

2017 IAEF Annual Report

Dear IAEF Associates –

As IAEF enters the 18th year of its inception, I would like to share its accomplishments, initiatives, and plans for future.

Started in 2000 with an initial investment of \$50, IAEF has raised and distributed approximately \$1.5M to date without getting funding from any federal or state entities (except for gift matching funds from selected corporations). This is a testimonial to our mission – raising awareness for our responsibility to help improve conditions of disabled children through education and empower them to become self-reliant and productive members of society.

- IAEF supports/has supported 55 NGOs in India and 10 in the US.
- In 2017, IAEF raised \$233,315.79 and distributed \$232,429.80 as follows:
 - India Projects \$192,106
 - US Projects \$38,846
 - Postage, Mailing \$324
 - Operating Expenses \$1,131
- Our total operating/maintenance expenses (Printing, Mailing, PO Box Rental, Bank fees, office supplies, etc.) were \$1455 (\$324 + \$1131). This comes to 0.6% of the total distribution. With this low operating expense, we are able to forward almost 100% of donations to the designated recipients.
- Our School Library Project for donating outstanding books on India to school libraries across the nation crossed 10,000. This gives teachers and students a more objective and realistic tool to learn about India's people and their heritage.
- Late last year we launched Give a Gift of Light initiative to children in areas where lack of electricity has made it difficult for them to do their home work raised over \$6000. This enabled us to donate 200 solar lamps to these disadvantaged children.
- Our support to 10 non-profits in the US to help educate children with disabilities shows, although in a small way, our participation in the society that we live in.

On a personal note, after nearly 18 years of building and growing this grassroots movement to help empower what remains a neglected segment of India's population – i.e. children with disabilities – I feel a somewhat diminishing level of energy and vision to initiate new programs. Our visibility in India has grown tremendously, judging by the number of requests for funding. I have been trying to find an individual or an organization with a similar mission to ours but have not been successful. Please help me to connect with such an individual or organization who can take over what we have built in the past 18 years.

Finally, I am grateful to all who have been associated with this organization. I must extend my special thanks to the team at Round Glass Partners who have redesigned and improved our website (www.iaef.org) and continue to provide valuable technical help pro bono.