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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, as well as supporting KIS alumni and friends in North America.

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## From the President

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It has been my honor and privilege to serve Kodai Friends International (KFI) as president/chair of the Board for the past six years.

We have been able to accomplish a few things in these years that have and will benefit Kodaikanal International School as well as the Kodaikanal community in general. These projects have also improved KIS relations with the Kodaikanal community as a whole.

Some of these projects are the Recycling Project which has improved the Kodaikanal environment and also increased cooperation with other Kodaikanal area schools, hotels and city government. The Kodaikanal Wildlife Sanctuary Survey will help give Kodaikanal a baseline of fauna and wildlife in the area as KIS looks to further develop the Poondi area. A building on the old Swedish Compound is being developed as an environmental learning center for KIS and other organizations. The Van Allen Hospital Equipment Project supplied a 20-foot container of donated equipment and supplies requested by the doctors of Van Allen Hospital. Funding to KIS helped students participate in building smokeless stoves in the community. A study was funded to explore a Development Office in KIS that would collaborate with the Alumni Office in KIS and with KFI to improve our connections with KIS alumni worldwide and assure sustainability for Kodaikanal International School.

These were in addition to the usual scholarships that are offered every year.

We were able to bring up the KFI Endowment Fund to a very healthy level partly due to investment choices and partly due to the robust stock market in the last six years.

This brings us to a subject that has been debated since the formation of KFI: What is KFI's relationship with KIS? What are the legal implications of this relationship in the US? What types of projects can KFI fund based on the legal implications and relationship with KIS?

We have been able to bring some clarity to these questions with the understanding that there may continue to be some evolution in the relationship.

Kodai Friends International, Inc. (KFI) is a US 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization whose mission is "...to enhance the mission of Kodaikanal International School (KIS) and other educational organizations in Tamil Nadu, India that strengthen the values of KIS..."

However, as US regulations are explicit about how 501(c)(3) organizations should work, KFI is careful to disburse donations it receives, as well as interest from endowments, in a way that is in compliance with such regulations. This means that all donations given to KFI and endowments held by KFI are KFI funds disbursed by direction and authority of the independent KFI Board of Directors.

The KFI Board works in consultation with KIS to identify projects at KIS that need funding. After KIS, or other educational institutions in Tamil Nadu, have submitted a grant request to KFI, the KFI Board of Directors considers the grant request and, if it is in keeping with the KFI mission and with availability of funding, the grant request can be approved. This partnership enables KFI and KIS to work together to support grant requests that "strengthen the values of KIS" and comply with US regulations.

As I leave the KFI Board, I think it is important that we KIS alumni all understand the delineation as well as the necessity of having KFI as a support foundation for KIS.

For transparency sake, this KFI Annual Report is published yearly and is also posted on the KFI website, [www.kfi-us.org](http://www.kfi-us.org).

As I leave the KFI Board, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the Board members I have worked with, our former Executive Director, Julie Nichol Stengele, and our Administrator, Sylvia Trautmann Rogers, for the support and counsel that you all provided and for which I am forever grateful.

I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year 2019.

With best wishes,

**Jeetu Nanda**, Class of '83



# Working Together for Sustainability in the Kodaikanal Hills

## Kodai Friends International, Inc. and Kodaikanal International School Joint Initiatives

It's been nearly 30 years since I first arrived at Kodaikanal International School (KIS). Two themes from my student experience were in the back of my mind when I decided at the start of 2018 to step back on KIS campus to collaborate on a key initiative jointly funded by Kodai Friends International (KFI) and the school. With this writing, I share the refreshing experience I had being back, working closely with students, staff and the administration of KIS.

A lot has changed in the ensuing three decades: The world has thrust forward into a globalized bazaar, emergent India has rapidly consumerized, and the community around Kodaikanal is more in touch with the world than it has ever been - some would say for the better, others... not so much. So it was particularly refreshing when, after five months on campus, I found that the themes in my memory, those of service and sustainability, continued to be guiding values imparted to a new generation of students, staff, friends and visitors at KIS.

In 2018 I learned that KIS and KFI, through collaboration, are continuing to blend these themes in their work delivering environment education in South India, and arguably, across secondary schools throughout the world. KIS, through its founding legacy stretching back nearly 117 years, coupled with recent governmental recognition of the Kodaikanal Hills as a wildlife sanctuary, enjoys a truly unusual vantage point for carrying out its work. And with the generous financial support of alumni and friends in North America, KFI is in its own way bringing KIS to new spheres of influence in the region.



