Trust Children – Annual Report

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Dear Sponsor:

Trust Children and its committee members thank you for your continued support towards the children at Gurukulam School. Beginning this year, we wish to share with you our annual report highlighting the progress, key events, and accomplishments of our children during the last academic year (2010-2011). Hope you will enjoy reading the report and pray that our children do well in every aspect for their lives and grow to be wonderful human beings.

You will be happy to know that in the current academic year (2011-2012), we admitted 31 children in our new LKG class and 8 children in other classes, a total of 39 new children joined us taking the total strength of students at Gurukulam School to 182 children.

In this report, we've also included a few sections on our current academic year, highlighting the sponsorships received till date and the support we need currently to grow our school further. In case you have any queries or comments, please feel free to reach the undersigned.

We truly appreciate your continued support towards underprivileged children at Gurukulam School and we wish you and your families a wonderful year ahead.

Yours Sincerely,

Capt Nandkumar
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2 Trust Children Overview

Trust Children (www.trustchildren.org) is a registered public charity in India that provides FREE education to underprivileged children through its school called Gurukulam in Panayur Village, Chennai, India. Started by Capt. Nandkumar, Managing Trustee, the Trust is run by a group of young adults who are based globally and share a common vision and mission.

Our Vision

- To break the "poverty - manual labour" cycle of the economically underprivileged through education.
- To nurture ethical human beings of grandeur and strength; intelligence tempered by humility, and strength tempered by love.

Our Mission

- To provide free education and sponsorship to economically underprivileged children until they complete a professional or vocational course through our School "Gurukulam".
- To nurture inner and outer strength in the child through martial arts, yoga, meditation, and by teaching righteous living through "How to Live" classes and "Story Telling".

Quick Facts

- Started in 2004 with 34 children, Gurukulam School currently has 182 children in classes LKG through VII Grade.
- All students are from an economically underprivileged background whose parents earn less than Rs. 100 ($2 USD) per day.
- Gurukulam School provides their children with:
  - FREE education in English medium
  - FREE lunch & breakfast
  - FREE text books
  - FREE uniforms
  - FREE travel
  - FREE training in karate, Tai Chi, Yoga, and Meditation
  - FREE medical and dental check-up
  - "How to Live" moral classes and "Story Telling" classes
  - Other extra-curricular activities such as sports, dance, music, and painting, and more for their overall development.
- Trust Children has pledged to support each Gurukulam Child until he/she completes a professional/vocational course.

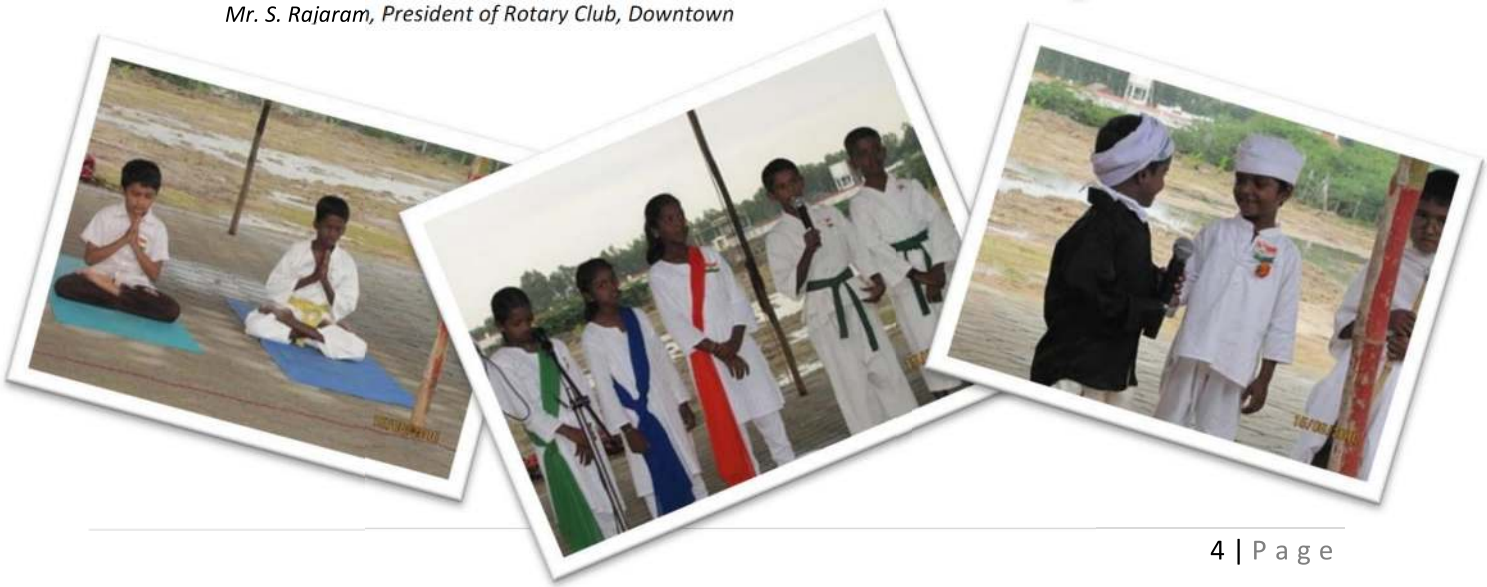
For more information on Trust Children's Gurukulam School and its activities, please write to info@trustchildren.org or visit us on our website, blog, or Facebook. Website: www.trustchildren.org, Blog: www.trustchildren.blogspot.com, "Like Us" on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TrustChildren.

