



Kodai Friends International

Annual Report - 2012

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Gene Hennig, President

Dear Alumni and Friends of Kodai School:

I write to share with you again news of what Kodai Friends International, Inc. ("KFI") has been doing, along with many of you, to support our School.

Within these pages you will find a fuller report of KFI's activities and the people and projects we supported this past year. Thanks to your contributions and our endowed assets KFI was able to fund scholarships, faculty resettlement grants and augmentation of the principal's salary needed by Kodai School. But beyond these measures, KFI's support was not just financial. As president of KFI, I serve as a member of the School Council, which gives alumni an important voice in the present day governance of Kodai School.

KFI additionally gives the School a needed base in the United States to apply for such things as ASHA grants from the U.S. Government. All of these functions and more create a symbiotic relationship between KFI and the School that is of mutual benefit to all of us who count ourselves as "Friends" of Kodai School.

An additional development this past year that deserves special mention was the formation of the KFI Alumni Committee dedicated to furthering the historically solid bonds between Kodai School and its alumni. Under the leadership of Jeetu Nanda (Class of 1983), this Committee is now seeking to reestablish and solidify the Chapter Coordinators located throughout the U.S. The goal in all of this will be to better connect the School with North American alumni on a regional basis; so, stay tuned in 2013 as the work of this Committee continues to unfold.

Not infrequently when I encounter alumni both here in the U.S. and in India I am asked just why it is that we should be supporting the School. Often this question comes from older (or shall I say "seasoned") alums from the missionary era who no longer sense that the School is deserving of their support now that the missions have left India. But why should this be so? Those with a true philanthropic spirit and love for Kodai School should be rejoicing that our *alma matter* still exists and thrives even now after the missions are gone. Instead of the School being largely populated by "mish kids" as in days gone by, the School today has a truly more international complexion with some of the brightest and capable students to be found anywhere in Asia. These are the students who, along with a dedicated faculty, have helped to establish our School as being one of the finest international schools in India. Just as others supported us in our day, now is the time for us to be giving back to the institution which played such an important part in our formative student years and even now continues to shape our lives.

So how is it that you can specifically help? First, by all means consider a contribution to the Annual Fund, in any amount, to the extent you are able*. What is important is that you have "skin in the game." Second, if you have not already done so, consider naming KFI in your will. And finally, when you have opportunity to do so, give of your time, especially when alumni events are planned in your part of the country.

Above all, get off your butts and do something! We were not trained to be a passive and apathetic bunch in Kodai, and most of us have chosen to live vigorous lives of accomplishment since our school days. Let us then work together, as best we are able, in supporting Kodaikanal International School for generations to come.

Thank you very much for your consideration and anticipated generosity.

Gene H. Hennig, Class of 1965
President of KFI

*Annual Fund link: <http://kis.in/MakeDreamsHappen.pdf>

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Gerald Nichol,
KFI Executive Director

By now you must have seen the cover photo on the KIS 2012 Annual Appeal. It shows two Kodai School hikers studying a Shola in the watershed below as they traverse their meandering path through the Palani Hills. See: <http://kis.in/MakeDreamsHappen.pdf>

What does the word “*Shola*” bring to your mind? Do you recall your first experience with a Shola? Was it on a conditioning hike or on your class camp? Perhaps it was in the Environmental Science class on a field trip up Observatory Hill to compare the climate of a human-planted pine or eucalyptus forest with the God-planted shola. You may have studied how the shola lives a long life, protects the soil and the wildlife, retains moisture, and for a weary hiker provides shade from the intense sun rays at Kodai’s 7000-foot altitude as well as shelter from monsoon rains. The shola helps maintain the eco-balance of the Palani Hills.

I was first introduced to those God-planted forests, native to the crevasses between the grass carpeted hills, when I joined some Kodai School hikers while we vacationed in Kodai in 1971. We were new to India and to Kodai and we had just put our older two daughters, Julie and Maria, in boarding. After our 14-year sojourn in the desert climate of the North Sudan where the only color was slightly varying shades of brown, what contrast I found in those dark green rainforests. Years later Rocky and I were assigned East House as our home where we found a huge, beautiful shola tree right in our front yard! I was informed by the late Dayavu Dhanapal that “our” shola tree had been planted by her father many years prior to our enjoyment. It became a tree upon which to hang orchids I discovered while hiking in the hills.

A couple of decades ago, Kodaikanal Woodstock International (KWI), the mother organization of **Kodai Friends International (KFI)**, founded *The Shola Society*. The members of this Society have each left in their wills a portion of their estate to **KFI**. This is another way that you can help Kodai School. Just like the shola tree of Dayavu’s father, your legacy can then live on for the benefit of Kodai School. Please contact me for details if you would like to join *The Shola Society*.

Your gifts to **KFI** during the past year have made it possible for **KFI** to give these grants to Kodaikanal International School:

Overseas Hire Allowance	\$54,000
Principal’s Support	48,000
Russell DeValois Scholarship Fund	<u>5,000</u>
Total	\$107,000

KFI is most grateful for your financial support. During the 2011-2012 fiscal year, North American Alumni participation in giving to **KFI** increased from 147 Alums to 206. This represents an increase from 5.4% to 7.6%. Let’s continue this trend and increase our level of giving in 2012-2013. With your help students at Kodai School can continue to benefit from the fine international education you received and, along the way, enjoy the sholas in the Palani Hills as we all once did.



Shola Tree planted by K. Samuel in the early 1900’s.

Photo by T. P. Hadden.

Gerald (Jerry) Nichol, KFI Executive Director
Former Staff 1972-1998, 2000-2001



Corleigh (Corey) Stixrud, Class of 1986, Vice Principal of KIS on the Flag Green with some students.



New Staff Housing of 3 Units in Ganga Compound next to "Minnehaha" on former ALC Compound.



Barbara Block, Class of 1976, an Overseas Hire, Coordinates the KIS Hiking Program.



Drama

Alumni gifts enhanced these programs at KIS.



Music



Sports

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Kodai Friends International, Inc.
— Statements of Financial Position —

June 30,

	2012	2011
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash equivalents	\$ 54,403	\$ 186,888
Investments	1,934,769	2,079,395
Beneficial interest in charitable trusts	75,915	75,526
Cash surrender value of life insurance	12,127	11,791
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,077,214	\$ 2,353,600
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Acrued expenses	\$ 3,999	\$ 7,055
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	1,803,797	2,017,316
Temporarily restricted	166,093	225,904
Permanently restricted	103,325	103,325
Total Net Assets	\$ 2,073,215	\$ 2,346,545
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 2,077,214	\$ 2,353,600

Kodai Friends International, Inc.
— Statements of Activities —

For Year Ended June 30,

	2012	2011
SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
Contributions	\$ 39,750	\$ 31,865
Investment gain	(144,188)	483,393
Gain (loss) on beneficial interest in charitable trusts	389	11,270
Total Support and Revenue	\$ (104,049)	\$ 526,528
EXPENSES		
Program	\$ 107,000	\$ 150,009
General and administrative	62,281	64,627
Fundraising	-	2,401
Total Expenses	\$ 169,281	\$ 217,037
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(273,330)	309,491
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	2,346,545	2,037,054
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 2,073,215	\$ 2,346,545

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