The impact of the work conducted by these two institutions stretches across a unique formulation of environmental issues that engages students, the immediate community and the broader region. KIS and KFI together cover the following four key areas in their activities: (1) Consumption, Waste & Impact; (2) Beautification; (3) Sustainable Practices; and (4) Reviving Flora and Fauna. Here are a few activities in these areas that I came across while there in 2018:

- Witnessing the impacts of pollution on the environment, i.e., visiting the Kodai dump
- Incorporating the latest topics in environment in the curriculum, i.e., solid waste management, biodiversity, etc.
- Engaging with the community on a variety of sanitation and beautification needs, i.e., assisting sanitary workers with their initiatives at Poombarai village
- Running local cleanup drives, i.e., student-led cleanup of old cemetery and parks
- Driving shift away from non-recyclables towards biodegradables, i.e., use of Polio Home-produced biodegradables at school events
- Exposing the community to measurement techniques, i.e., water and soil testing
- Visiting and understanding the operations of the school's recycling centers
- Implementing a composting system and educating the school community on using kitchen and organic waste
- Providing opportunities to farm a vegetable garden
- Planting shola trees

In addition, KFI through its funding of school-adjacent initiatives, has expanded the impact to the community and the larger region through the following activities:

- Taking waste management education to hotels and schools in Kodaikanal
- Implementing the KIS-pioneered recycling and waste segregation system into a number of schools, hotels and other key constituencies (Golf Club and Observatory) in town
- Partnering with local non-governmental organizations to expand outreach and impact to businesses and tourists, i.e., working with Rotary Kodaikanal and Integrated Christian Youth Association
- Launching a first-of-its-kind wildlife survey of the Palani Hills, to serve as a baseline for the region and to be the foundation for future conservation work.

Thanks to the work of KIS and KFI in demonstrating the values of service and sustainability in action, the entire KIS community can be proud to know that the joint mission continues in bringing a new generation into the fold. In the words of one KIS graduate, advocate of environment education and volunteer in KIS' Social and Environmental Experience Department, *"We have to teach our kids how to face this new world; they will be the ones to confront the environmental realities*

*of tomorrow, and they will be the ones that create the solutions and systems necessary to navigate the complexities of this century."* I am grateful for having had the experience of being back in Kodaikanal and to remind myself of the importance and relevance of KIS in the world today.

**Stan Kuruvilla, KIS Class of '93**



# Grants Awarded by KFI in 2017-2018

## FUND A NEED:

Environment Expertise & Community Extension	8,000
Field Trip Scholarships	4,261
KIS Development Office Consultancy	12,500
Staff Development	1,000
Van Allen Hospital	10,248
Wildlife Survey	7,972
	<b>\$43,981</b>

## TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED

Russell De Valois Scholarship	5,000
DeJong Music Scholarship	3,000
Environment Education Center	12,050
	<b>\$20,050</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$64,031</b>

## GRANTS FROM UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

### Environment Expertise & Community Extension | \$8,000

\$8,000 was awarded by KFI to support the salaries of Dr. Rajamanikam (PhD in Environment) and his wife Lekshmi (completing PhD in Ecology and Biodiversity) to continue environmental activities begun by Clarence Maloney. Dr. Rajamanikam had already contributed as a consultant in the development of a recycling program in Kodaikanal. He has made repeated presentations in most of the over 25 schools in and around Kodaikanal, many of which adopted a recycling program, and has also reached out to three higher education institutions and to many hotels. He organized a one-day workshop for the Kodai hospitality industry in February 2018. He also spoke in many classes at KIS, worked with School Maintenance on recycling, and assisted in classes at KIS in the SEED (Social and Environmental Experience Department). The \$8,000 grant provided Drs. Rajamanikam and Lekshmi with salaries and housing for the spring semester, 2018. Their contribution proved so useful that both were employed as school staff to continue such work during the 2018-19 school year.

### Field Trip Scholarships | \$4,261

The KIS experience includes unique field trips for students abroad and throughout India on academic, music, art, sports, drama, special interest, and service field trips. The cost of these trips is borne by parents, and as such they are generally limited to families that can afford them. This grant allows KIS to provide support for professional staff children, and financial-aid and scholarship students, to give them the opportunity to take part in these trips as well. In October of 2017 KFI was happy to assist 13 students with financial aid to allow them to join the Grade 12 Social and Environmental Experience Field Trip to the Andaman Islands.



