

newsletter

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MAIN TENDUE CHARITY GALA, SATURDAY 2 APRIL 2016: CELEBRATE "PARIS GLAMOUR" WITH US!

Our annual Gala Dinner will be held on Saturday April 2 in the gardens of the French Ambassador's Residence. Join us for a friendly and magical evening: champagne, musical moments, a gastronomic dinner, French wines, dancing and many other surprises! All the proceeds from the evening will be donated to the 12 NGOs we support.

This elegant dinner, which will be conducted entirely in English, is a major event that helps us raise funds for long-term support of our NGOs. How? Thanks to the entry ticket (6000 rupees) and the events which will happen in the course of the evening: a prestigious tombola, an auction of jewellery and works of art, as well as a giving tree, which is a means for you to finance specific needs of our NGOs.

We would already like to thank the partners working with us for this event!

Registration : gala.maintendue@gmail.com

8 MARCH 2016: A WONDERFUL WOMEN'S DAY FOR MAIN TENDUE!

On International Women's Day, awareness workshops on women's rights and the condition of Indian women in particular were organised with the support of the **Veolia's** Human Resources Department's management team. The morning sessions, for male employees, were held at Lodi Gardens, along with the NGO **Shakti Shalini**, and in the afternoon the women employees' session took place at the NGO **Kamalini**.

Through a skit acted out by the employees themselves, followed by a discussion with Bharti, co-founder of the NGO Shakti Shalini, the managers and employees were invited to share their thoughts on the persisting inequalities between men and women working for companies. Their female counterparts and the women from the Kamalini production centre were invited to swap places, which led to some interesting insights and raised awareness about certain issues.

In the afternoon, Main Tendue made a presentation at the **WHO**, before about a hundred of their employees, on the value of volunteering and commitment to NGO's in Delhi. We hope we have awakened some vocations!

We thank the **British High Commission** for its wonderful donation of 15 laptops for the young girls of the NGO **Jagruti**: this is a real boost to their schooling.



Awareness workshops on women's rights and condition of women for Veolia

news from our NGOs

MOTHER TERESA – Home for disabled children

The Main Tendue team is always eagerly awaited and the educational activity boxes are working well. Each child can make use of this equipment to develop their intelligence and their motor functions. The child uses cubes, stackable objects, numerals and letters to progress and learn while having fun. Deeply satisfying for our educator volunteers! The team wants to train a teacher to work with these boxes. We are also looking for a massage therapist to replace the one who has just left and who did some wonderful work with the children.



TORCH – Reception centre and educational support for street children



Our team of Torch volunteers was recently reinforced with the arrival of Agnès, Amandine and Christel, we are also expecting some new volunteers, who will arrive from France, to join us soon.

SALAAM BALAK TRUST – Shelter, education and health care for abandoned children

The 70 children and the centre's managers are happy to welcome the closely-knit team of volunteers. The equipment available in the administrative office allows our volunteers to suggest a variety of activities, in small groups of about twenty children. On the 14 of January, a magician, paid by Main Tendue, was a sensational success with the children. A new volunteer Marie D. will be joining the SBT team.

KAMALINI – Professional training centre for women in need

There were activities and celebrations at Kamalini, for International Women's day, on March 8. The **WHO** South East Asia ordered 800 pouches that were offered to their employees on this occasion. Cooking and sewing certificates were also awarded to the women who had conscientiously followed the last course sessions.

The production centre is doing well with a full order book, and their jobs recently included creations for the "Compagnie des Indes de Lorient" museum (France).



The two international cookery classes are full, so maybe it's time to start another one? It would be wonderful to have 2 volunteers for the cookery classes and one volunteer for the English classes.

Our sincere thanks to **Thales**, who made a donation to this NGO. We also thank the **Pullman Aerocity** hotel which sponsors the Kamalini centre at Gurgaon.



Kamalini's product centre : preparation of 800 pouches for WHO

THE SHELTER – Reception centre, education and health care for abandoned children

Different volunteers are taking turns to help Sandra: Véronique takes care of a young disabled girl, Françoise is replacing Nicolas to do the monthly shopping, subsidised by Main Tendue, and Nicolas visits every month.

