



Kodai Friends International Annual Report

2021-2022



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Kodai Friends International Inc. serves to enhance the mission of Kodaikanal International School (KIS) and other educational organizations in Tamil Nadu, India that strengthen the values of KIS, through financial and administrative aid.

A Letter from the President, Margaret Greene



Dear KFI community,

I hope 2023 is off to an excellent start for each of you! The past year has been a good one for Kodai Friends International and its commitment to supporting Kodaikanal International School and the community that surrounds it.

"Aaah, how nice it is to see people in person!"

The big event of the year was the trip across North America made by the amazing KIS "world tour" team, all of them both staff and alumni - Corey Stixrud (Principal '86), Kalyani Gandhi-Rhodes (Development Officer '87), Manjusha Ninan (Alumni Coordinator '00), and Iti Maloney (CEH Coordinator '11). Moving between cities and between different groups of alumni and friends, they restored and rebuilt connections on hold during Covid. The turnout for their events was large and enthusiastic, as people were hungry to learn what had been happening at KIS, and meet and catch up with other alumni. I hosted an event at my house where everyone packed in for tea and snacks while enjoying some slides on developments at the school. As a result of the tour, donations to KFI went up significantly in the second half of 2022 - more than \$120,000 came in donations between July and December. This was almost four times the donations we received the first half of 2022!

The KFI funds, through various projects and scholarships, go to the school and community. Thanks to the generosity of so many of you who contributed to KFI, we were able to support the school and community with nearly \$112,000 in grants. The two biggest areas of support were the KIS Center for Environment and Humanity, and student scholarships.

The dynamic and passionate advocacy of Iti Maloney and Dr. Rajamanikam has built momentum around the KIS Center for Environment and Humanity (KIS CEH), which was established to engage people to work as agents of change for a sustainable future. The KIS CEH accomplishes this through experiential education, active outreach, and support for research on the ecology, biodiversity, and management of the Palani Hills. They are currently working to implement waste management and recycling systems on KIS campuses and a network of local schools, inspiring young people to take creative action in defending Kodai's fragile environment. The KIS CEH is also developing an interactive exhibit on The Indian Climate

Experience which will drive awareness and action around climate change and biodiversity loss, linking KIS and local schools with the global climate movement.

KFI's other main area of grantmaking was to support scholarships, to continue to bring a diverse set of the best and brightest to KIS, including people who otherwise couldn't afford tuition. The scholarships are also diverse, and include the KIS Scholarship Fund, the Presbyterian Church Scholarship, the Dejong Music Scholarship and the Russell De Valois Scholarship. Branching out beyond KIS itself, KFI also continued to support the Education in Kodai project.

KFI also supported the Social & Environmental Experience Department (SEED) Priorities Project, set up in 2015/16 as a legacy fund by the Class of 1974 in memory of Maj StormoGipson, with the intention of commemorating classmates who have passed. The KIS SEE Department is creating an outdoor agricultural unit where KIS students and others in the Kodai community can learn about integrated farming and all of its benefits. The grant from KFI was made to enhance the existing SEED Outdoor Agricultural Learning Unit.

We bid a fond and grateful farewell to Barbara Block who has left after many years of teaching. Barbara also took some important steps toward organizing some of the many archival materials the school and its teachers and alumni have on KIS over the years. Thank you, Barbara!

And a final note of appreciation: Louise Riber hit the ground running in July 2022 when she joined KFI as our Administrator. It is hard to imagine who else we could possibly have hired to play the role she is filling so capably and warmly. I go into the next year with much gratitude for having Louise on the KFI team.

That's it for now. Wishing you a very happy 2023 in which I hope our paths will cross.

Warm wishes,
Meg

Margaret E. Greene, PhD
Class of 1979
KFI Board Chair



Grants Awarded in 2021-2022

Grants Awarded by KFI in 2021-2022	
KIS Development Office	\$38,000
KIS Center for Environment & Humanity	\$15,270
SEED Dept Priorities, Class of '74 Legacy Project	\$15,000
Presbyterian Church (USA) Scholarship	\$14,740
KIS Scholarship Fund & KIS Scholarships (KIS COVID-19 Relief Fund)	\$17,606
Russell De Valois Scholarship	\$5,000
Education in Kodai Project/Community Relief (KIS COVID-19 Relief Fund)	\$731
Barbara Block Salary for Archive Work	\$5,350
TOTAL FUNDS GRANTED	\$111,697

KIS Development Office | \$38,000

After considerable effort and school closure for two years due to Covid, Kalyani Gandhi-Rhodes has been hired as the Development Officer from January 2022. \$38,000 was awarded by KFI to the KIS Development Office, to be used for an alumni engagement and fundraising tour in North America, and the development of CRM software, services and office equipment for alumni and donor management.