3 Key Events and Accomplishments in 2010 – 2011

August, 2010 – Independence Day Celebrations

- Gurukulam was honored this year by the presence of Mr. Jayakumar, MLA and Former Minister, Govt. of Tamilnadu, Mr. S. Rajaram, President of Rotary Club, Downtown and Mr. Sohail Currimbhoy, Chairman, Madras Mylapore Round Table 3. Their presence encouraged us further to work harder to ensure that every child gets the best education possible to make this society grow into Mahatma Gandhi's and Rabindra Nath Tagore's dream India.
- The children, as usual, put up a wonderful performance. The Indian classical dance put up by the girls took everyone's breath away and so did the programs of all the other classes.
- Karate performance was as scintillating as ever. Kudos to Sensei Ravikrishnan and Sensei Murali in keeping the martial arts program of the kids going full swing.
- The yoga demonstration for this time was well conducted and the children finished with meditation in padmasana. Thanks to Mr. Vajaravelu, our Yoga teacher.
- Speeches by our children in English, Hindi, and Tamil showed their grasp of all 3 languages.

(From L to R): Mr. Sohail Currimbhoy, Chairman, Madras Mylapore Round Table 3, Mr. Jayakumar MLA, Former Minister, Govt. of Tamilnadu, and Mr. S. Rajaram, President of Rotary Club, Downtown



September 2010 – All India Open Karate Championship

Our kids have done it again :-) at the National Level. At the "All India Open Karate Championship" held at Kanchipuram, Tamilnadu, on 25th and 26th of Sept, our children brought back a good medal tally.

Pragadeesh of Grade VI - Individual Kata III place, Team Kata II place	Varsha of Grade VI - Individual Kata II Place, Team Kata II place, Kumite Kata III Place
Anandh of grade IV - Team Kata II place	Dharani of Grade VI - Team Kata II place, Kumite Kata III place
K. Arunkumar of grade IV - Team Kata II place	Dhanapriya of VI grade - Team Kata II place
	Shilpa of Grade IV - Kumite Kata III Place

October 2010 – Gandhi Jayanthi Celebrations

Mr. Ashwin from the "Hindu" newspaper publication along with his friends and the "Story Trails" group Ms. Anu, Ms. Sandhya, and Ms. Lakshmi visited our school and celebrated the birth of Mahatma Gandhi. The "Story Trail" group enthralled our children with an interactive story "India and I". The children loved it and were then treated to a movie "Toy Story". Read more about it in the national newspaper - The "Hindu" at http://www.thehindu.com/life-and-style/kids/article824906.ece

October 2010 – Parents Teachers Meet

Mrs. Shubha Subramaniam, our Academic Advisor, Mr. Ravikrishnan, our Committee Member, along with Ms. Shabana and Mr. Parvez conducted the Parents Teachers meet on the 23rd Oct 2010. They reiterated the importance of bringing the children on time to school, not being absent unless due to a medical condition, and the importance of helping the child with a conducive atmosphere at home. The parents then had a look at their children's art work and were ALL SMILES :-)

November 2010 – Children's Day

Celebrations started with a colourful fancy dress competition – Farah of Class II took everyone's heart away as "Avvaiyar". There were a galore of policemen, doctors, engineers and more :-). UKG sang their rhymes…as cutely as only they can. Followed by songs from Class IV and V. Mr. Abul, our Math teacher came forward with mimicry while our Yoga teacher gave a puppet show performance. To top the program our teachers, Ms. Hasan, Ms. Shabana, and Ms. Sujatha put up a lovely dance together…Kudos to Mr. Abul for putting together one of the most memorable evenings.

