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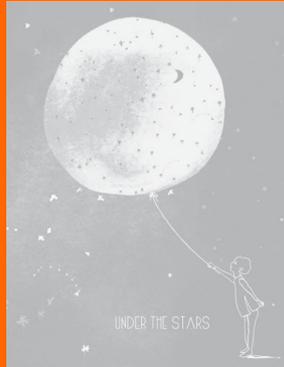
Sunday, 22 March

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2015: MAIN TENDUE GETS OFF TO A GOOD START!

The latest board meeting decided to support two further NGOs: Shakti Shalini - specialises in welcoming and supporting women who have suffered domestic abuse, and Muskaan - cares for mentally handicapped adults in a vocational training centre and houses a

few of them in their residential facility. Our aim is to help these two NGOs reach out to more people in their residential centres.

Main Tendue will finance a part-time lady psychologist for Shakti Shalini at the Pehchan shelter home. She will counsel the women and lead a programme to prevent violence in the same neighbourhood. Main Tendue will also finance a person who will be in charge of assisting these women in their day-to-day activities (legal or health guidance, running of the residential facility ...).

FIGURE OF THE MONTH

A year ago, we had 250 followers on Facebook. Now, the number is up to more than 410! We would like to thank you for your loyalty and support wherever you may be.



Pehchan, the Shakti Shalini centre

Muskaan is a sheltered workshop where mentally handicapped adults can make use of various facilities. They are taught to work with their hands, making handicraft and food products. Developmental and behavioral therapists visit the premises regularly. Main Tendue will contribute to the running costs of the residential home, which for the moment accommodates around 15 individuals. First, we will provide food and hygiene products every month, and in the long-term we aim to help Muskaan expand its residential facility and set up a medical centre.

To help finance these two NGOs and the ten others that we already support, we are counting on building partnerships with companies under the Corporate Social Responsibility law. This law, which came into effect last year, states that companies which fulfil certain criteria are required to devote part of their profits to finance an NGO. Egis India, Total, Thalès India, Capys Realtor have already accepted.

Finally, the Main Tendue Trust, established last May, has acquired tax exemption (80G). This means that Indian donors (companies or individuals) are exempt from taxes on their donation.



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the Muskaan centre at Vasant Kunj

news from our NGOs

JAGRITI



All the donations to Main Tendue - clothes, children's books in English, games etc - are distributed regularly amongst the different

NGOs we support. Here, the young girls of Jagriti discover books and games brought in by our coordinator, Pascale.

A little later, a glimpse of their day-to-day activity: the girls doing their homework.



MOTIA KHAN

A social worker was recruited funded by Main Tendue thanks on the one hand to sales of the Motia Khan calendar and on the other to support from Thales India which also provides classroom equipment and T-shirts for the children. The social worker helps the two primary school teachers and connects families, Samarpan, and Main Tendue volunteers.

A party at Motia Khan on 18th February: 3-month anniversary of our school! The celebrations included a colouring activity; a talk by Shrada, director of Samarpan, who encouraged hard work; music and songs by the children; a lot of dancing; great ambiance; and some delicious snacks!



TORCH

Torch was a hive of activity in January and February: birthday celebrations of our volunteers (Sonia and Veronique); Clothilde's farewell - she led different week-day activities for the children between September and January; the arrival of a family who brought donations in kind (stationery, toys, etc.). 16th February - an unforgettable outing for twenty-odd children who went to the Lycée Français to attend a workshop and watch a mime show organised by Philippe Bizot, master of the 'art of silence'. We would like to thank the



Torch with the donor family



Torch children watching the mime performance

organisers, Laure and Claire, and the whole team of the Lycée who gave the children the opportunity to discover the wonderful world of mime.



Relaxing in the French Institute gardens

THE SHELTER

Sandra is looking for volunteers to take care of two adolescent handicapped children in the morning and also for someone to teach English to the staff.

SEVA OASIS

Thanks to the IT equipment provided by Partir et Agir, and their installation by Laurent, coordinator at Main Tendue, video chats via Skype happen on a regular basis between classes in Bourgogne and Seva Oasis.

TARA HOMES

Tara is **looking for a volunteer coordinator** who will act as the mediator between the staff and volunteers. They would need to prepare volunteers' schedules, attend weekly meetings to be aware of specific needs for volunteers, and to meet candidates and be able to assign them to different activities at Tara, based on their skills.



Noorie and Vanshika (here) along with Deepika and Jyoti are waiting impatiently for Tara Girls to open

Tara Girls will open its doors very soon. This new centre will be run under the guidance of Caroline, who was nicknamed Basanti by the Boys during her first stint at Tara a few years ago, who will also supervise the 'Big Birds' programme.

MOTHER TERESA

Thanks to Main Tendue, a young lady, primary school teacher bought up in an orphanage, was recruited to help school children do their homework in the afternoons and on Sundays. She will also be helping physically challenged children prepare their school bag everyday. This is a good opportunity for this young woman who had trouble finding work and lodging due to her handicap.

The coordinator, Caroline, is **looking for volunteers** to take care of handicapped children who don't go to school in the mornings.



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SALAAM BAALAK TRUST

Many celebrations took place at Aasra in January. It was organised by the coordinator, Catherine, Main Tendue volunteers, and high school pupils from the Lycée Français: There was some guitar music, Bollywood, and a Happy Meal. A few days later, a magician came to perform for the children. This was a lovely experience for the centre's 50 children, the staff, and the volunteers.



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Employees of **Egis India**, sponsors of Salaam Balak Trust (they sponsor breakfast for SBT), had a chance to discover the hidden treasures of the Paharganj neighbourhood through a city walk organised by SBT's alumni. They then visited the centre situated at Paharganj: this visit was the engineering company's way of involving their employees in their Corporate Social Responsibility programme.

Catherine is **looking for volunteers** to organise morning activities for the boys (group of two volunteers per session).

KAMALINI

Kamalini is **looking for two volunteers**, one to teach English to young girls, and another to teach Western cuisine.



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On the occasion of Republic Day, Kamalini organised a small graduation ceremony for around 40 of its students. Some of the girls who graduated take classes sponsored by Main Tendue: international cuisine, fashion designing, and English.

Our Association

Food bank

Nearly 250 kg of non-perishable food items were collected thanks to the food bank organised in February. These products are now being distributed to different NGOs that we support: rice, flour, lentils, tea, sugar, oil, pasta, coffee, etc. We would like to thank all the donors and the collection team managed by Valérie.

Catherine's jams

Catherine B's strawberry jam was the centre of attention! All the money we collect will go to The Shelter (Gurgaon). Thank you very much, Catherine.

Capys Realtors: A loyal partner

Capys Realtors made a donation of 50,000 Rs to Main Tendue. This real-estate agency donates 15% of commission on clients who come recommended by Main Tendue. Another payment of 50,000 Rs is due in April.



Sponsors of the French Charity Fete (November 2014)

One of the logos went missing on the poster, but we found it! We would like to thank Oberoi Hotel for all their support.

Looking for Volunteers

There is still time to become a volunteer in one of our NGOs (cf pages 2 and 3) or with us at Main Tendue. We are looking for people with skills in marketing, accounting and coordination with our NGO's. To find out more, email us at:

contact.maintendue@gmail.com or
getinvolved.maintendue@gmail.com

*Françoise volunteer in several NGO's
with her little animals.*



Walk for life

Once again this year, Friends of Main Tendue met on 8 February to participate in a walk against cancer organised by CanSupport. Close to 10,000 people participated in the event walking and running across Shantipath.



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