The Development Office's mission and goals are to provide a strong voice of advocacy for KIS to grow and strengthen relationships with a wide variety of external constituencies, including alumni and other benefactors, ultimately drawing in the support KIS needs to achieve its long-term strategic objectives.

All activities of the Development Office will continually evolve to deliver the KIS Strategic Framework priorities which are:

1. Learning Excellence - To achieve academic excellence in teaching and learning, but also to the learning that takes place in all facets of life at KIS; to commit to building a culture of learning in which we intentionally seek to ensure that our pedagogical methods of instruction are impactful, engaging, and successful.
2. Social & Emotional Learning and Living- To equip our students and staff with the dispositions and skills to develop and practice empathy and compassion, establish positive relationships, and ultimately lead healthy and productive lives.
3. Community Engagement - To engage with the community and drive concern for its well-being to make a positive difference, and model this for our students. This means that we remain constantly involved and committed to constructive social and environmental action in our town and region.
4. Services and Support - To be responsive to our needs for homes, facilities, and services that sustain and improve our day-to-day efforts and support our mission and vision; to make continuous improvement to our Infrastructure for Learning, Student Services and Staff Services.



KIS Center for Environment and Humanity (CEH) | \$15,270

The Center for Environment and Humanity is a 3-year project, with the aim to empower individuals and communities to become agents of change for a sustainable world. Its three areas of work include education, outreach, and research – CEH serves as a collaborative platform, in Kodaikanal and beyond, that promotes practical solutions for crucial human-environment issues. The CEH's current initiatives include the implementation of waste management and recycling systems on KIS campuses and in our partner network of local schools; the establishment of Eco clubs at KIS and 22 other schools in Kodai, impacting the understanding of over 5000 local students per year by providing learning experiences beyond the standard curriculum. These clubs are already inspiring young people to take creative action in defending Kodai's fragile environment.

KIS CEH sees itself as a hub for collaboration and innovation, and in the next few years, CEH intends to grow its programs and audience. Locally, they plan to expand their work into advancing native species conservation through a seed bank and nursery, and demonstrating sustainable methods of growing food that challenge conventional farming practices.

CEH is also developing its campus and facilities, with the aim of hosting groups of international students for camps and workshops focused on experiential learning and environmental fieldwork. CEH will integrate its programs such as waste management, native species conservation, food forest, and climate change resilience and awareness into its indoor and outdoor spaces for learning and recreation. As the only Centre of its kind in Kodaikanal and its surrounding cities, CEH hopes to become a core attraction for students, educators, and environmentalists to collaborate and tackle urgent socio-environmental issues of today.



KFI awarded \$15,270 for the following activities in Year 1 of the project:

1. Piping from the main tank to the garden and nursery area
2. Hire an experienced part-time Regenerative Agriculture Consultant to set up the food forest, nursery and seed bank
3. Buy shola tree saplings and fruit tree saplings to initiate the food forest
4. Landscaping operations and needs
5. Set up bee colonies
6. Set up a greenhouse
7. Harvesting and sowing operations

In August 2022, KIS and the Kodai community lost a key member whose efforts in environmental education and implementation started the path for the CEH. Dr. Clarence Maloney (Class of '52) was instrumental in providing direction and energy to the environmental efforts, and especially to the growth of the CEH programs. We are humbled and inspired by Clarence's tireless passion for both Kodai and for the environment, and many alumni have already donated in his memory.

KIS SEE Dept Priorities – Class of '74 Legacy Fund | \$15,000

The Social & Environmental Experience Department Priorities Project was set up in 2015/16 by the Class of 1974 in memory of Maj StormoGipson with the intention to continue to commemorate all classmates who have passed. The project's mission is to accelerate learning from experimentation, in to order to achieve the goals of the KIS Social and Environment Experience Department (SEED). In addition to the curricula-related priorities the project also centers on other capacity building priorities, including staff training.

