

newsletter

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17TH SEPTEMBER : INFORMATION MEETING AT THE EMBASSY

As everyone got back to Delhi after the summer break and a new wave of french-speaking ex-pats arrived, an information meeting to present Main Tendue was organised, bringing together approximately 80 people, in the presence of Francois Richier, French Ambassador to India and President of Honour of MainTendue.

NGO leaders (Kamalini, Jagriti, Salaam Baalak Trust, Seva Oasis, Tara Homes, Torch) as well as coordinators (Genesis Foundation, Mothr Teresa, The Shelter, Motia Khan) told us about their respective organisations, what they are doing and what they need, in particular in terms of volunteers. It was also an opportunity to sum up our association's achievements to date and announce officially our support for an 11th NGO : Samarpan via the activities of Motia Kahn (see next page).



In front of a big audience, Francois Rcihier, French Ambassador to India and President of Honour of Main Tendue, underlined the wealth of the partnership between the Embassy and Main Tendue, congratulated all the volunteers on the work accomplished to help the NGOs, as well as during the recent operation to help the victims of the floods in Kashmir.

SOLIDARITY

Our community's generosity is not only directed towards the 11 NGO's we support, but also at the beginning of September more than 1.5 m3 of donations (blankets, biscuits, fruit juice, water, medecines) were collected in under 48 hours and delivered to help the victims of the floods in Kashmir.

Many thanks to our kind donors !

Please save the date !

French Charity Mela :
Saturday 29th November
French School



news from our NGO's

TORCH

This NGO based in Nizamuddin West gets children who are living on the streets, ready for school.

17 of them started school this year (14 last year), they all go to school regularly and come in the afternoon to do their homework in the centre. A number of new children have joined Torch on the pre school programme and there are now around 20 of them.

In August a team of three students came from France to help Suchithra and Abdul; they also brought donations and



took part in two outings on 20th and 21st August (to the Zoo and Qutub Minar).

Torch is looking for volunteers.

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TARA HOMES

Tara Homes looks after 40 children whose families are not able to take care of them, in two homes, Tara Boys and Tara Tots.

Little Anita (3 yrs) joined Tara Tots this summer. With 20 children from 2 to 8, the home is full and only the 3 youngest (Vaishnavi - 2 yrs-, Anita and Shweta -3 yrs-) are not yet in school.

Tara Homes is looking for sponsors for Vaishnavi, Dinesh (4 yrs) and Arun (9 yrs) and volunteers, in the afternoons for the Tots, after 4pm, in the evenings and at week-ends for the Boys.

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KAMALINI

This NGO helps young girls from an underprivileged background to get professional training (cooking, stitching, IT) allowing them to become financially independent.

Main Tendue is giving support to the international cooking course (Wednesdays morning at Shahpur Jat and Kishingar - cost per session 300rs). Sign up your maid to give them a real qualification. A higher level course is now on offer for students who have completed the basic level.

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News from this summer : Main Tendue paid for 2 coolers for the Shahpur Jat centre and at the beginning of August, a team of 6 French dental students gave a presentation on dental hygiene in several Kamalini centres. These students got in touch with Main Tendue last December and we were able to link them with our NGOs.

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JAGRITI A PIONEERING SOCIETY

Jagriti is an NGO based in Dwarka which, amongst other activities, in 2005 founded a home for young girls whose families could not look after them. Up until recently, 17 girls were living in this residential home and went to school. 5 new girls joined them this summer.

Other news

- the team of French dental students came to visit on 4th August
 - an oven paid for by Main Tendue takes pride of place in the kitchen
- contact Pascale : pascale.pecheur@hotmail.fr

MOTHER TERESA ORPHANAGE

This orphanage for handicapped children is situated at Jangpura.

This summer, several orphans were sent to other centres and there are now 57 children left. Many of them go to school and in the morning there are far fewer children than previously, but volunteers are always welcome. In the near future, thanks to a donation from Indian Kids, some of the windows in the main dormitory will be changed to provide better insulation against the heat and cold.

Contact Caroline : caroline@chaveron.fr



SHELTER

This home located in Gurgaon and run by Sandra looks after 20 abandoned children between 5 and 16. The older children are at boarding school.

To ensure the home has regular income, the different ex-pat communities are trying to coordinate better and find some corporate sponsors. Thanks to Catherine, the sale of home-made jam in aid of The Shelter, has started again.

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SEVA OASIS

This NGO runs classes for around 60 children living in the slums.

Students from Partir & Agir, a French based NGO, came to help the teaching team this summer.

They brought with them 3 laptops which will mean that the children can learn how to use a computer and also communicate with school children in France via skype.

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SALAAM BAALAK TRUST

The Aasra centre where Main Tendue is active looks after around 50 boys who were lost or abandoned in the Pahar Ganj area around New Delhi station, and tries to trace their families.

Thanks in part to the sale of pictures last year organised by a team of volunteers, the children from the centre were able to go on holiday this summer. Also thanks to the sale of pictures and a donation from a French school in Germany, Nelly, who used to volunteer at SBT, managed to collect 9000€ which will be paid directly to Salaam Baalak.

Catherine, our coordinator (catpalas@hotmail.fr), is looking to recruit volunteers to reinforce the team who organise activities for the boys on weekday mornings.



GENESIS FOUNDATION

This NGO finances vital surgical operation for children whose parents don't have the necessary financial resources. Main Tendue contributes to the cost of these operations.

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MOTIA KHAN – SAMARPAN

For the past four years, French volunteers have been going to Motia Khan, a shelter in the North of Delhi, to look after "untouchable" children.

Each morning a team of 4 to 5 volunteers bring to these undernourished children milk and vitamins as well as giving some basic medical care (for wounds, burns), and spend time playing games and caring for the children.

Motia Khan has recently partnered with the Indian NGO Samarpan and has joined MainTendue with the aim of giving greater visibility and means, reinforcing their activity around 3 areas : nutrition, medical care, hygiene.

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Our association

NEW TEAM MEMBERS FOR MAIN TENDUE.

Valerie Ribollet has taken on organising the donations in kind; Isabel Beau de Lomenie and Marie Hosahalli join Isabelle Lenseigne and Camilla Kardel on the sponsoring team. Elisabeth Roussel will manage the vendors at the Mela; Maira Giulia Escard comes back on the Board as coordinator for Genesis Foundation.

WE ARE ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR A VICE-TREASURER TO WORK WITH NICOLAS SOKOLOFF

MEMBERSHIP 2014-2015

Would you like to become a member of Main Tendue or renew your membership (500rs)? Come to Delhi Accueil monthly coffee or contact Nicolas Sokoloff in the morning at the french school entrance. Or contact us by email.



DONATIONS IN KIND FOR THE MELA

Bags of sweets

Are you going home to France (or elsewhere) before end of November? Have you got friends coming to visit? Please think of filling your suitcase with sweets (eg carambars and fraises tagada...) The Main Tendue will sell them at the mela in aid of our NGOs.

Books

Your bookshelves are overflowing? Make some space and give us the books you don't need, preferably in French, and we will give them a second home by selling them at the mela. For all these donations, contact : getinvolved.maintendue@gmail.com



VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP

On Monday 20th October morning,

The Main Tendue team and representatives of our NGOs will introduce you to the different ways of getting involved in volunteering for a charity in Delhi and give you advice.

We will also organise visits to our NGOs following on this workshop.

To sign up

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