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The Nirvanavan Foundation Trust

Registered charity No. 1124427



Rani & Guddi, Class 4, Advaita Garden School

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“dreams do come true”

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Hello again,

Charity Status.

I am delighted to inform you that Nirvanavan Foundation in the UK is now a registered charity. After our initial application last year the Charity Commission has been very helpful, explaining how to meet their criteria. Rishiputra steered us through the process during the early part of this year and we were officially accepted in June 2008. (The Foundation in India was registered in 2001 as a Non-Government-Organisation - N.G.O. – the Indian equivalent of a charity.) We are now known as the **Nirvanavan Foundation Trust.** (NFT).

At the very least this will enable us to claim gift aid so please, if you donate money, let us know in writing that you are willing for your donation to be considered as gift-aid and we will be able to claim 28p from the Inland Revenue for each pound donated. The only criteria are that you need to be a U.K. taxpayer and have paid tax equivalent to the amount which we will claim. For instance, if you donate ten pounds, you need to have paid at least £2.80 in tax for us to be able to claim that amount.

But much more than this, having charity status gives us a certain credibility which will hopefully help in raising money.

Schools re-opened

And more money will be needed! Now that the direct debit scheme is bringing in a regular income, two of the schools which were closed last year because of lack of funds have been re-opened and also a new school has been established in the slum area of Alwar city. When the acquisition of the land at Advaita Garden is completed, work will start on the first stage of the Children's Village (see the website www.nirvanavn.org for more information.)

The Great Nirvanavan Pencil Appeal

This continues. I shall be returning to Rajasthan in October and will be again taking a large suitcase full of coloured and lead pencils, sharpeners, erasers etc. (Thanks to Jet Airways for giving me extra baggage allowance.) These have been coming in throughout the summer and thank you to everybody who has contributed. Please though, no felt tips. Although they are good for colouring, they don't last very long in the heat and then there is a disposal problem – not something we have to worry about here, we can just throw them into the rubbish bin. But when there is no rubbish disposal then there is a problem – what to do with all that plastic?

Cows

The gaushala (cow shed) is now complete at Advaita Garden and the school is now the proud owner of five cows. More cows could easily be accommodated and for the grand total of one pound per week you could be the proud sponsor of a cow (plus its herder!) You will be invited to name your cow, you will receive a photograph – and maybe even a CD of your very own cow mooing, especially for you!! You may even become a grandparent! Send us a direct debit form (a few pounds a month) indicating that you would like to sponsor a cow, and then let the divine vibrations do their work. Cows are considered sacred animals in India – you will be amply rewarded in your spiritual growth!!

Trustees

Moving on from holy cows, NFT would not be able to exist without its Trustees. Radha and Javed, two of our first trustees, are leaving the UK in September. After spending four months at the Bihar School of Yoga and a few months travelling around the Far East they will be going to live in New Zealand. We wish them well in their travels. A whole new world opening up. *Ut vitam habeant et abundantius - that they may have life and have it more abundantly.* Thankyou. We will miss you.

So we need to find one or two new trustees. Obviously you need to be interested in and supportive of the work of the Foundation – maybe attending one meeting per year (although this is not essential as we have a 'quorum' of three trustees in London). Apart from this the job is more or less what you make of it. (Help with fund-raising is always appreciated especially now that we are a charity. We need also someone to oversee the application of Gift-Aid from the Inland Revenue.)

I will be in India for six months from October till April. It would be a great help to have someone willing to 'administer' the NFT whilst I am away. Basically this would mean checking the bank statements once a month, responding to any mail (usually no more than one or two a month), sending 'thank you' cards for the occasional donations etc. Not a lot of work but very useful. Please let me know if you are interested, either in being a Trustee or helping with admin. - or both!!

Photo Project.

I am looking for a school in the UK who would be willing to be involved in what could be a very interesting project. In the first year the children would make contact and swap letters/drawings etc (bear in mind that their English is extremely basic in the Foundation schools.) . Ideally the children would come from a village or a small town and be a similar age (8 – 9) – this would enable contact to be established and the project completed before the children leave primary school. In the second year I would like to photograph the children with their families in their homes, - in India and in the UK. It could be an interesting social study comparing how the children live in the UK and in India. Hopefully an exhibition would follow. If you know of a school who might be interested please let me know.

Nirvanavan evenings

September 12th in Middlesborough and 13th in Sheffield. Let me know if you would like to host such an event. Photographs, songs. Spreading the word about the Foundation and also giving people an opportunity to see how the money is being used. Please tell your friends about us.

Web site

Look out for the new website coming soon and many thanks to Nick for all the work that has gone into this.