MOTIA KHAN – Health care and educational assistance centre for underprivileged children

Since the beginning of the year, there has been enormous progress at Motia Khan! The school that was created at the shelter in November 2014 has moved to a nearby location. The lease was signed at the end of January, and thanks to our dynamic volunteers, the apartment was repainted and set up within just a few days. As a result, the children were able to start school on 8



In line to go to school !

February this year. There was an inauguration party on 19 February and everybody admired the new facilities. In addition to the school, the medical room at the shelter now allows our volunteers to continue their



work with the local population: food, hygiene, health care, as well as reproductive health training and sewing classes.



TARA HOMES - Shelter, education and health care for abandoned children

It was Tara Tots' fourth birthday on the 16 of January, and they celebrated it with the volunteers who work there regularly. A few of the children are moving between the Tara homes: Raj and then Farhan will be going to Tara boys, one of the girls moved to Tara girls... and every two months, about three new girls are going to join Tara girls, taking the number up to 20 in 2017. As a result we have several volunteering needs: come and join us!



Family' Picture: Tots, Team and Main Tendue's volunteers

MUSKAAN – Centre for disabled adults

On Tuesday, 2 February, a part of the Main Tendue team went to Muskaan to visit the residential centre that accommodates 18 disabled adults. The building is clean and constructed with a view to sustainability, with solar panels and an organic garden. The production centre is a modern, organised space, with well-equipped workshops, and educational signage for the workers, as well as the visitors: our team was impressed!



SHAKTI SHALINI – A reception and training centre for women who are victims of domestic violence

Recently there were some wonderful exchanges between Shakti Shalini and Main Tendue, with Bharti's rich and pertinent interventions during the Veolia workshops, organised for International Women's Day.



Maheshwari in front of BHC with one laptop

JAGRITI A PIONEERING SOCIETY– Shelter, education and health care for abandoned girls

The British High Commission made a record donation of 15 laptop computers for the 22 young girls at the shelter. Thanks this donation they can comfortably envisage doing their homework on their computers. At the moment the Jagriti girls are busy with their exams, but on Saturday 30 January and 20 February, they took a break to spend some time with the small groups of young people from the Francophone Catholic Chaplaincy in Delhi: games, origami, scoubidou, and lots of laughter. Both groups enjoyed themselves immensely!



Our association

BYE BYE SABINE S. AND HAPPY LANDINGS IN TURKEY! Thank you for your precious and precise work in managing the second hand books contributed by the Francophone community that were sold every year to benefit Main Tendue. At the French Charity Fair you willingly and graciously managed the French bookstall that was greatly appreciated and brought in a tidy sum. Welcome Véronique D. who is taking over!



19 JANUARY 2016: GATHERING OF VOLUNTEERS AROUND A BUFFET

About forty volunteers got together for a friendly lunch on the 19th of January. It was an opportunity to celebrate the successes of 2015, to introduce the Main Tendue team, to meet, to share and to get to know each other better. A pleasant, warm moment when we felt a part of the Main Tendue "family". At this gathering, Aurélie F, President of Main Tendue for a short year, handed over to the awesome twosome: Charlotte F. (the new President) and Céline B. (vice-President). Bravo to each of you for having assumed these responsibilities enthusiastically and actively!

FOOD BANK AND EQUIPMENT COLLECTION: our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to our collection at the beginning of February. Thanks to you we immediately distributed 2 microwave ovens, 8 sacks of rice, 8 boxes and 5 bags full of clothes, games, fabric and food to our NGO's.

Thank you **Aurélie**, for your short but fruitful stint as President of Main Tendue, from April 2015 to February 2016. In just a few months you were able to pilot our activities professionally and efficiently, directing the team firmly but with kindness and always taking the time to listen. Right up to the last day in Delhi, you participated fully in our NGO activities, taking the trouble to hand over all your responsibilities and to say goodbye personally to everyone. You are sorely missed at Jagriti, where Anne-Laure de M. is taking over from you for the coordination with Main Tendue. Thank you for your donation to them: a tangible reminder of your great generosity that we won't forget!



Souvenir picture ! Around Aurélie (black) some members of the new Board : Pascale, Preeti, Charlotte (Presidente), Céline (Vice-presidente) and Nirupama

Thank to Renuka George (george.renuka@gmail.com) translate this Newsletter

Have something to give away?
Some time to share?

Contact us :
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The Shelter and Tara in particular, are actively looking for new volunteers.