

newsletter

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A LAVISH EVENING UNDER THE STARS TO SUPPORT OUR NGOS

Main Tendue's annual Charity Gala dinner took place on 22 March in the prestigious setting of the gardens of the Residence of France, under the patronage of his Excellency, François Richier, Ambassador of France in India. Under a beautiful crescent moon, 185 guests were led into the gardens of the residence by boys from Tara Boys carrying votive candles. This friendly and cheerful evening supported by 22 sponsors was a financial success and allowed Main Tendue to collect the same net profits as for the 2014 edition. This money will also give our NGOs the means to win a few more stars!



This was also an opportunity for Kate de Montjoye, who has presided over Main Tendue's destiny since June 2013, to announce her departure from New Delhi and the name of her successor, Aurélie Fanielle. It's difficult for Kate



to leave Delhi and Main Tendue after all these years of wholehearted commitment. She started out as head of the volunteers, then became President of Main Tendue as well as coordinator of Tara Homes and President of IOG (International Outreach Group, a club coordinating the actions of expatriate associations working in the field of charity in Delhi). Thank you Kate!



At the Gala dinner, Kate is deeply moved as she discovers the souvenir book with testimonials and photos of the NGOs.

EARTHQUAKE IN NEPAL

The dramatic earthquake that rocked Nepal affected all of us very deeply. Because our Nepalese friends are close to us, because some of us went to lend a hand on the spot, because others personally know Nepalese people affected by this disaster, because many have recently visited this beautiful country... Main Tendue shares this emotion and feels the sorrow of the Nepalese.

To do something concrete, we started collecting donations in kind just after the event. We would already like to thank you for your numerous and generous contributions. Today, however it seems complicated to route some of the donations because of the bottlenecks at the borders. But Main Tendue has committed to this material reaching a



specific target. The team is working on identifying reliable supply routes as quickly as possible so that we can send your donations to identified groups with urgent needs.

Monday, May 25
End of season cocktail party
Report on this year's activities and plans for 2015-2016.
We're counting on you!
Registration:
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Charity Gala Dinner

A FIVE STAR EVENING

- ☆ A champagne cocktail under a starry sky, followed by a dance duo with an expressive contemporary choreography, to give the evening a poetic touch, like an invitation to discover new horizons...
- ☆ As an appetiser, some of us were lucky enough to win one of the prizes drawn at each of the tables. Then came the splendid dinner. Our congratulations to chef Davender Kumar Patney from the Ambassador's residence and to his cooks who served up wonderful French food and wine!



The DHARMA duo with Gilles Chuyen

During the evening the guests had three opportunities to contribute to raising funds for our 12 NGOs.



- ☆ The tombola, to pick the lucky winners of a range of prizes: a Delhi - Paris return ticket, several nights in luxury hotels, a bracelet studded with diamonds, coupons for beauty treatments or restaurants, as well as a painting of a yantra. Thanks to Matthieu and Maud for this exciting lucky draw!
- ☆ The auction, everyone was invited to bid for an amazing prize, an art photo of Holi, a gold necklace with precious stones, a water colour by an Indian artist, as well as a dream holiday at Koh Lanta. Thank you Dimitri for playing the role of auctioneer for the evening!
- ☆ The giving tree, where so many of you left your promise of a donation in the form of a star. Contributions were made for specific needs for one of the NGO's.



Thanks to everyone who took part in this event and contributed to the financial success as well as the warm atmosphere at the 2015 Gala!



We would also like to **thank all the sponsors** who support us financially throughout the year: *Thalès, Egis India, Suez Environnement, Total, Veolia,* ...and those who helped make the Gala evening a great success by their contributions of delicious fare or of prizes. *Pernod Ricard, Air France, Pimalai - Koh Lanta, Samode Palace, L'Opéra, Genésis, Hotel Métropole - Hanoi, Chil&Chai, The Claridges, Chockriti, Samdaria Jewellers, Forest Essentials, Gallery 29, Kama Ayurveda, Bon Homia, The Imperial, Soulcial Travel, The Oberoi, Vintage Rides, Pressto and the artists Ioulia Chvetsova and Anupama Singh.* **And a huge BRAVO to the organising team!**

Our heartfelt thanks to the whole team at the Embassy, particularly to Jean-Claude Deschodt, Ravi Prakash, Alain Pierre, Santellar, as well as Sébastien Rispe.

news from our NGOs

MOTHER TERESA ORPHANAGE

With the help of Indian Kids and Main Tendue, two large glass windowpanes were installed at the orphanage for handicapped children, to replace the thick, opaque sheets of plastic. This completed the programme for renovating the windows. These glass windows provide better insulation and keep the mosquitos out. In addition, some children who are immobilised can finally see the sky and the outside world through these clear glass panes. During their trip to Delhi at the end of March, the representatives of Indian Kids visited **the SHELTER** (home for abandoned children located in Gurgaon) and **MOTHER TERESA's** orphanage as well as Shakti **SHALINI** (shelter for women who have been the victims of domestic violence), a new NGO supported by Main Tendue.



JAGRITI A PIONEERING SOCIETY

27 March: an outing in Delhi for the girls from Jagriti (residential home for abandoned girls) organised by Main Tendue. The programme included a visit to Humayun's Tomb, a picnic near India gate and games at the Children's Park: a wonderful relaxing day, full of laughter and historical discoveries, before the heat sets in! Thanks to the sponsorship that sustains the NGO's that we support, the school fees that are usually paid by Main Tendue are covered until May 2016: 12 months paid for by THALES and 1,8 months by TOTAL.



*Congratulations to all the runners from **the Lycée Français de Delhi primary school** for their efforts in support of Main Tendue. Thank you for the cheque we received on March 25th at the **running**.*



SEVA OASIS

Kate's last visit to the Seva Oasis schools for children from slums was also an opportunity to introduce Aurélie Fanielle, the new president to Devki and Ajay.



TARA HOMES

21 march, Francophonie Mela at the Alliance Française in Delhi: Tara Homes (residential homes for abandoned children) were the



stars of the day: the boys and the oldest tots presented superb and moving choreographies! Tara Girls: call for donations of household appliances... Leaving Delhi soon, you don't want to move everything: spare a thought for Tara girls that has to equip their kitchen before september. We would also appreciate large appliances (washing machines, fridge, water purifier...) bed linen... contact basanti@taraindia.org

MUSKAAN

13 April, the students and employees of Muskaan (a centre specialising in aid through employment for handicapped adults) organised a party to celebrate Vaisakhi (or Baisakhi, the harvest festival) at their residential centre at Dera Village. A programme of tattoos, mehendi, candle making... After the meal, there was a rain dance under a refreshing shower, everyone, including the founder, Shanti and the project manager Seema, had lots of fun.



In the next issue we will share the latest news about all our NGOs

our association

Thank you Dabon India!

The company Dabon contributed 180 kg of cheese spread to Main Tendue. A big thank you to Valérie who took care of logistics and managed the cold chain so we could share the cheese amongst our NGO's, and give so many children a real treat.

The girls from Jagriti posed for us!



Our school children better equipped thanks to students from Bourgne!

A group of students who are doing their Masters in International Communications Strategy used their trip to Delhi to equip our NGO's with notebooks and books. They collected the funds over the 3 months preceding their arrival and bought the supplies at Lajpat Nagar. A lovely humanitarian project carried out professionally and efficiently, thank you!

LOOKING FOR A FLAT OR AN OFFICE?

Contact **Capys Realtors** mentioning **Main Tendue's reference!** 15% of the agency commission is donated to Main Tendue.

Contact : Frédérique or Vinay capys@capysrealtors.com

CHANGE OF COORDINATORS

As Kate de Montjoye and Laurent Chignier are leaving, Pascale Pécheur is taking over coordination for Tara Homes, Aurélie Fanielle is replacing Kate at Jagriti and Nicolas Sokoloff will take over Seva Oasis.

As for the two new NGO's Main Tendue has been supporting since the beginning of the year, Nirupama Kaur will be the coordinator for Shakti Shalini and Maria-Giulia Escard for Muskaan.

CALL FOR DONATIONS FROM PEOPLE LEAVING DELHI

Leaving Delhi? Tidying up before summer? Sorting out your cupboards?

Main Tendue can lighten your burden!

Collection point at the end of the year party on May 25th, from 18h30 onwards, or send us a mail:

getinvolved.maintendue@gmail.com

Children's clothing, bed linen, books, all kinds of equipment in good condition, and clean of course! The NGO's can use your donations and your books can be sold at Main Tendue events.

MAY-JUNE 2015: WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR...

...activities with children at *Tara Homes* (Malviya Nagar) mainly weekday mornings and Saturdays.

...activities with the girls at *Jagriti* (Dwarka More) whole day or half day.

...activities with children at *Shelter* (Gurgaon), full or half days during their school holidays (11 May- beginning of July).

You can participate on an occasional or a regular basis, alone or with another volunteer or members of your family. All kinds of activities are welcome: indoor, in the park or the kitchen, in small groups or for all the children in the home...

Contact getinvolved.maintendue@gmail.com who will help you. Thank you!

Thank you to Renuka George (george.renuka@gmail.com) to translate this Newsletter from French to English.



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