*“We are some senior students of Kodaikanal International School and would like to express our sincere gratitude and thanks to the school management for considering us to receive financial aid for our senior field trip to Andaman and Nicobar Islands, a place that we never thought we would be going for our senior field trip. When we first heard about this trip, we were really excited .... But as days went by and as the dates were approaching, there were a lot of financial confusions and concerns. As we thought about our family situations and our parents, the cost of the trip did mean a lot to us. That is when financial help was requested from everyone possible and many people started to help by funding our trip.*

*On behalf of the class of 2018, we would like to individually thank everyone who has financially helped us. Without your kindness, support and help, many of us would not have had the opportunity to learn, experience and be a part of some of the greatest and most enjoyable moments of our life at KIS.”*

Warm Regards, Class of 2018

### **KIS Development Office Consultancy** | \$12,500

Over the last several years the KFI Board has strengthened its efforts to financially support worthwhile activities and projects at KIS. In December of 2017, KFI approved a one-time short-term grant of \$12,500 for KIS to hire a development consultant. KIS hired Mr. Stan Kuruvilla (KIS Class of 1993) with Minerva Advisory Services, LLC, to produce proposals for the establishment of a Development Office at KIS, including the services of a full-time Development Officer. KIS submitted a grant proposal to KFI to fund the office. Over the five-month period of the consultancy, Stan worked in close collaboration with the KIS Principal (Corey Stixrud) and the Chief Marketing Officer (Stephanie Cauvet) in helping KIS strategically position its international brand to various constituencies such as corporations, nonprofits, colleges, its alumni community and the general public. Additionally, Stan developed KIS' longer-term objective of establishing a Development Office that would craft, deploy, measure and refresh an annual development strategy and related fund-raising goals in support of the school.

The Development Office would be an integral part of the Marketing, Admissions and Development Office with a staff comprised of a Chief Marketing Officer, Alumni Officer, Communications Officer, Creative Services Officer, Development Officer and support staff.

In May 2018, Stan submitted a proposal to KIS for the longer-term plan entitled "Development Office Proposal for Kodai International School."

The result of the consultancy was a KIS proposal and attendant grant request to KFI for \$67,000 a year over a period of two years to establish a Development Office at KIS. KIS would take the lead in driving development in North America and the rest of the world, with the expectation that the Development Office will become institutionalized through financial and process-based mechanisms.

At the June 2018 KFI Board meeting, Principal Corey Stixrud submitted both the grant request and proposal to KFI for the establishment of the Development Office for review. The KFI Board agreed in principle to fund the proposal subject to additional information from KIS. KFI expects to receive the final documents shortly so that KIS can continue its progress in establishing the office.

### **Staff Development** | \$1,000

A scholarship was awarded to enable IBDP Coordinator Mr. Alex Kurian to earn the graduate level International Baccalaureate Educator Certification through the College of Education, DePaul University, Chicago, USA.

### **Van Allen Hospital** | \$10,248

After receiving a request for assistance from Van Allen Hospital last year, Dr. Jeetu Nanda, President of KFI, contacted Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach, a medical surplus recovery organization which collects, repairs, packages, and distributes medical supplies and equipment to hospitals and clinics around the world. KFI approved a grant request to fund the shipping from the US to Chennai, and in mid-June of 2018 a 20-foot shipping container filled with donated medical supplies and equipment was shipped, arriving in Kodai on September 2. The jammed-packed container was unloaded with the help of KIS students; and since then the hospital staff has been dealing with the huge-but-enviable task of unpacking and distributing the supplies and equipment.

### **Wildlife Survey** | \$7,972

In May of 2017 KFI approved a grant to be paid over two years to the Foundation for Ecological Research, Advocacy and Learning in Puducherry, India. The goal is to estimate the abundance and distribution of mammals and birds in an effort to establish a baseline for future monitoring of wildlife in the Kodaikanal Wildlife Sanctuary. This information will be used for developing educational programs at KIS, the Poondi site and the new KIS Environment Education Center.



# Grants Awarded by KFI in 2017-2018

## GRANTS FROM Temporarily Restricted Funds

### Russell De Valois Scholarship | \$5,000

Funded by classmates, friends and family of Russell De Valois '43, interest earnings from the endowed fund is offered every other year to a student entering grade 11 for the duration of his/her study at KIS to graduation at the end of grade 12.