The KIS SEED program is creating an outdoor agricultural unit where KIS students and the Kodai community can learn about integrated farming and its educational, environmental, community and commercial benefits. The goal is to incorporate a greenhouse, a nursery, an organic vegetable farm, vermicomposting, drip irrigation, a bird atrium, fishery and a chicken coop into the existing SEED program, and further develop the agricultural unit to create hands-on programs for students from kindergarten to Grade 12. The program will also provide a facility for valuable engagement and outreach with the communities with which KIS works. The aim is to enable long-term sustainability and self-financing of the program.

KFI awarded \$15,000 for the project to support and enhance the existing SEED Outdoor Agricultural Learning Unit.



KIS Scholarship Fund & KIS Scholarships (KIS COVID-19 Relief Fund) | \$17,606

As the COVID-19 pandemic swept around the world, many countries imposed varying degrees of closure. In March 2020, India imposed one of the strictest lockdowns in the world, and schools in Tamil Nadu shut down. Like many institutions across the world, KIS faced a cloudy and uncertain future. With the support of KFI, KIS was able to provide short-term scholarships during the 2020-21 academic year to overcome the immediate crisis, maintain admissions and support more than 60 KIS families. However, the pandemic continued into the next year, and KIS families were looking for continued support for the 2021-2022 Academic Year. KFI provided another \$12,606 in scholarship assistance to meet this need.

KFI also provided \$5,000 toward the tuition fees for an Indian National, thanks to a generous donation from Dennis Lettenmaier, son of Bernice Muyskens Lettenmaier (class of '40).

This year the scholarship was awarded to Navya Hariharan, who joined KIS in Grade 9 for the Academic Year 2022-23. Navya was identified as recipient of the award due to her strong academic credentials and talent in music that she could further develop at KIS. At KIS, Navya continues to be an exceptional learner. Navya completed her first semester at KIS scoring 53/56 MYP points. Navya's teachers describe her as an enthusiastic learner who can produce high-quality outputs with minimal guidance. She shows responsible behavior and works very effectively in groups, showing concern and appreciation for her teammates. She is gifted with a beautiful voice and has a good musical foundation and has participated in our winter concerts and unplugged musical evenings at KIS. Her residential parent describes her as an affable person with a great sense of humor that adds color to our residential atmosphere. Overall, Navya has been a wonderful addition to our community.

Presbyterian Church (USA) Scholarship | \$14,740

This contribution has been made possible by the donation from the Presbyterian Church (USA) to provide scholarships for the Academic Year 2022-23. The scholarships funding is consolidated to support one deserving student who is likely to excel academically and can contribute to public service, artistic or athletic life of the school. The applicant must be a female Indian citizen with eligibility to demonstrate need and merit. The applicant must show a will to succeed, critical thinking ability, leadership skills and perseverance in the face of challenges. The outcome will be that the recipient acquires a well-rounded personality and excels academically, in her community service contributions and as a leader. The scholarship would address the issues of unmet financial need and gender inequality, support families with limited family income or funds not sufficient to cover education-related expenses and support a deserving student in her success in life.

Divya Sijwali was chosen as the recipient of the Presbyterian grant for the Academic Year 2022-23. A native Indian who hails from the North of India, Divya was declared recipient of the award due to her strong academic background, and her commitment to community development and upliftment. Divya joined KIS in Grade 11 for the Academic Year 2022-23.

Here are words of thank you from Shifany, the recipient of last year's PC (USA) grant:

"Thank you for your generous gift, I am thrilled to have your support. This semester was an important one in the ranks, and with your grant, I was able to make the most of it. Senior year certainly has its own perks and challenges but what matters the most at the end of it is the fact that you keep learning through all the ups and downs. But one of the biggest "ups" I had this year was the opportunity to work on big projects such as relaunching One Billion Rising and being a part of clubs such as MUN and NHS. Through these opportunities, I was able to sharpen skills such as leadership, communication and organization. As this semester comes to an end, I feel grateful and blessed to have had such an amazing experience and such an amazing learning environment, thank you."
2021 Academic Year recipient, Shifany Arul Brabhaer



Russell De Valois Scholarship | \$5,000

The Russell De Valois Scholarship is an ongoing scholarship made possible through an endowment fund established by the high school classmates of KIS alumnus, Russell De Valois '43. The endowment rests with KIS as a fixed deposit wherein the interest from the principle is used to support a student entering grade 11 to see him/her through to graduation. To supplement the endowment, KFI granted an additional \$5,000 to invest in the recipient's education to make sure he/she excels academically and in community service with the goal to make a leader. The recipient for the years 2021 to 2023 was Anya Chadha, who will be graduating in 2023. Anya continues to thrive and perform well, both academically and in social activities at KIS. Her contributions during class are informed and enthusiastic. She works very hard in all subjects and shows determination in the face of many challenges. She participates in the school hiking program, at the Centre for the Environment activities and is an enthusiastic and talented sportswoman.



