

newsletter

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VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP ON OCTOBER 17TH AND NGO VISITS

A good start for the renewal of the volunteer teams who regularly help our NGOs or work for Main Tendue. We welcome every kind of talent and offer of help: homework tutoring, teaching English or cooking, helping disabled children, conducting craft or yoga workshops, storytelling, participating in fieldtrips, or organizing events and looking for sponsors. Every year, once some people have left Delhi and others arrive, we have to renew our volunteer teams. Visits were organized to Torch, Salaam Baalak Trust, Motia Khan and Mother Teresa Orphanage. A volunteer workshop also took place on October 20th. It helped create new vocations, and there are still many opportunities if you want to help: the more we are, the easier it is!

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SAVE THE DATE:

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29TH, FRENCH CHARITY FETE AT THE LYCEE FRANÇAIS.

A must for your Christmas shopping, or if you feel like tasting French products in a lively and friendly ambiance, or participating in a prestigious lucky draw. For Main Tendue, it is an opportunity to raise funds and help the NGO's we support.

Come along with your friends and family and have fun!

Detailed programme on page 4.



You can also help us by **volunteering** at the cafeteria or at the drinks stand, at the Main Tendue stand or the children's entertainment,

for two hours or more during **the French Charity Fete.**

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THE FRENCH LYCEE CROSS COUNTRY RACE: WAS SCHEDULED NOVEMBER 19TH, NOW POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH DUE TO HIGH POLLUTION LEVELS!

Like last year, the Tshirt sale profits will go to Main Tendue. Main Tendue volunteers came to present our action and our NGOs to the LFD primary school classes.



news from our NGO's

TORCH

New schoolbags have been purchased for the school-going children: they are very proud and happy to have new, colourful, cartoon-themed bags!



New volunteer teams have come to Torch since September. Thanks to the visits organized by Main Tendue with the help of Marie-Pierre: 7 to 8 volunteers are coming over during the week. Some of them are interns and only stay for a few weeks in Delhi. Visits will be organized later on to recruit more helpers.

Donors also contacted Main Tendue, some of them being travelers to India who stop over in Delhi. An Australian lady brought soap and toothbrushes, Melissa (American) brought stationery items. The Milkana company donated spread cheese.

Nalini, founder of Torch, personally organized the purchase and distribution of toys for each child (Barbie dolls, cars) as she felt it was important for these street children to have a personal toy. The children play with them at Torch, and after some weeks they will take them home.

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Clothilde young volunteer at Torch

KAMALINI

The production center is fully operational, with the help of Main Tendue volunteers who design the products and sell them to the expat community. Their creations (pie bags, handbags, table mats with matching napkins and rings, aprons...) are extremely popular. For your Christmas shopping, please note that the next sale will take place at the French Charity Fete! A big thanks also to the other volunteers who teach cooking and English.

If you are a good cook and you are eager to share your talents: Isabelle is looking for volunteers to take over teaching international cuisine level 1 at Kishangar, and level 2 at Shahpurjat.

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Products centre of Kamlini

TARA HOMES

Tara Girls: "work in progress", the new shelter for girls is due to open in 2015.

Big Birds: this is the name given to the older boys who have left Tara Boys and go on to further study after secondary school. Their objective is to find a job and become self-reliant. Tara Home workers, together with some volunteers, and also Jaan and Sidhu (the first "big birds"), are thinking about how to create the best conditions for the older kids who have to leave the protective environment of Tara. What links to keep with Tara Homes, where to live, how to help them choose their studies and find internships...? So many aspects to be considered in order to help them be successful in the first years of their working lives.



Jaan and Sidhu, the first « Big Birds » in Paris last summer

MOTHER TERESA ORPHANAGE

The orphanage is mourning the sudden death of Suati, a 16 year old girl who passed away during back surgery. The Main Tendue team shares the grief of the Sisters and the whole orphanage after this sudden death.

Our coordinator Caroline is still looking for volunteers who could come in the afternoon to help with homework.

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JAGRITI A PIONEERING SOCIETY

Clothilde, a young French student who is spending a her gap year in Delhi and volunteers with our NGOs, spent a few days with the JAGRITI girls during their October break. She did activities with them and taught them how to make pastries with the new oven funded by Main Tendue. It was an opportunity for interesting cultural exchanges on both sides.

SHELTER

It is important for the Shelter to find long-term funding solutions, particularly with Indian companies and individual donors. A volunteer, ideally based in Gurgaon would be a precious help for Sandra. Feel free to contact us.

A big thanks to Catherine B, who successfully sold her first batch of homemade jams. The money collected is entirely donated to the Shelter. The next sale will take place at the French Charity Fete, on the Book and Sweet stand.

Sandra is looking for volunteers to help with schoolwork after 4 pm.