In May of 2018 scholarship recipient Siddharth Gupta proudly graduated from KIS and is planning to continue his education at Virginia Tech for Computer Engineering.

*“My journey at KIS has almost come to an end. I would like to begin by expressing my eternal gratitude towards you all for allowing me to continue my education at this institution. Without you, this would not have been a possibility. Through my years here, I have grown in all aspects of my life. With that given opportunity, I am glad to tell you that I had my own TED talk, right here at KIS. It was called “The Confessions of an Existential Nihilist.” You can find the TED talk by googling my name and the title. This was such an accomplishment for me, as I talked about something close to my heart. Furthermore, my work with the Student Council continued, as we established a study leave for all seniors as they gear up for their IB exams. I am so excited to tell you that I got into Virginia Tech for Computer Engineering! As I have mentioned before, when I graduate from college and have a job, I hope to establish a scholarship of my own at KIS one day! Through your generosity, thoughtfulness, and goodwill, I have had the humble opportunity of having such amazing adventures.”*

Siddharth Gupta (Class of 2018) -- A Student who is forever thankful



### DeJong Music Award and Scholarship | \$1,500

The Keith and Marcine DeJong Music Award is given annually from their legacy investment in recognition of KIS' top music student(s) at the annual Awards Assembly. 2017-18 recipients were Jane Jaikumar and Inesh Krishnamurthy.

*“My heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to you for the money that you have granted me. I understand that this is no insignificant sum of money and this fund will be indispensable in my pursuit of a musical education. I have been very involved in the school’s music program through my involvement in events such as Winter Concert, Spring Concert, Kodai Unplugged and Rock Concert. I intend to use this money to help finance my education at Berklee College of Music in Boston where I have been accepted for their undergraduate program.”*

Inesh Krishnamurthy, KIS Class of 2018



*Thank you for your generous award. As a student here, I was privileged to be given various opportunities that have strengthened my musicianship and passion for music. I was part of several choir groups for the past 6 years, I also had the honour of being part of a prestigious choir festival in Muscat this semester. I’ve also performed at school assemblies, Rock Concerts, in the Chapel praise and worship group, house concerts, springs concerts and winter concerts. During my senior year, I received a distinction in Grade 5 Voice and passed the Trinity Diploma Exam in Piano Performance. As a recipient of the DeJong award, I will remember to uphold the honours of this award and acknowledge it as a reminder of how far I have come in music and how much more I will learn and grow in the future.*

Jane Jaikumar





**Environment Education Center** | \$12,050  
(Social and Environmental Learning Fund)

The new KIS Environment Education Center (future name not decided yet) will be housed in the large former school building on the Swedish Compound. It will serve as a center for local and foreign school groups, some higher education students and general visitors, to view or study the unique environment of the Palani Hills. It will also enable participation of KIS students in outreach. The center will have many displays, explained in English and Tamil, about vegetation changes in the Palani Hills, wildlife and human-animal interaction, water resources, and local town environment issues, as well as about earth and ocean warming and related issues, to enhance student awareness of these vast issues and how they can personally be involved. The center will have laboratories for research on local flora, a greenhouse, and will serve as an interpretive center, and a conference and workshop center for various organizations. This grant from KFI is for start-up activities and displays at the center, which will open in a few months. Funds have been used to start a library and some groups of displays (including Ian Lockwood 's photos and maps of the Palani Hills), and to plant some shola trees and start "wildscaping" (reflecting natural biodiversity of these hills) in the compound, to which will be added images of birds, squirrels, and a thar. Part of the fund was also used to start an organic vegetable garden on Loch End Compound so KIS students (mostly urban) could get some experience in growing what they eat.



# Donors to Kodai Friends International 2017-2018

Kodai Friends International is deeply grateful to the following alumni and friends who contributed to the unrestricted, restricted and temporarily restricted funds of KFI between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. Their generosity enabled KFI to provide important grants to support its mission. Donors who contributed after June 30, 2018 will be listed in the 2018-2019 KFI Annual Report.