"I'm back on campus now and it only makes me think about all the things I would have missed without this scholarship. I came back to a new dorm parent this semester whose husband just happens to be Mr. Jayanth, the food services manager. (I don't plan on taking advantage of this fact!). I tried to get as many hikes in as possible before the hiking season ended. I took part in The Amazing Race and our team came third. I am not quite sure which campuses we entered, it was dark and competitive and there was so much running. WKFL has started and I got to be a vice-captain. Our team has played one match so far, which we lost but we are taking it in stride. I can't explain how happy I feel to be able to play football as part of a team again. It has been something I've missed the past few years and I am working to get back to where I was. With the Covid restriction having eased up a bit this semester, I've been able to be more interactive with the Eco Club. We cycled to the Gymkhana Marsh recently and Dr Rajamanikam from the KIS Centre for the Environment (CEH) educated us about the natural ecosystem's significance. A few of us have become volunteers at the CEH Recycling Unit."
2021-2023 Academic Years recipient, Anya Chadha

Barbara Block ('76) Salary for Archive Work | \$5,130

KFI awarded \$5,130 toward Barbara Block's salary to continue her work on the KIS Archives which she began in July of 2020. Ms. Block has made some good progress cataloguing the Nora Mitchell collection and has scanned/catalogued a number of documents:

- Completed scanning Nora's highly personal journals 1980-1982
- Scanned paperback Travel journals from 1976 -1995 partially or in full
- Re-boxed all Travel journals into 2 archival storage boxes, itemized and cross-checked and those in bad condition to be stored separately
- Journals, books and notes containing Hindi and Tamil writings had translations done with the Tamil and Hindi teachers and noted in record books
- Scanning segments of the 8 folders from Nora's research projects, with notations on contents - one example being research on 'Mennonites of Kiowa County'
- Sorted Nora Mitchells Kodai Code and Alumni Magazines

An inventory of all the Nora Mitchell Collections, Pippa Mukherjee Collection, and Barbara Block Collection has been done and an inventory is near completion. Here are some links to check out:

[Our History](#)

[Nora Mitchell Collection](#)

[Dolmans in the Palanis](#)

[Archives Powerpoint](#)

[KIS Archive](#)

[KIS Archives Website](#)



Education in Kodai Project | \$ 731

KIS, with the support of alumni and friends, has been a force of good in Kodaikanal amid a turbulent pandemic. With KFI's contribution of almost \$100,000 in the 2020-21 fiscal year, KIS has been able to fund and organize projects in the Kodai community directed at both immediate COVID-19 relief as well as long-term recovery.

The program continues to thrive providing high-impact resources and outreach to our local communities in Kodaikanal and the Palani Hills. The program has supported 19 educational institutions in and around Kodaikanal, trained over 150 teachers and benefited over 3500 students from the local community. Activities included:

- Distribution of education materials
- Distribution of nutritional packages
- Setting up training programs at target schools
- Establishment of computer labs
- Train the teachers

Donors to KFI

Kodai Friends International is deeply grateful to the following alumni and friends who contributed to the unrestricted and temporarily restricted funds of KFI between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022. Their generosity enabled KFI to provide important grants to support its mission. Donors who contributed after June 30, 2022 will be acknowledged in the 2022-2023 KFI Annual Report.

FS - Former Staff, P - Parent, GP - Grandparent, F - Friend, KFI - Kodai Friends International, WS - Woodstock International School, D - Deceased

\$10,000-\$20,000

Bob Dudley '43 & Louise
Presbyterian Church, USA
Presbyterian Foundation
Justin StormoGipson F

\$5,000-\$9,999

Dennis Lettenmaier

\$1,000-\$4,999

Raoul-Sam Daruwala '87 (Benevity)
Carol Grubbs '62 & Vic Hagstrom '63
Catherine Koch '66
Gerald & Roxanna Nichol (D) FS, P, GP
Glenn Rogers '74 & Dominique
James & Evelyn Estes FS, P
John MacKay '52 & Abigail Sanner
Louise Cummings FS, GP
Mark Bullard '80 & Karen
Nelson Hoffman '66
Norman Thoms '51 & Anna
Susan Reimer Amanatides '78 & John
Virginia Johnson FS, P, D

