and a fifth-grade level of scholastic proficiency. The bridge-course requires specialized curriculum since it compresses material that is typically taught in five years into a half-year period. After such a course, including working 1-on-1 with a tutor, children can be mainstreamed into conventional schools.



Tathapi Trust: Let's Talk Sexuality

Project: ISoch

MF Issue Area: Education

Police crime records show that the percentage of crimes on young women is growing and that the perpetrators are increasingly adolescent and young men. Along with existing traditional forms of violence, newer forms of violence include use of mobiles, and video cameras. There is an urgent need for widespread discussion among youth on values around sexuality, safety and violence, and help them learn what makes healthy relationships. Tathapi Trust is using social networking media and internet to create a platform for such dialogue. They have launched a web portal called 'letstalksexuality.com' where 90% of the content is in Marathi. This project addresses violence against young women in an innovative way by aiming to change the mindset of the youth.



PLEDGE CARD

MF		Maharashtra Foundation - Pledge Card 2018				Federal Tax ID # 22-2213611 United Way Agency Code: 011675	
Donor Details:		Name:				Signature:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Announce		Address:					
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Donation Details:		Are you already MF Benefactor/Life/Patron member?				Yes / No (Please Circle)	
(A) Membership		Amount		(C) MF Projects for the Year 2018			
Benefactor	\$5,000	\$	1. Educate for Life: Project Hunar Ghar				\$
Patron	\$1,000	\$	2. MASUM: Adhar Gat				\$
Life	\$500	\$	3. Pragati Abhiyan				\$
Annual	\$20	\$	4. RSCD: Budget, Orders, Schemes, Services (BOSS) Course				\$
(B) General Funds		\$	5. Suhrud Mandal				\$
Maharashtra Foundation is a registered non-profit charitable organization tax exempt under section 501 (c) (3) of IRS Code Note: Please fill out and send a pledge form with your donation since MF auditor requires it to be completed yearly for financial audit.			6. Swami Vivekanand Vidya Pratishthan (SVVP): Utkarsh Balghar				\$
			7. Vanasthali Rural Development Center				\$
			8. Prakash Foundation: Project Prakash				\$
			9. Tathapi Trust: Let's talk Sexuality				\$
			(D) Other organization of your choice (Name & Address)				\$
			Total Amount (A + B + C + D)				\$

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Annual Fundraising Banquet Event

Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 3:00 pm




An evening of thought provoking conversations, entertainment, fundraising, and dinner

KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY

Mr. Sam Pitroda

A telecom inventor, entrepreneur, policymaker and development thinker

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www.maharashtrafoundation.org

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Mr. Sam Pitroda

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MAHARASHTRA FOUNDATION INDEPENDENTLY AUDITED BALANCE STATEMENT 2016

MAHARASHTRA FOUNDATION Profit & Loss Statement 2016

	<u>Jan - Dec 16</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 - Direct Public Support	
4030 - Individ, Business Contributions	768,836.68
Total 4000 - Direct Public Support	768,836.68
4500 - Investments	
4520 - Capital Gains/Losses Unrealized	131,375.46
4530 - Investment Dividends	76,228.34
4540 - Investment Income CG Distribute	26,358.22
4550 - Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	54.64
Total 4500 - Investments	234,016.66
4900 - Release from temporarily Restrict	35,900.00
Total Income	<u>1,038,753.34</u>
Gross Profit	1,038,753.34
Expense	
5000 - Donations/Disbursements	647,745.37
5500 - Bank Charges	2,433.31
5510 - Investment fees	11,146.35
5600 - Contract Services	
5610 - Accounting Fees	6,725.00
Total 5600 - Contract Services	6,725.00
5640 - Fundraising Exp	26,634.08
5700 - Operations	
5730 - Postage, Mailing Service	954.56
5740 - Printing and Copying	3,554.22
5760 - Telephone, Telecommunications	420.87
5770 - Taxes & Fees	275.00
5780 - Office Exp	2,033.38
Total 5700 - Operations	7,238.03
5800 - Other Types of Expenses	
5810 - Insurance - Liability, D and O	1,149.00
Total 5800 - Other Types of Expenses	1,149.00
8000 - Returned	4,279.71
Total Expense	<u>707,350.85</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>331,402.49</u>
Net Income	<u>331,402.49</u>

MAHARASHTRA FOUNDATION INDEPENDENTLY AUDITED BALANCE STATEMENT 2016

MAHARASHTRA FOUNDATION
Balance Sheet Statement 2016

	<u>Dec 31, 16</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · Citibank Operating	31,424.49
1040 · Bank of America Checking	503,058.99
1055.1 · T D Bank Ameritrade 1686	230,374.10
1055.2 · T D Bank Ameritrade 0844	393,195.22
1055.3 · T D Bank Ameritrade 1186	352,855.97
1060 · Petty cash	20.00
Total Checking/Savings	<u>1,510,928.77</u>
Other Current Assets	
1065 · Pay Pal Account	11,949.74
Total Other Current Assets	<u>11,949.74</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>1,522,878.51</u>
Fixed Assets	
2400 · Office Equipment	10,443.26
2450 · Accumulated Depreciation	-10,443.26
Total Fixed Assets	<u>0.00</u>
Other Assets	
2500 · RJ Investments	
2510 · RJ Deshpande 85967850	204,022.60
2520 · RJ Elite 52273430	24,229.66
2540 · RJ Khedkar 52518847	138,020.47
2550 · RJ Tulshibawale 17797798	557,557.41
2560 · RJ Jahagirdar fund	894,484.84
Total 2500 · RJ Investments	<u>1,818,314.98</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>1,818,314.98</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>3,341,193.49</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2910 · Accrued Expenses	5,250.00
Total Accounts Payable	<u>5,250.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>5,250.00</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>5,250.00</u>
Equity	
3000 · General Fund	279,638.73
3150 · Temporarily Restricted Funds	
3200 · Khedkar Fund	101,767.00
3210 · Deshpande Fund	110,439.28
3220 · Tulshibagwale Fund	418,701.12
3230 · Jahagirdar Fund	357,937.11
Total 3150 · Temporarily Restricted Funds	<u>988,844.51</u>
3500 · Endowment Fund Life/Patron & Li	792,462.31
3900 · Unrestricted Net Assets	943,595.45
Net Income	<u>331,402.49</u>
Total Equity	<u>3,335,943.49</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>3,341,193.49</u>

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We look forward to many more years of working together

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