FS – Former Staff, P – Parent, GP – Grandparent, F – Friend, KISC – KIS Council of Directors, KFI – Kodai Friends International, WBD – Woodstock Board of Directors, D - Deceased

## \$5,000 and Up

John C. De Vries & Virginia '53  
Robert Dudley & Louise '43

## \$1,000-\$4,999

Louise Cummings FS, GP  
Evelyn & James Estes FS, P, KISC  
Robert Fletcher & Denise '65  
Nelson Hoffman '66  
The Muyskens Family Endowment  
Jyotirmaya Nanda & Upasana '83, KFI, KISC  
Peter Thoms & Cheryl '51  
Norman Thoms & Anna '51

## \$500-\$999

Zubin Avari '91  
Len Betz '71  
Kunal Kapoor & Monica '93  
John MacKay '52, KFI  
Miriam Naumann McCreary & Ken '51  
Gerald & Roxanna Nichol FS, P, GP, KFI  
John Rittmann & Lorraine '54  
Constance Dudley Rumely D '42  
Sandra Schoeninger FS, KFI  
Donn & Julie Nichol Stengele, '80 & '80, FS, P, KFI

## \$250-\$499

Akshay Birla WS '05, KFI, WBD  
Sten & Stephanie Carlson F  
Michael Gass & Carol '50  
Ronald Koepke & Marilyn '66  
Mary Coleman Lowry & David '64, KFI  
William Martin & Christine '70, FS, P, KFI  
Robert Phelps & Alita '51

## \$100-\$249

Maureen Aung-Thwin '66, KFI  
Khaishoon Basrai '83  
Wayne & Kathy Beckwith FS, P  
Carsten Bjornstad FS, P  
David & Margaret Camp FS, P  
Robert & Lucile Carman '48, FS, P, KISC  
David & Lois Thoms Dickason '55  
Ralph Doermann & Laurel '48  
David Evans '48  
John E Gault '48  
Charles Gosselink & Charlotte '53

Christopher Granner & Barbara Storms '75  
Janice Green & Paul Patton II FS  
William Hagstad & Mary Elizabeth '70  
Stephen Holler & Margaret '74  
Michael Jackets & Elizabeth '51  
Emily Grumm Jeske & Marvin Rothstein '63  
Benjamin & Mary Johnson '47, FS  
Barbara Jones '77  
Muriel Nichols King '53  
Lynden & Naomi Krause '66, FS, P  
Juntanee Sae-Ung Krongboonying '76  
Sheila Seamands Lovell '63  
Walter Luedtke & Darlene '47  
Eleanor Carman Macfarlane MacDonald & William '53, KFI  
Basil Manns '63  
Mario Manta & Kimberley '79  
Joyce Martin F  
L Edwin Martin & Katherine '59  
Vijay Naidu & Asha '86, KFI  
John & Dorothy Nyce FS, P  
David & Laurie Otten '69, P, KFI  
Gabrielle Pagin '66  
Ana Manta Parker & Michael '80  
David Rogers & Lois '60  
Shyama Pillai Rosenfeld & Scott '86  
Hans Schmitthenner & Joan Potenza '70  
August Schmitthenner & Alice '43  
Catherine Scott-Koch '66  
Antoinette Stepanek Shaller & Doug '66  
Donald Squires D & Marsha '64  
Mark Tegenfeldt & Kathrin '90  
Alan Thompson '49  
Shiraz Vakharia & Zara Dee Mehta '93 & '93  
Robert Welles '54  
David Wiebe '56, FS  
Paul Zorn & Janet Petri '68

## Under \$100

Karl Anderson '58  
Margaret Caldwell-Ott & Derek '75  
Patricia Cobey F  
Denise Cochran F  
Robert Coleman '66  
John Easter D, FS, P  
Robert Edwards '69  
Charles Franklin & Rossy '66  
Ashvin George '96

Susan MacNeill Grover '65  
Muriel Hagen '54  
Mary Martin Halaney '75  
Paul Heusinkveld '68  
Milton & Barbara Hostetter FS, P  
Peter Kapenga & Kathleen '67  
Joseph Kessler '81  
Judith Kessler FS, P  
Sara Gesler Klemmer '63  
Shirley Kocher & Robert '49  
So Yeon Lee '04  
Merrick & Sara Ann Emerson Lockwood '59 & '61, FS, P  
MN Chapter  
Luther Moyer & Veronica '57  
Prantik Nag & Deepa Rao '86  
Ronald Nunn '76  
John Piet '59  
Joseph & Martha Grubbs Rittmann '66 & '69, FS, P  
John & Ruth Ruggiero FS  
Carl Schiefer FS, P  
Ruth Storer FS, P  
Paul Vander Aarde & Susan '76  
Lydia Rittmann Volz '50  
May Korteling Votaw '48  
Cynthia Warner F  
Diane Wells F  
Andrew Wilch Jr. '47  
Beverly England Williams & Wallace '55



## Sustaining Members for 2017-2018

Sustaining memberships provide KFI with a dependable base of revenue. It is a monthly gift that you can pay in a convenient, ongoing way. You choose your giving level and your preferred method of payment – either online or sending a check in the mail to the KFI Administrator. To become a Sustaining Member online, go to [www.kfi-us.org/donate-kfi](http://www.kfi-us.org/donate-kfi). Select the fund you wish to support, select or enter the amount you wish to donate, choose “Recurring Donation” with a monthly frequency, provide the requested information, press the DONATE button.