\$500-\$999

Anne Seely Englert FS
Bernadette Bradbury Aleong '86
Camp Kirchenwald Alumni Reunion
David Otten '69 & Laurie FS, P
Eleanor Nicholson FS
Erik Asplund '63 & Agneta
Frank Emerson '56 & Mary
Jacquelyn Brooks FS
Kunal Kapoor '93 & Monica
Nell Kincaid Semel '54 & Dan
Sumeet Shroff '90 (FrontStream)
Priya Tandon-Rajkumar '86 (KFI) & Michael
Robert Gipson '63 & Penelope
Ronald Koepke '66 & Marilyn
Sandra Schoeninger FS

\$250-\$499

Akshay Birla WS '05
Bonnie King '57 & Stanley
Harry Adams '60
Ian Oliver FS
Jagat Sheth '87 & Kiran
John and Dorothy Yoder Nyce FS, P
Mark Tegenfeldt '90 & Kathrin
Rhea Kester '59
Virginia Peery Herlong '59 & Ozzie
William Hagstad '70 & Mary Beth
William Martin '70 & Christine FS, P

\$100-\$249

Lowey Thoms '55 & David Dickason '55
Jane Gibbs Cummings '57 (KFI)
Minneapolis Chapter
Nina Sartori FS
Sharon Woelfle Schotsman '85 & Chris
Amazon Smile
Barbara Campbell F
Beth Gesler Caldwell '56 & David
Bose George '81
Carolyn Young '60 & Bruce
Claudia Trautmann '70 & Ted Christner
David Rogers '60 & Lois
Julie Nichol '80 & Donn Stengele '80 FS,P
Eileen Reimer '74
Ellen Arnold Himebaugh '60
Frances (Ruth) Richardson '59
George & Anne Althouse FS, P
George Thompson '52 & Daphne Harwood
Gerald Carner '60 & Ginger
Grace Bunker '59
Gwendolyn Pott '60 & John
Ira Cox '60
James Graham '60
Joan Hadley F
Joyce Martin F
Prantik Nag '86 & Deepa (Benevity)
Alan Thompson '49
Keith Wiebe '80 & Jill
Khurshed Mama '82
L. Edwin Martin '59 & Katherine
Lynn Stoltz '82
Marianne & Ed (D) Reimer FS, P
Michael Gass '50 & Carol
Miriam Naumann McCreary '51
Muriel King '53
Nolawi Mengesha '86 & Sangeeta Ojha

\$100-\$249 (continued)

Paul Zorn '68 & Janet Petri
Peter Jenks FS, P
Rebecca Trautmann '68
Richard Vreeland P
Sara Gesler Klemmer '63
Sarah Jane Lambert '60
Selfi Paulraj '01
Wilbert Gesler '58 & Margaret

Under \$100

Andrew Wilch, Jr. '47
Anne & Dane MacCarthy F
Betsy Flint '60
Carol Espie '60 & JD
David Reimer '60 & Lois
Dianne Cerqua F
Edward Braddock '60
Feler Bose '91
Genie Tenney '60
Janet Cooper '60
Jody Ramer Chrastek '76
Judith Kessler FS
Kathy & Wayne Beckwith FS, P
Lisa Abbott '92
Lynn Halock F
Mark Garrison '58 & Nancy FS, P
Mary Jo Lindeman '60 & Edd Barry
Merirose De Pooter F
Mirror Lake Community Church
Paul Hennes '61
Paul Seaton '69 & Kathy
Queenston Residents' Association
Shirley Wood Kocher '49 & Robert
Sylvia Trautmann Rogers (KFI) '73
Ted Oliver F



Photo courtesy of Mohammed Farooq.

Donors to KFI

Sustaining Members for 2021-2022

Sustaining memberships provide KFI with a dependable base of revenue. It is a monthly gift that can be paid in a convenient, ongoing way by choosing your giving level and your preferred method of payment – either online or mailing a check. To become a Sustaining Member online, go to www.kfi-us.org/donate-kfi. Select the fund you wish to support, the amount you wish to donate, choose “Recurring Donation” with your choice of frequency, provide the requested information, and press the DONATE button. Checks may be mailed to KFI. Sustaining memberships may also be established through Employee Giving Programs.

