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02 Chairman's Update

Spring is in the air and we are cautiously optimistic after a challenging few months for India and the Foundation with the impact of the 2nd COVID wave now behind us.

The Foundation's fight against the COVID spread across the 24 villages in the rural community is building traction with the number of COVID positive infection dropping from 50% of all patients tested. Our Mobile Clinic was relaunched in early September.

Our free online Nursery & Primary School classes have been delivered through borrowed mobile phones for children in the remote villages who have missed out on schooling during COVID lockdown.

Demand for our tailoring classes is high at the Women Centre, supporting our drive to empower women in the community.

Children are starting to come back to our Children's Home from their guardians/parents post the lockdown and schools for Year 9 to 12 students reopened on September 1st.

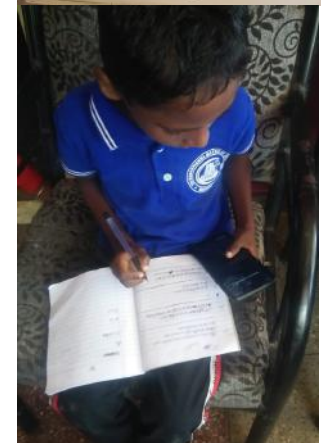
We will start our renovation work of the two old dormitories in September to assist our transformation to a boarding home for deserving children thanks to a generous donor in the USA.

Discussions are in progress for a partnership arrangement with the Foundation and Joss Brooks - Auroville by way of consulting services. The Auroville team will also further develop and renovate our Environmental Education Centre.

Thank you for your continued support.



Raghu Nadathur- Chair
The East West Foundation
of Australia, India & UK.



Shipra who grew up in our Children's Home and became a qualified teacher, married Siranveerji, who is now our 'House Father'. We wish the couple all the best for their future.



Our doctor & nurses delivering COVID vaccinations at our medical centre.

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03 Independence Day Celebrations

Staff and children of The East West Foundation of India celebrated India's 75th Independence Day on August 15, 2021 with the usual pride and joy.

The Indian Independence movement began during World War I and was led by Mr. M. K. Gandhi. On August 15, 1947, India got its freedom, ending almost 200-years of British rule.



Introducing our new 'House Mother - Govindammal

We welcome Ms. P. Govindammal our new House Mother for our Children's Home at the Foundation.

Govindammal joined The East West Foundation of India in 2017 as Assistant House Mother and took over the role of House Mother when Ms. Geetha Ma retired early this year.

Govindammal is a bachelor's degree graduate and is also a qualified teacher with more than 8 years work experience.



TEWF'S Tertiary and Further Education Support Fund (TAFESF) By Beth Z Charles, Committee Member

TEWF's Tertiary and Further Education Support Fund is rapidly becoming one of the success stories of TEWFI in India. Its purpose is to support the young people from the Children's Home to undertake tertiary education or vocational training after they have completed year 12 at school.

The Fund offers those young people opportunities they would not otherwise have. It enables them to develop the strength to continue studying and to believe in themselves. This will give them independence, personal responsibility and control over their future.

Next year eight more students will be completing year 12. They will be able to access our Fund and receive the benefits it provides including, most importantly, self empowerment through learning.

Here are some examples of our 'Support Fund' achievements - see over



04 'Tertiary Support Fund' achievements cont.



Sindu (right) completed a BCom. Amsa (left) completed her MBA. Amsa only required part funding.



Latha has completed BEd. English and is beginning a Masters in English by correspondence.



Kabilan is pursuing vocational training a Refrigeration & Air conditioning Technical Course) in Chennai.



Mohan (left, pictured with House Father, Siranjeevi & year 12 student, Denash) has just been given a Government University placement in Chennai to study Bach.Com. The Fund will assist him.

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05 'Tertiary Support Fund' achievements cont.



Muganthi is applying for a 4 year BSc (nursing). If she doesn't succeed in obtaining entry into a Gov't University, she will apply for funds to study at a private Uni.



Geetha has completed BCom. Geetha only required part funding.



Puah (left) pictured with House Mother (now retired) Geetha and her the twin sister Shipra (right). Puah has completed her MBA and is now pursuing Masters of Social Work. Shipra has Completed a BEd. Shipra is now pursuing her Master in English by correspondence

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06 'Tertiary Support Fund' achievements cont.

Hello friends, Myself Puah here,

To be short and sweet I was brought up in different home like UCH in Chennai till the age of 13 and when I was finishing my Grade 10 I had to plan my higher studies where they have no English medium. Then the government brought me to this beautiful home UCH which gave me good education, 1st class school. I got valued teaching and learning. I did my best and scored good marks in my 12th grade.

And with there continuous support I was able to continue my career in B.A English literature and there too I excelled.

I not only excelled in studies, also excelled in all the extra-curriculum activities that the home provided as a opportunity to learn.. I achieved alot with there support and care and utmost all I valued all their efforts and help they pour into me which just made me to achieve. I completed my UG With the best results that I could never ever expect for.

And even then it didn't stop there...they continued to support and love me and care for me so much and the concern they had on me made them to also make me, help me to afford for my Post-Graduation .. First year – Though it was different domain (MBA) that I chose to do everyone encouraged me that I will do the best and it happened so.