December 2010 – Mathematics Assessment by the University of New South Wales, Australia

Our kids have proved themselves again :-). Pragadeesh of Class 6 secured "High Distinction". Dharini, Ameen, Basha, and Dhanapriya of Class 6 secured "Distinction" in Mathematics Assessment for Indian Schools by the UNSW Global, The University of New South Wales, Australia.

We are proud of their achievement!

January 2011 – Republic Day

Jan 26th 2011, Dr. Mythili Ravishankar, our committee member, unfurled the national flag at our school. Our children gave a lovely performance in yoga, karate and dance, to celebrate India's republic day. May our children grow to make us proud!

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March 2011 – Medical Camp

Kamakshi Memorial Hospital conducted a medical camp for our children along with six doctors and five para-medicals. Ms. Poornima was the coordinator. The doctors did a thorough check up of all the children along with their parents. They also recommended a few children for further investigation. Thank you dear Doctors and staff of Kamakshi Memorial Hospital. We are grateful for your loving care. All of us here join together, in saying - Thank you :-)

March 2011 – "Semester at Sea" volunteers at Gurukulam

A note from Jeffrey A. Kottler, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology, Semester at Sea, in his own words.

"I wanted to thank all of you for providing such an amazing experience for our students and staff during our visit to the Trust Children school these past few days. The exchanged between your students, teachers, administrators, and our group from Semester at Sea were so meaningful. The children were crying when we left yesterday, as were some of our students. Three of our students stayed behind to continue their visit for another day. Everyone was so happy with the generosity, hospitality, and warm welcome that you provided at the school and with the Rotary Club. I know that you have never arranged an extended service trip like this before but I want you to know that I hope it is the first of many such trips in the future.

Although I have spent time in many lower caste schools, and worked with children and teachers for many years, I was SO impressed with the work you are doing. The enthusiasm of the teachers, the warmth of the students, was so inspiring to all of us. I hope that our visit remains a lasting memory for those in your school just as I'm certain it will for all of us."

4 Sponsorships Received in 2010 – 2011

Child Sponsorships Received	Sponsors (2010 – 2011)
Annual Lunch Sponsorship (Grade UKG to VI)	Mr. Uma Shankar, Singapore
Annual Lunch Sponsorship (Grade LKG)	ASHA for Education, Eindhoven, The Netherlands
Annual Uniforms Sponsorship (Grade LKG to VI)	ASHA for Education, Eindhoven, The Netherlands
Annual Books Sponsorship (Grade LKG to VI)	Madras Mylapore Round Table 3
Education & Travel Sponsorships	127 children sponsored of 143 children
	- India (42%)
	- USA and Canada (31%)
	- Singapore (15%)
	- United Kingdom (8%)
	- Other Countries (4%)
Top Five Sponsors for Child Education & Travel Sponsorship in 2010 – 2011	
- Mr. Ganeash Kalimuthu and Ms. Vanitha Kalimuthu	
- M/s. ITS India Pvt. Ltd.	
- Capt. Vivek Shanbag	
- Mr. G. V. Anand	
- Mr. Paul Meehan	

Infrastructure Sponsorships Received	Sponsors (2010 – 2011)
Classroom for VI Grade	Dr. Mythili Ravishankar, Mr. Ravishankar and Mr. Venkatesh Ravishankar
Boys & Girls Toilet, and Store Room	Dr. Vandna Dharmar, Dr. Sunder Dharmar, Dr. Chris Wain and Cambridge University Hindu Association
Classroom for VII Grade	Mr. Ananth Ramachandran and Mr. Girish Kumar
Road for the School	Dr. David Schweiger, Ms. Diane Schweiger, Mr. Nitin Agarwal, and Ms. Priya Agarwal

5 Sponsorships Received for 2011 – 2012, as of October 2011

Child Sponsorships Received	Sponsors (2011-2012)
Annual Meal Sponsorship (Grade LKG, III, IV)	Mr. Uma Shankar, Singapore
Annual Books Sponsorship (Grade LKG to VII)	Madras Mylapore Round Table 3
Education & Travel Sponsorships	157 sponsored of 182 children
	- India (46%)
	- USA and Canada (21%)
	- Singapore (17%)
	- Malaysia (8%)
	- Other Countries (8%)
Top Five Sponsors for Child Education & Travel Sponsorship in 2011 – 2012	
- M/s. Signet Foundation, Mr. H.P. Shah and Ms. Bina Shah	
- Mr. Victor Kalimuthu, Mr. Ganeash Kalimuthu, and Ms. Vanitha Kalimuthu	
- Mr. Ramar K. Lingam	
- M/s. ITS India Pvt. Ltd.	
- Capt. Vivek Shanbag, and Mr. Kaushik Palicha	

Infrastructure Sponsorships Received	Sponsors (2011 – 2012)
Laboratory # 1 for Secondary Section	Mr. Khushi Ram and Ms. Nimmi Singh
Laboratory # 1 Equipment & Furnishings	M/s. Grundfos Pumps India Pvt. Ltd.

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6 Sponsorships Needed for 2011 – 2012, as of October 2011

Gurukulam School currently has 182 children from LKG to VII Grade for the academic year 2011-2012. We request for your kind support to meet the needs of our School and children through various sponsorship options as mentioned below.

100% of your donations directly reach the children. All the administrative expenses are borne by Trust Children's committee members and trustees.

Sponsorships Required	Donation Amount Required in 2011 - 2012				
	Indian Rupees	US Dollars	British Pounds	Euros	Singapore Dollars
Annual Education & Travel Sponsorship per Child	Rs. 15,500	$345	£215	€245	SGD 430
Annual Meal Sponsorship per Child	Rs. 3,700	$80	£50	€60	SGD 100
Annual Meal Sponsorship per Class *(Average of 20 children per Class)*	Rs. 74,000	$1,600	£1,000	€1,200	SGD 2,000
School Uniform Sponsorship *(This covers the cost of 2 regular, 1 sport, and 1 karate uniform per child for 182 children along with the sponsor's logo.)*	Rs. 155,000	$3,450	£2,150	€2,450	SGD 4,300
Classroom for Laboratory # 2	Rs. 750,000	$16,700	£10,400	€11,850	SGD 20,800
Laboratory Equipment for Lab # 2	Rs. 210,000	$4,700	£2,900	€3,300	SGD 5,800
Classroom for Grade VIII	Rs. 750,000	$16,700	£10,400	€11,850	SGD 20,800
Boys & Girls Toilet for Secondary Section	Rs. 1,100,000	$24,500	£15,250	€17,400	SGD 30,500
Painting of the Entire School	Rs. 300,000	$6,700	£4,200	€4,750	SGD 8,300
General Donation	*Any amount that you choose to donate for the Gurukulam children will be highly appreciated*				

Donation Process

Trust Children is a registered public charity in India. Donors can avail Tax Exemption under 80G of the IT Act 1961. **Gurukulam US** is a registered USA public charity under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. **Gurukulam UK** is a registered non-profit organization with the Charity Commission UK.

Process for **Indian Residents**: http://trustchildren.org/donate/India.aspx
Process for **UK Residents**: http://trustchildren.org/donate/UK.aspx
Process for **US and Canadian Residents** http://trustchildren.org/donate/USA.aspx
Process for **Non-Resident-Indians** or for **Donors from Other Countries** http://trustchildren.org/donate/International.aspx

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Thank you all sponsors and volunteers for your kind support and efforts towards the Gurukulam School

Thank you Madras Mylapore Round Table 3 for sponsoring the textbooks and notebooks for all our children for the entire year

Thank you Mr. Uma Shankar for sponsoring the lunch for children in Grades LKG, III, and IV for the entire year

Thank you Ms. Nimmi Singh & family, Mr. Girish, and Mr. Ananth, for sponsoring two classrooms for Grade VII, and Laboratory #1.

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