Bernadette Bradbury Aleong '86
 Akshay Birla WS '05
 Jane Gibbs Cummings '57 (KFI)
 Louise Cummings FS, GP
 James Estes & Evelyn FS, P
 William Hagstad '70 & Mary Beth
 William Martin '70 (KFI) & Christine FS, P
 Prantik Nag '86 & Deepa
 Priya Tandon-Rajkumar '86 (KFI) & Michael
 Sandra Schoeninger FS
 Jagat Sheth '87 & Kiran
 Raoul-Sam Daruwala '87
 Sumeet Shroff '90



In Honor of:

Sara Klemmer '91
 By Beth Caldwell '56 & David
 Beth Gesler Calwell '56 & David
 By Sara Klemmer '63
 Barbara Block FS
 By Sylvia Trautmann Rogers '73

In Memory of:

Roxanna Nichol FS, P, GP
 By Gerald Nichol FS
 By George Althouse FS
 By Mirror Lake Community Church F
 By Marianne Reimer FS
 By Sylvia Trautmann Rogers '73 & Mark
 By Sharon Woelfle Schotsman '85 & Chris
 By Julie Nichol Stengele '80 & Donn Stengele 80'
 By Claudia Trautmann '70 & Ted Christner
 Virginia Johnson FS, P
 By Virginia Johnson FS
 By Gerald Nichol FS
 Bob Coleman '66
 By Catherine Koch '66
 By Camp Kirchenwald Alumni Reunion

Ed Reimer FS, P
 By Barbara Campbell F
 By Dianne Cerqua F
 By Joan Hadley F
 By Lynn Haylock F
 By Anne & Dane MacCarthy F
 By Gerald Nichol FS
 By David Reimer '76
 By Ted Oliver F
 By Queenston Residents' Association F
 By Marianne Reimer FS
 By Susan Reimer '78
 Madhu Ninan FS, P
 By Sylvia Trautmann Rogers '73
 By Gerald Nichol FS

Maj StormoGipson '74
 By Justin StormoGipson
 By Glenn Rogers '74
 By Robert Gipson '63
 Marianne Stengele FS, P, GP
 By Gerald Nichol FS
 Steve and Laura Root FS, P
 By Gerald Nichol FS
 Jim Braaten FS, P
 By Gerald Nichol FS
 Terry Hallaran FS
 By Gerald Nichol FS
 Coach Kasinathan FS
 By Gerald Nichol FS
 Ellie Carman MacDonald '53
 By Gerald Nichol FS
 Nelson and Marjorie Hoffman '68
 By Nelson Hoffman '66
 Russell De Valois '43
 By Robert Dudley '43 & Louise



Treasurer's Report

Portfolio Health

Kodai Friends International (KFI) has been the recipient of a surging US economy and financial markets now for almost 10 years. Low interest rates and repeatable corporate earnings put wind in the back of the investment markets for all of recent memory. Our Financial Advisors and Portfolio Managers have utilized a shrewd growth strategy weighted at approximately 70% in equities and 30% in fixed investments during this upsurge. As a result, our portfolio grew from a low of \$1.9 million (2012) to a high of \$3.8 million in June 2021. KFI has done well.

Unprecedented government stimulus during the COVID uncertainties then spurred 40-year inflation levels, which has in turn given rise to FED-imposed steep increases in interest rates to tame that inflation, all in the last 18 months. The beleaguered markets have suffered, as has our portfolio.

The portfolio has dropped back to a recent low of \$3.050 million on October 31 of 2022, but had rebounded by 6%, the first sign of a turnaround in the last 18 months, to \$3.2 million during November. Whether this is a trend remains to be seen, but there are signs that the Fed's work has slowed inflation and the markets are liking that. Yet worries of a coming recession as a result of the brakes on the economy could yet again dampen the good spirits and take the markets down again. So uncertainty reigns, with a touch of optimism.

Endowment Conversion

The KFI Board has continued to work more and more in concert with KIS leadership. The Board has proposed to carve out a major segment of our Portfolio when stability returns, and place it inside a Quasi Endowment, which will provide a strong distribution to KIS each year. This will allow KFI to support KIS on a sustainable basis without having to handle a continued string of specific grant requests. This will provide for less Administration at KFI, while at the same time providing for the Portfolio to sustain and even continue to grow. A portion of the Portfolio will always be set aside as discretionary outside of the endowment for flexibility.

Donations and Administrations

KFI donations have remained steady at historical levels. During the latter part of 2022 KIS Development Office, Alumni Relations and the Principal, Corey Stixrud engaged in a multi-city goodwill campaign in the US. Many donations were received directly and more are expected to result.

We are very thankful that a residual love for Kodai School remains strong and evident across the West and the World. KFI and KIS have never been closer in mutual understanding and cooperation, and your KFI remains steadfastly dedicated wholly to the needs of Kodaikanal International School, its single client.

Respectfully submitted,
Daryl Miller, MBA/CPA, Kodai '71
Treasurer

2021-22 Financial Statements for Kodai Friends International, Inc.

Statements of Financial Position

June 30, 2022 and 2021	2022	2021
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	122,207	137,924
Accounts receivable	3,065	3,088
Investments	3,109,765	3,711,232
Beneficial interest in charitable trust	77,883	95,587
Cash surrender value of life insurance	16,036	15,644
Total Assets	3,328,956	3,963,475

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	563	180
Related party grants payable	50,275	13,337
Accrued expenses	5,178	6,735
Total Liabilities	56,016	20,252

NET ASSETS

Without Donor Restrictions	3,083,756	3,768,798
Without Donor Restrictions (Board Designated)	-	4,402
With donor restrictions	189,184	170,023
Total Net Assets	3,272,940	3,943,223
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	3,328,956	3,963,475



Statement of Activities

	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	TOTAL
REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT			
Contributions	17,078	77,415	94,493
Total revenue	17,078	77,415	94,493
Net assets released from restrictions	58,254	(58,254)	-
Total revenue, gains & other support	75,332	19,161	94,493
EXPENSES			
Program	123,266	-	123,266
General and Administrative	42,670	-	42,670
Fundraising	12,630	-	12,630
Total expenses	178,566	-	178,566
Change in Net Assets from Operations	(103,234)	19,161	(84,073)
OTHER INCOME (LOSS)			
Investment loss	(568,898)	-	(568,898)
Loss on beneficial interest in charitable trust	(17,312)	-	(17,312)
Total other income (loss)	(586,210)	-	(586,210)
Change in Net Assets	(689,444)	19,161	(670,283)
Net Assets-beginning of year	3,773,200	170,023	3,943,223
Net Assets - end of year	3,083,756	189,184	3,272,940

For a copy of the audited financial report contact KFI Administrator at admin@kfi-us.org.



Photo courtesy of Mohammed Farooq

List of KFI Established Funds

(Following is a list of unrestricted and temporarily restricted funds held by KFI. Unrestricted funds are used for priority needs identified by KFI; temporarily restricted funds are restricted to the purposes for which the fund was established. All funds are disbursed by the Board of Directors of KFI in response to grant requests it receives.)



Fund a Need:

This is an unrestricted fund that enables KFI the flexibility to support projects, programs and scholarships for which temporarily restricted funds are not available or to fund new initiatives.

KIS Scholarship Fund:

This is a temporarily restricted fund originally established by KWI during the Centennial Year of KIS. It provides scholarships to students who meet the school's financial aid and scholarship requirements with the approval of Kodai Friends International.



Russell De Valois Scholarship:

This temporarily restricted fund was established by the KIS Class of 1943 in memory of their classmate, Russell, who was killed in a car accident returning from a KIS class reunion. The scholarship is offered every other year to a student in the junior and senior years who meets the donor-designated scholarship requirements.

Keith DeJong Music Award and Scholarship:

Established through a legacy gift by alumnus and long-time music teacher Keith DeJong '46, and his wife Marcine, the music award is given annually to two outstanding KIS Grade 12 music students, and the music scholarship is granted to provide financial assistance for a deserving student to attend music field trips or for additional instrument lessons.

KIS Center for Environment and Humanity:

This is a temporarily restricted fund which supports key initiatives in waste management, conservation, restoration, and environmental education at KIS and in the Kodaikanal community.

KIS Experts-in-Residence Fund:

This temporarily restricted fund was established by KFI in 2019 in support of the new program at KIS that enables experts and industry professionals to visit and work directly with students and staff for a semester at KIS.

KIS COVID-19 Relief Fund:

This temporarily restricted fund was created in partnership with Kodaikanal International School (KIS) in addressing the critical needs of both the school community and the Kodai community in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As school and community life normalized, this fund closed for donations on June 30, 2022.

List of KFI Established Funds



KIS Design and Innovation Fund:

This temporarily restricted fund was established by KFI in 2019 in support of the new program at KIS which provides students the opportunity to bring their ideas to life in a variety of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Maths (STEAM) forums and competitions.

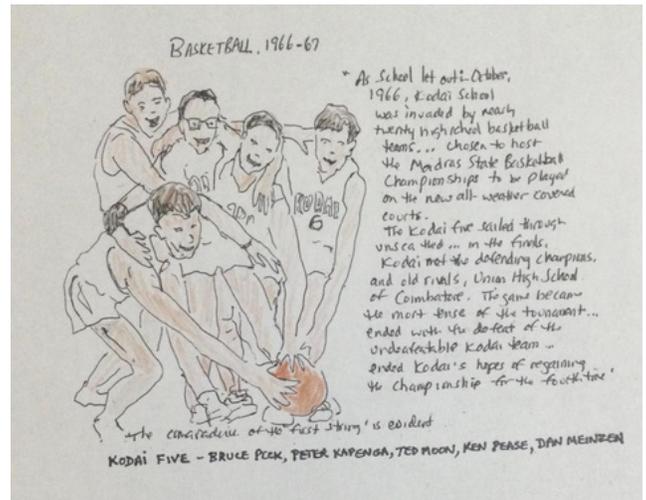
Sandra Schoeninger Fitness Center:

This temporarily restricted fund was established to support the Fitness Center at KIS named in honor of Sandy Schoeninger, the committed, long-serving and well-remembered head of the physical education program at KIS.

The Social & Environment Experience Department Priorities - Class of 1974 Legacy Project:

Formerly known as the Maj StormoGipson Poondi Project fund, this fund was established in recognition of a cherished classmate who left the world too soon, her love of the outdoors, and her commitment to global sustainability efforts to protect the environment for the next generations.

To read more about or to donate to these funds, click [HERE](#):



Supporting Kodai Friends International



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The Shola Society

Some years ago, under the leadership of Kodai-Woodstock International (KWI), the Shola Society was established as an avenue to recognize individuals who have made charitable provisions to KWI/KFI in their estate plans for the benefit of Kodakanal International School (KIS). While some Shola Society members have made bequests through their wills and trust, others have created lifetime income for themselves or family member through Charitable Gift Annuities or other Planned Giving Opportunities. One example of a legacy donor is the Charles E and Nancy E Wilder Trust fund at KFI, established by the Wilder family in memory of their education at KIS. The satisfaction that comes from remembering their education at KIS with a bequest is best expressed by Don '49 and David '46 Wilder: "Charles shared with all three of his younger brothers a profound appreciation for the pre-college educations they received at Kodai School, the precursor of KIS. His generous gift to KIS testifies to the impact that Kodai School had on him, an impact that remained with him throughout his life, as he never ceased to attend reunions of his Class of 1942. His gift to KIS shows his gratitude for the solid educational preparation for college and for adult life that Kodai School provided, as well as for lasting friendships and memories of social, athletic, hiking, camping, and boating activities on the lake and in the surrounding hills." For additional information about the Shola Society, please discuss with your financial advisor and [contact KFI](#).

Donating to KFI can be done in several ways:

- Online with Credit Card:
- Go to www.kfi-us.org/donate-kfi/. Select the fund you wish to support. If you wish to become a sustaining member, select "Recurring Donation."
- Check: Make check payable to Kodai Friends International, use Memo line if you would like your donation to go to a specific fund.
Mail checks to:
Kodai Friends International, Inc.
216 Viewcrest Rd
Bellingham, WA 98229
USA
- By PayPal: send to email admin@kfi-us.org. If you would like your donation to go to a specific fund, please indicate that in your transaction.
- If you are 70 ½ or older, you are eligible and could choose to contribute your IRA rollover to KFI tax free.

- **Join the Shola Society and gift KFI with part of your estate.**
Please contact the KFI office at admin@kfi-us.org or call (206)696-1335 for further information or with any questions.

Donate to KFI for Free!

Go shopping using smile.amazon.com. Select Kodai Friends International as your charity of choice. Amazon will donate a portion (0.5%) of purchase prices to KFI. Your account on amazon.com and AmazonSmile will remain the same. A simple and easy way to support KFI.

The following KFI funds can be supported through online gifts or by check:

- Fund a Need
- KIS Scholarship Fund
- KIS Center for Environment and Humanity
- KIS Design & Innovation Fund
- KIS Experts-in-Residence Fund
- Sandra Schoeninger Fitness Center
- Keith DeJong Music Award and Scholarship
- Russell De Valois Scholarship
- Social & Environment Experience Department Priorities - Class of 1974 Legacy Project

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