From second year of my PG I had a tough time because of these covid situation .. yet they didn't fail to keep helping they gave me the shelter and protection, good food+education all the needs that were needed at the time, laptop, wifi router and so they were so concerned on how I can adopt to the new system of online classes and it helped me so much and I did well and also I was able to crack my projects well though we had a very bad times where companies at lockdown and so ... continuous support and encouragement made this all ...and at last in my final exams it was a great time that I can say ... to my surprise I cracked the MBA in top 3ranks in the University

Continuous efforts, encouragement and support made me come this far, And after this I thought of doing my Masters of Social work in correspondence in that too they came front understood my situation and they are still at my back helping me and making me stand firm in whatever I do...And there s blessing to me they have been helping me in so many ways a days might be not enough to explain or elaborate the support that they are rendering me. no words to thank you all

Thank you for all your support and kudos to all you were giving hands to make me grow.



Our Committee asked Puah (pictured above) to tell her story in her own words,

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Endowment Fund Launched

With the help of a generous seeding donation from a family in the USA, The East West Foundation has started an Endowment Fund to ensure long-term sustainability of the Foundation.

The Management Committee/Board developed a comprehensive policy and procedure to ensure strong governance process including investment, use and withdrawal policy of the fund and monitoring/reporting process. The Endowment Fund's capital will be invested in low-risk assets and the interest income will be made available to the Foundation medium/long term. Short term all interest income will be reinvested to grow the Endowment Fund.

Your support of the Endowment Fund will ensure the Foundation's critical work to the rural community continues long-term (for the next 25 years atleast!)

Donations to the endowment fund are also tax deductible.



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07 Health Care Services & COVID Update

We are continuing our critical work including COVID education - prevention measures program, COVID testing, prevention medication and use of oxygen concentrators at a time when Indian public hospitals are overwhelmed. Our comprehensive COVID education program across the 24 villages is very popular with 150 to 200 participants attending each session. We are continuing to encourage the community to get vaccinated and exercise COVID safe preventive measures.



Thanks to all for your support. The Foundation's fight against the COVID spread is building traction with the number of COVID positive infections dropping from 50% of all patients tested at our clinic in April 2021 to 10% in August 2021.

Our Health Care Centre at the Foundation provides 60-100 patient consultations/day or 36,000 consultations/year. Our Mobile Clinic visits each of the 24 villages monthly.

Our primary health care services costs \$100,000 per annum.

The Foundation employs a doctor, four nurses and two social workers and support staff.



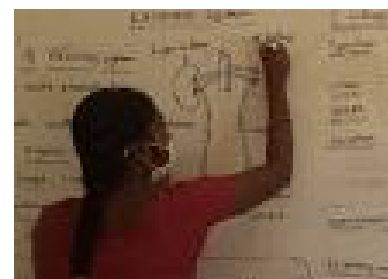
Online Nursery & Primary School

Our Nursery & Primary School teachers (Mrs. Amudha, Mrs. Jothilakshmi & Ms. Poorani) have been conducting online classes to young children across the 24 villages, delivering lessons 6 days a week on English, Tamil, Basic Maths, Science & Technology, Environment and Arts since September 2020. All schools including Nursery & Primary Schools were closed due to COVID lockdown in March 2020.



Our free online Nursery & Primary School children's classes are delivered through mobile phones to the 24 remote villages. Children have access to a mobile phone from their parents. The online education program is reaching children in remote villages including tribal kids.

These online classes are very popular with the young children that have missed out on schooling due to the COVID lockdown. Children look forward to the online classes with much enthusiasm.








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08 Day Sponsorship Program

The Day Sponsorship program has continued to play a key role in assisting the Foundation to keep operating over the years and we continue our aim to have 365 days fully covered in the future.

The money raised from the Day Sponsorship program covers the total running cost of the Foundation including:

-  Provide a safe and caring environment for vulnerable and under privileged children at our Children's home including education and health care until they are 18 years old
-  Affordable/Free quality health care for the rural community at our Health Clinic, also, free medicine and consultation through our Mobile Clinic. Also, COVID deduction, education and prevention measures
-  Nursery & Primary School education and online education
-  IT Classes for the children, young adults and community; Vicki Standish Centre & electronic Classroom on Wheels Environment Education & Sustainability programs for the children and community
-  Community Care Programs including Women's Centre to empower women for self-sustainability

Your day sponsorship nominated day can be a birthday, wedding anniversary or in memory of a loved one. The daily cost of running the Foundation is the full day sponsorship of A\$800 (A\$400 for a half day).

The name of the day sponsor is placed on a notice board in the children's dining area at the Children's Home to provide a visible reminder of the support that is given to them on the chosen sponsored day.

Our generous corporate sponsor, **Seasol International** continues to run the administration costs of this initiative by providing a staff member and payment of all costs involved.

Please consider joining the Foundation's Day Sponsorship Program.

To find out further information or to arrange your sponsorship day, simply call our office on +61 3 9650 0514 or email admin@tewfa.org.au.



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9 Upcoming Events



Change of Date

The The East West Foundation's Annual Gala Night has now been scheduled for Saturday 4th December 2021. (reliant on Government COVID directives) - invitations will be sent early Oct.

We'd like to invite you to

THE EAST WEST FOUNDATION'S BOLLYWOOD GALA DINNER

Join us at the Manningham Function Centre, Doncaster & enjoy an evening of music, 3 course dinner, Bollywood dance spectacular, live & silent auctions, raffles, prizes & more...

This is night is our major fundraising event, so bring your friends & book a table of 8, 10 or 12

Tickets: \$150 pp /Concession \$90 Students under 25 years
Tickets are limited so hurry!

SATURDAY DEC 4, 2021 AT 6.30PM

Important: All attendees must be fully vaccinated

Click below to buy your tickets

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Friday 25th February 2022

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