Akshay Birla WS '05, KFI, WBD  
Louise Cummings FS, GP  
William Hagstad & Mary Elizabeth '70  
William Martin & Christine '70, FS, P, KFI  
Sandy Schoeninger FS, KFI  
Donn & Julie Nichol Stengele '80 & '80, FS, P, KFI

### In Memory of:

Richmond K. Anderson P  
by Karl Anderson '58

Russell De Valois '43  
by Bob Dudley & Louise '43

Gene Hennig '65, KFI, KISC  
by John MacKay '52, KFI

Nelson & Marjorie Hoffman P  
by Nelson Hoffman '66

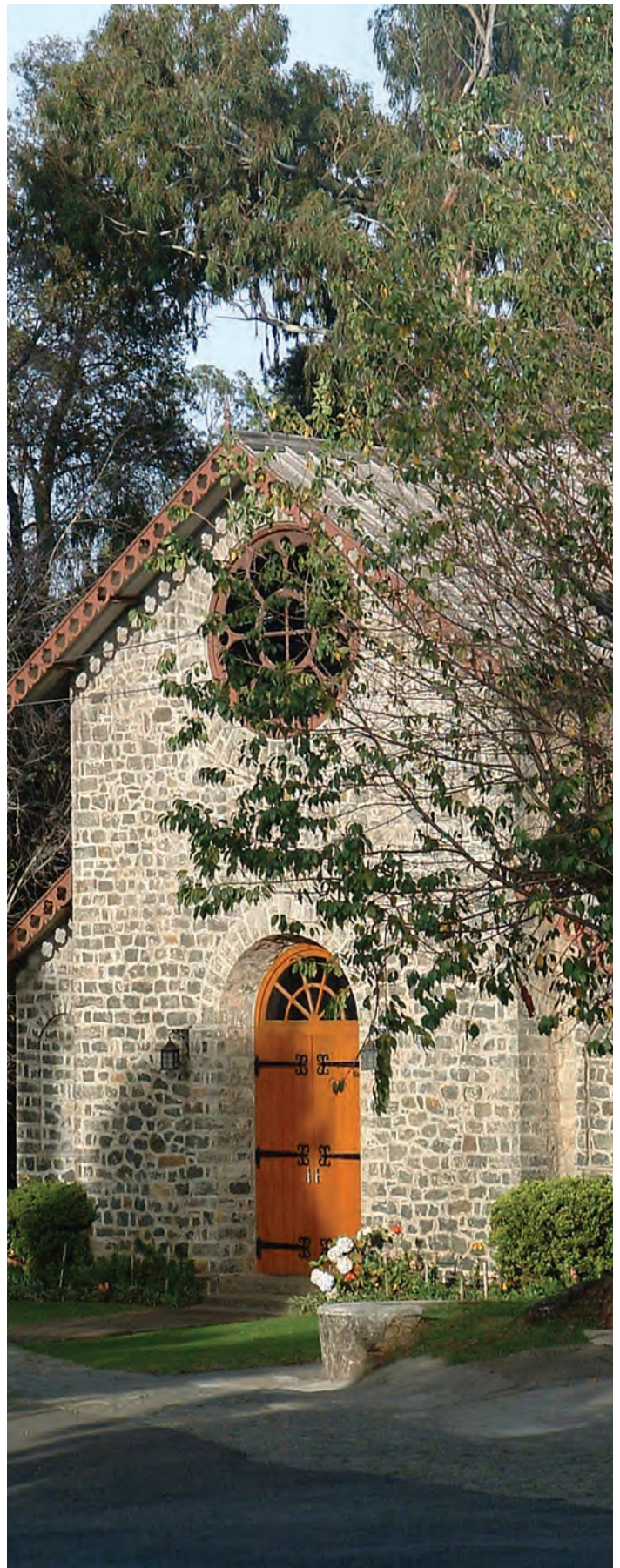
Maj StormoGipson '74  
by Stephen Holler & Margaret '74