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Sale Jam in the front of French School

GENESIS FOUNDATION

December 6th, Genesis Foundation will organize an events for the children of several NGOs : picnic, plays, activities... on the agenda. An occasion to celebrate Children's day !



November 2013: Genesis Foundation invited Tara Homes to celebrate "Children's Day"

SALAAM BAALAK TRUST

For Diwali, the volunteers brought decorations and the children made drawings on the theme of light. All of them received a packet of sweets as a gift, thanks to Catherine, the Main Tendue coordinator with Salaam Baalak Trust. New volunteers are most welcome to organize activities with SBT's energetic and lovely boys.

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Saturday November 15th: 10 Terminale students from the French School visited Salaam Baalak Trust

SEVA OASIS

November 7th was D day for the 45 Seva Oasis children who were looking forward to the picnic organized by Main Tendue's volunteers. On the agenda: Akshardam Temple, India Gate and Lodhi Gardens, wonderful places that the Shahdara and Seemapuri slum children are happy to discover.



MOTIA KHAN – SAMARPAN

After a short break due to the French school holidays, the volunteers have gone back to Motia Khan in the mornings. They bring healthy meals to the children and provide some simple medical care. They would like to complete their action in the field of health and food by supporting a long-term education project, together with the NGO Samarpan which already works at Motia Khan. This project is taking place from November 17th.

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On the occasion of Children's Day (14 November) volunteers from Motia Khan team organized a big party for children

Our association

Main Tendue Indian Trust: the procedure to obtain tax exemption is progressing. But the trust is already operational and can receive donations and contributions, as well as finance our NGOs. On the other hand, the donations from foreign owned companies can be sent directly to the NGOs registered under the FCRA.

The International Outreach Group, of which Main Tendue is a member, organized on November 13th the second "NGO Connect" workshop. NGOs supported by different expatriate communities met to discuss several topics:

- The new CSR laws and how to make the most of them
- Social enterprise: sharing experience
- Grant Allocation: do's and don't's
- Pro-Bono Legal Aid for NGOs: what is available

Main Tendue invited Torch, Kamalini, Jagriti, Tara, Samarpan and The Shelter



FRENCH CHARITY FETE

Discover about **100 vendors** at a real Christmas market: jewels, clothes, decoration items, home fabrics, craft, sweets, books, travel agencies, NGOs...

Explore **different food stands** and enjoy French and Mediterranean cuisine, with the support of the **French Embassy, Ibis Delhi Airport, l'Opéra, Swiss Gourmessa, Amour Bistro, Rara Avis**, and producers or retailers **Dabur, French Farm, Hospitality Magic, Malteries Soufflet, Pernod Ricard**. On the menu: hot dishes, french fries, sandwiches, plates of cheese and charcuterie, pancakes, cakes... and of course wine.

Have fun with games and play areas for children and during the afternoon, combine a musical performance in the gardens of the Institut Francais with a glass of good wine...

Visit the **Main Tendue Stands**: the main stand where you can find out about our action, become a member and buy the western cuisine book (hindi-english-french) or silver bracelets, book of photos, notebooks and purses designed for Main Tendue... But also the Book Corner, where you can buy second hand books, homemade jams made by Catherine and bags of French sweets. All the money raised goes to Main Tendue.

Participate in a prestigious Lucky Draw

(work in progress)

Offered stays:

Sarai at Toria (near Khajarahho and Panna Reserve Tiger): One 2-night stay for 2 people full-board with a bottle of wine, boat ride and village walk

Rare Travel : One 2-night stay for 2 people at Villa Shanti (Pondicherry)

Sofitel Mumbai : 2 vouchers for a stay overnight with breakfast for 2 people

Leela Gurgaon : 1 week-end stay (1 night with diner and massage for 2 people)



Sarai at Toria : boat ride on sunset

Vouchers for dining out in Delhi ou Gurgaon restaurant

Leela Gurgaon : One Voucher for 4-people lunch on Sunday at the Italian restaurant Zanotta, one Voucher for 4-people lunch at Indian restaurant Diya, one Voucher for 4 people Friday dinner at Spetra

The Imperial Hotel : Vouchers for meal at Spice Route and at 1911

Director's Cut + Mistral : Vouchers

Pullman Hotel : Vouchers for meal

Bistro du Parc : Voucher for lunch

La Bodega : 2 Vouchers for meal

The Oberoi : Voucher for 2-people lunch

Rara Avis : Voucher for a 2-people meal

▪ **A piece of jewelry** given by **Samdaria**

▪ **Gifts or vouchers from**

Gifts from **L'Opéra, L'Occitane, Forest Essentials, Mittal Teas, Pernod Ricard, ZM&MZ**

Travelearn, Hindi lesson voucher

Oxford Bookstore, Altitude Store, Les Parisiennes, Geetanjali,

Creme Salon: Voucher to use in their shops or beauty parlors.