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Namaskar Mandali,

Hope you all had a great summer and were able to spend some quality time and enjoy summer weather with your friends, family, and colleagues. It was warm this past month compared to same month in previous years. We hope not to, but we may be seeing more and more of this as seasons get pushed due to effects of global warming and climate change. Hopefully the upcoming winter is comparatively calm as in some of the previous years.

We recently completed our project selection process for year 2019-2020 and have selected several high impact projects to fund in the next year. We will present these projects at the upcoming New Jersey Fundraising Event. You can also visit our new website to read about all projects we support. We are happy to report that we continue to get several quality proposals from NGOs and selecting a handful that fit our annual scope and budget is becoming harder. Our goal is to fund high impact wide reach initiatives aimed at bringing economic empowerment in a community. Therefore, we will continue to look towards our donors for the required support so we can fund projects with larger scope and coverage. We hope to get your support for 2020 projects as we did for projects in prior years.

As we enter Fall season, it is time for Maharashtra Foundation's (MF) Annual Fundraising event in New Jersey. This year we have both, a different format and a different venue. The event is on Saturday, November 16, 2019, at Akbar Restaurant and Banquet in Edison, New Jersey, from 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm. In addition to the change in the venue and timing, we have streamlined the event and made it more engaging for our donors. We hope you will attend and continue to show your support to Maharashtra Foundation. Please see event details inside this newsletter. We will also have a silent auction of paintings by artist Dhananjay Kelkar from the UK, who has graciously donated several paintings to MF to raise money for various causes. Proceeds from the sales will benefit Maharashtra Foundation, and two local non-profits, Service Program for Older People (SPOP) and Top Honors, both based in NY. Please visit our website for more information about the silent auction and to browse through available paintings.

We are also continuing to generate awareness and expand across the nation in all major cities. To that effect, we are having a fundraising event in Charlotte, NC on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 6:00 pm. This program will include entertainment by Theatrix and presentation of MF projects and fundraising. We hope to develop and strengthen the bond with our donors, as we have done so in New Jersey, Atlanta, and in other cities. Please see event details inside this newsletter. Additionally, please let us know if you would like to help us connect with people in your community. We are always looking for volunteers and anchor people in metro areas.

Maharashtra state saw some of the worst flooding in the Sangli and Kolhapur areas, during the 2019 monsoon seasons in India. The disruption of lives and devastation was unfathomable. In response to this calamity, Maharashtra Foundation partnered with NGOs working in the affected areas to aid in bringing back normalcy in the region and in the daily lives of the affected. In such situations our focus remains on providing support in rebuilding, educating, and preventing such situations from occurring. Please visit our website to obtain more details on Maharashtra foundation's response to Maharashtra Floods 2019.

Last but not the least, I want to mention that I will be leaving the MF board at the end of this year as my term comes to an end. I want to thank the entire MF community for the support provided throughout these years. We would not have been able to operate without donations from our donors, countless hours put in by all our volunteers including the board members, and the ever-critical guidance provided by the members of the advisory board, which has

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helped us navigate the uncertain regulatory and compliance environments.

My association with MF goes back about 20 years, when I first was introduced to MF by Shirish Gupte, and since then have served in various roles, performing a range of functions. While I will not be on the board, I will continue to provide MF the needed support throughout coming years. As I believe, once you become part of the MF family, you remain in the family forever.

Thank you all again for your support to Maharashtra Foundation, and I look forward to seeing you on November 16th !

- Ankush Karnik
President

MF ATLANTA 2019 FUNDRAISER & SUPPORT FOR 2019 FLOOD VICTIMS WITH BMM INITIATIVE

Atlanta has grown to be the second largest hub of Maharashtra Foundation donors over the past six years after NY-NJ area. The annual fundraiser on September 14th, 2019 got a very good response from the Marathi community in Atlanta.

The main attraction in the event was the Marathi natak, "Tom and Jerry" written by Nikhil Ratnaparkhi. This play was directed by Rajesh Joshi of Kalasamwad Atlanta and Dr. Anand Date and Leena Joshi acted in the play. Kalasamwad team have done pro-bono performances for Maharashtra Foundation for almost five years now and they donate their art and the time for the good causes supported by Maharashtra Foundation.

The Atlanta fundraiser was for supporting two causes: MF 2019-20 projects as well as a special fundraiser for the victims of the devastating floods on Kolhapur-Sangli and neighboring districts in Maharashtra. MF took an immediate action and sent a donation of \$5000 each to the two FCRA approved NGOs that sent their medical teams to the flood affected regions; Halo Medical Foundation (<http://halomedicalfoundation.org/>) and Rugna Seva Prakalp (RSP) (<https://www.rugnasevaprakalp.org/>). Rugna Seva Prakalp is also going to work on rebuilding of over 400 classrooms/schools and the description of their project can be read on their website above. The fundraiser was conducted by Vaibhav Sathe, Director of Maharashtra Foundation. The donors in Atlanta pledged about \$20,000 for the MF projects as well as 2019 Flood relief.



This event was conducted successfully due to the support from the volunteers (Ashish Choudhari, Chandan and Maya-Neeva Gokhale, Yash Joshi) that helped in installation and dismantling and hauling of the set and Rahul Rege, Pallavi and Shirin Sathe, Milind Thakre and Subodh Chintawar of AAN Foundation, Milind and Tanuja Shingane. Also, thanks to Rachana Kanvinde, President of Maharashtra Mandal of Atlanta that helped in promoting the event to the Marathi community.



In 2019, Brihan Maharashtra Mandal, under the leadership of Vidya Joshi also made appeal to many Maharashtra Mandals to make donations to 2019 flood victims. The funds from some of the Maharashtra Mandals are coming to MF and we are hoping to provide support for the rebuilding efforts in Kolhapur-Sangli area working with RSP. After a successful start of the relationship between BMM and MF with the NGO's Summit in Dallas BMM this year, we hope to work

together and support the NGOs working at the grass root level in Maharashtra.

Vaibhav Sathe, Suwanee, GA.

RUGNA SEVA PRAKALP

Rugna Seva Prakalp (www.rugnasevaprakalp.com) is an NGO based in Miraj, Dist. Sangli that did the emergency help to all the affected flood victims in the devastating flooding in Kolhapur-Sangli districts in August 2019. Maharashtra Foundation sent \$5000 as immediate help that helped RSP to conduct medical camps and health kits were distributed to the flood victims. In the third phase, RSP wants to help rebuilding over 400 classrooms for which over \$150,000 are needed. MF appeals all donors to donate generously to MF 2019 Flood relief efforts. BMM is working in association with MF to do fundraising for this effort too. Minnesota, Washington DC and Charlotte Maharashtra Mandals have helped so far and we are counting on other cities to participate in this efforts.



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ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET EVENT

Saturday, Nov 16th, 2019 at 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

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

Presentation of MF initiatives and fundraising

Entertainment Program:

Kuch Nagme... Kuch Yaadein

An evening of sweet melodies

NETWORKING, COCKTAILS, APPETIZERS, AND SUMPTUOUS DINNER

Tickets - \$75.00 or sponsor a table of Ten. RSVP event only.

Akbar Restaurant

21 Cortlandt St Suite 1, Edison, NJ 08837

Phone: (732) 632-8822

EVENT DRESS CODE - BUSINESS FORMAL

II Shree Swami Samarth II

KARAVAN KLASSICS
KUCH NAGME ...
KUCH YAADEIN

Vocals : Pradnya Jadhav, Priya Nimkar Joshi, Mahesh Lad
Keyboard : Raj Bandekar
Guitar : Nanda Nayar
Percussion : Harshad Abhyankar
Rishabh Abhyankar

Flute : Raina Bandekar
Bass : Niles Mistry
Sound : Praful Mestri

Supporting causes in

• Women's Empowerment • Education • Healthcare • Poverty Reduction • Environmental



Payment via **PayPal**

*Portion of the ticket is Tax deductible

For tickets and more information visit:

<https://www.maharashtrafoundation.org/event/mf-2019-annual-fundraising-banquet-event/>

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SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE FOR ALL

Opening Fundraiser - Charlotte

SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, Dec 7th, 2019 at 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

An evening of crisp comedy with Chaat for a noble cause

Presentation of MF project initiatives and fundraising

Entertainment Program:

Ubhya Ubhya Vinod

A well received Marathi Standup Comedy in USA
Artists from Denver, Washington DC, and New Jersey

Laugh & Donate generously as every dollar is going towards a noble initiative

Gandhi Bhavan

27400 City View Drive, , Charlotte, NC 28212

Phone: 704-535-3440

Tickets: \$20.00 RSVP Event Only



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Maharashtra Foundation

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Yes, I would like to support **Maharashtra Foundation**:

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

I am a member of Maharashtra Foundation (MF): YES / NO

I am interested in volunteering for MF : YES / NO

I want to know more about MF: YES / NO

Please complete donation and payment information on reverse side

Thank You!

Donation & Payment Information

Thank You!

- ☐ **Endowment Fund Contribution:** Your gift will help Maharashtra Foundation (MF) advance its mission. Additionally, you will also get membership and rights to cast your vote on MF's matters. **Circle One.**

Benefactor	Patron	Life	Annual	Other
\$5,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$20	_____

- ☐ **General Fund Contribution:** Your gift will help support operations of Maharashtra Foundation. Amount: \$ _____

- ☐ ***MF Projects Contribution:** Your gift will help current projects of Maharashtra Foundation. Amount: \$ _____

- ☐ ***NGO of Your Choice:** Your gift will help NGO of your choice. We will forward 95% of your donation to the NGO of your choice. Amount: \$ _____

**Please utilize this space to write-in specific MF projects or NGOs you want to send your gift to and include corresponding amounts.*

TOTAL DONATION
\$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD

CHECK: _____

PAYPAL: _____
(Date)

CR CARD: _____
(Date)

IMPORTANT

- Donors may deduct contribution to the extent allowed by law.
- We are unable to send donations to NGOs that do not have a valid FCRA, 80G, and NITI-AYOG registration in India, or an active 501(c)3 status in the USA at the time of disbursement.



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Please visit the link: <https://www.maharashtrafoundation.org/event/art-of-giving-art-sale-silent-auction/> to access all paintings and to purchase paintings before Nov 16, 2019, silent auction event.



The Art of Giving

Watercolours and Oils of
Dhananjay Kelkar

In support of:
Maharashtra Foundation NY
SPOP/Service Program for
Older People Inc
Top Honors Educational
Charity NYC

United Kingdom resident Dhananjay Kelkar inherited a love and talent for painting from his late father, the renowned artist Madhusudan Kelkar. While studying Naval Architecture at IIT Kharagpur, India, Dhananjay continued to pursue his passion for art, moving around the world with a curious eye for local characteristics of nature and human life.

After leaving India 35 years ago, Dhananjay and his wife Mohini have lived in the Middle East, Singapore, and the United Kingdom. Together they have created the 'Art of Giving' project, combining their love of art with their commitment to humanitarian work. Twenty paintings in water colour and oil by Dhananjay will feature in the exhibition.



The Artist and Charities

Proceeds support the following non-profit organizations:



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Providing affordable mental health care and services to adults 55 and over



Helping in-need middle school students love math and build confidence through tutoring and mentorship



Venice
Watercolour
23 x 16



Still Life With Tulips
Watercolour
23 x 16



Ganesha
Watercolour
23 x 16



Yorkminster
Watercolour
23 x 16



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Left to right: Girish Thakar, M.S., MBA, AWMA®, President, Registered Principal RJFS; Komal Motwani CFP®, Associate; Sonia Chowdhry, MBA, Office Manager

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We thank Maharashtra Foundation for the service provided to the Maharashtrian Community in US & India.

We look forward to many more years of working together

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