Herbert Zorn P  
by Paul Zorn & Janet Petri '68

### In Honor of:

Beth Gesler Caldwell & David '56  
by Sara Gesler Klemmer '63

Sandra Schoeninger FS, KFI  
by Donn & Julie Nichol Stengele '80 & '80, FS, P, KFI



# Treasurer's Report

2017-2018 was a transitional year for KFI. We moved from full-time Executive Director/Development Officer Julie Stengele to part-time Administrator, Sylvia Rogers, with a half-year gap in between. As a result, there were fewer appeals, and donations declined. Restricted and unrestricted donations were \$35,446, down from \$230,223 last year (this total included a one-time large donation of \$157,080). Gains from our investment accounts were high but not as high as the previous year-- \$269,940 compared with \$332,242 the prior year.

During fiscal year 2017-2018 operating expenses were \$125,394 divided among grants, administration and fundraising. This compares with \$138,322 the prior year. Included in that total this year were grants of \$64,031 compared with grants of \$59,118 the prior year.

Overall net assets increased by \$179,626 over the course of the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

A declining stock market since fiscal year-end (June 30, 2018) means that we will not be in as good a financial position in 2018-2019. We rely more than ever on donations to support KIS grant requests.

Mary Lowry, Treasurer



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For the year ending June 30, 2018

	June 2018	June 2017
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$150,830	\$186,399
Contributions receivable	3,267	65
Prepaid expenses		2,921
Investments	2,827,502	2,610,151
Beneficial interest in charitable trust	76,394	79,139
Cash surrender value of life insurance	14,341	13,963
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>3,072,334</b>	<b>2,892,638</b>

## LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

### LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	155	
Accrued expenses	3,286	1,371
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>3,441</b>	<b>1,371</b>

### NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	2,666,352	2,482,242
Unrestricted - board designated	1,825	1,825
Temporarily restricted	297,391	303,875
Permanently restricted	103,325	103,325
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>3,068,893</b>	<b>2,891,267</b>

<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>3,072,334</b>	<b>2,892,638</b>
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## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

For the year ending June 30, 2018

	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
<b>REVENUES, GAINS (LOSSES) AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>				
Contributions	\$21,733	\$13,713		\$35,446
Investment gain (loss)	270,465	(525)		269,940
(Loss) gain on beneficial interest in charitable trust	(2,744)	378		(2,366)
Net assets released from restrictions	20,050	(20,050)		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>309,504</b>	<b>(6,484)</b>		<b>303,020</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Program and grants	80,255			80,255
Management and general	32,704			32,704
Fundraising	12,435			12,435
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>125,394</b>			<b>125,394</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>184,110</b>	<b>(6,484)</b>		<b>177,626</b>
<b>NET ASSETS-BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>2,484,067</b>	<b>303,875</b>	<b>103,325</b>	<b>2,891,267</b>
<b>Net Assets - end of year</b>	<b>2,668,177</b>	<b>297,391</b>	<b>103,325</b>	<b>3,068,893</b>

For a copy of the audited financial report contact KFI Administrator at [admin@kfi-us.org](mailto:admin@kfi-us.org) or call 314.229.3501



## List of KFI Established Funds

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(Following is a list of the 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** 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.

### **Social and Environmental Learning:**

This temporarily restricted fund supports programs in the Social and Environmental Experience Department at KIS, such as equipping the new Environment Education Center. It has been used in the past to support school initiatives that benefit the community such as recycling and installation of smokeless stoves.

### **KFI Global Citizen Scholarship**

A temporarily restricted fund established by KWI during the Centennial year of KIS which has grown over the years. It provides scholarships to a number of students that meet the school's financial aid and scholarship requirements and are approved by KFI.

### **Russell De Valois Scholarship**

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 to a student in the junior and senior years who meets the donor designated scholarship requirements.

### **Keith DeJong Music Award and Scholarship**

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

### **Matching Fund Challenge:**

A generous alumnus established the Matching Fund Challenge Grant to encourage members from the classes of 1996 through 2018 to donate so their gift can be matched for greater impact. Every gift donated by a member of those classes will be matched dollar to dollar up to \$10,000.

### **Understanding through Diversity**

This temporarily restricted fund was established with a legacy gift from Charles E. Wilder '42 & Nancy E. