



SANDIPANI MUNI SCHOOLS

PROVIDING EDUCATION FOR THE POOR IN VRINDAVAN, INDIA

Food for Life Vrindavan (FFLV) is a charity that focuses on educational development and empowerment of women and children in the rural areas of Vrindavan, Uttar Pradesh, India.

With our educational programs (Sandipani Muni Schools and adult education), medical services, social development and more, we give the needy - especially children - a chance to learn, to live, to earn; eventually pulling their whole families out of the vicious cycle of poverty and desperation.

FFLV was started in 1990. Since then, FFLV has served mostly children from among the poorest of the poor, or the “bottom line” of Indian society, those who are forgotten and neglected, those who practically do not exist.



*We can proudly say that 95% of all the funds collected go to the recipients;
our administration costs are kept to a minimum.*

2001 - The first Sandipani Muni school opened for a handful of children in a small rented house.

2003 - After seeing very encouraging results and the dedication of the team, private donors quickly came forward and contributed the funds for permanent premises and a school building for 450 primary school aged children.

2006 - Since the demand for schooling very soon outgrew our facilities, the FFLV team was able to raise the funds to build a new secondary school providing education for 500 children. That makes a total of approximately 1,000 children currently receiving free education at FFLV schools.

2009 - With over 600 children on the waiting list and a desperate need for more schools, FFLV is constructing a third school. The charity has acquired some of the funds for the building of this school and hopes to complete construction in mid 2010.

THE NEW SCHOOL PROJECT

The development is situated in the Kiki Nagla area of Vrindavan, which comprises of several large villages. That area is fairly distant from our current schools and facilities, but despite the distance, we have been accommodating a large number of children from that area in our existing schools in the town of Vrindavan.

We have acquired a large plot of land that will facilitate our entire master project, providing a complete solution to the local community.

The overall project will include a nursery, primary and secondary school, an orphanage, housing project and a hospital. In total the new campus will provide education for 1440 children.

With kind help and a generous donation from a Gujarati family from Stanmore, we have already built a hospital that was officially opened in October 2008.

The cost of the kindergarten, primary/middle school which will educate 1,008 children is £400,000 of which £150,000 has already been raised leaving a shortfall of £250,000.



PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY

All of our schools and students are maintained by child sponsorships. Only £25 per month covers one child's total educational and medical needs. Sponsors are people from all over the world, with the majority from UK, Italy, USA, Spain and Germany.

FFLV plans to continue and expand this sponsorship program in order to finance the running of future schools. Sponsorship is vital to maintain the running costs of the schools.

RECOGNITION AND CREDENTIALS

Food for Life is increasingly gaining recognition in the public and private sectors.

Both Honorable Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and M.P. Rahul Gandhi have recognized the credible work by the charity and personally met the organisation's director, Rupa Ragunath.

The well known Bollywood actor Vivek Oberoi was so impressed by our work that he kindly agreed to become a Food for Life Vrindavan brand ambassador. He will be celebrating his birthday in our schools in Vrindavan on 16th September 2009, and will be present at our October 2009 function in London.



MAKING A REAL DIFFERENCE

A CASE STUDY

Sandipani Muni Schools support families to send their children to school. In tragic circumstances, Gomvati lost her husband when he was bitten by a dog causing him to be bed-ridden for a month with a fever before he eventually died. Due to a lack of education, money and medical services, no medical care was sought for him. Now Gomvati is a widow with two small children.

Fortunately, both children are enrolled at Sandipani Muni School, one in the nursery and the other in the 1st class. Gomvati, who would otherwise be unable to support herself or her children, is undertaking vocational training to learn how to sew. This way, she is being paid a small wage allowing her to stand on her own two feet. Gomvati receives little support from her family, her health is also poor and she has no education. Without Sandipani Muni School, there really would be no hope of a good future for Gomvati or her children.



CHANGING LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION AND SUPPORT



*“We make a living by what we get.
We make a life by what we give.”*

FOOD FOR LIFE VRINDAVAN KIKI NAGLA PROJECT

The total cost for the school is *£400,000.*

So far we have raised *£150,000.*

Balance needed: *£250,000.*

This amount will enable us to have the kindergarten and primary/middle school opened by *October 2010.*

With that balance of money of £250,000 we can happily open the project.

This is an ambitious project which will occur with God's mercy and the kind donations we receive from goodhearted people.

So far, the money that has been raised for this project in the UK (including pledges that have been made) is £150,000.

Our goal for our UK donors for now is simple. Help us raise £250,000 to ensure that the project for the kindergarten and primary/middle school can be completed, and the school opening can occur in October 2010.

FOOD FOR LIFE VRINDAVAN KIKI NAGLA PROJECT

Overall Financial Summary

PROJECT	COST	DETAILS
COMPLETED		
Land	£94,000	Three acres of land, including land registration
Hospital	£250,000	Built on two floors, 30 rooms, 22,000 Sq/ft. General ward, private rooms, X-ray facility, pathology, maternity, O.T. ICU (already built from donations received).
Total	£344,000	
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CURRENT		
Primary/middle school Prep. to 8th grade	£340,000	24 classrooms, 864 children. Construction underway, completion planned by October 2010.
Kindergarten	£60,000	Four rooms for 144 children.
Subtotal	£400,000	
Already raised	£150,000	2008 Asian Achievers Awards
Balance needed	£250,000	To be raised at the October 10th event. :)
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OVER NEXT 1 YEAR		
Orphanage	£100,000	18 bedrooms, 7,944 Sq. feet on three floors. 72 children capacity.
Sports facilities	£7,000	Basket ball, volley ball, badminton, table tennis, Jumping springs, one tennis court, playing field and security house.
Temple	£5,000	
Office Block	£27,000	For the teachers and staff (administration).
Kitchen	£43,000	For the daily cooking of the meals for all the children.
Playground	£15,000	For children to use and enjoy.
Road & Gates	£10,000	For access and security.
Housing project	£53,000	40 houses to be given to below poverty line families. <i>(Waiting for due diligence from Habitat for Humanity, India.)</i>
Total	£260,000	To be collected over next one year.
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FUTURE - BY 2015		
High school 9th to 12th grade	£230,000	12 Classrooms, 432 children
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Total estimate for the entire project	£1,234,000	Subject to variation of plus/minus 15%

Proposed New FFLV School Complex in Kiki Nagla Scale 1:400

With Ground Floor Buildings Plans

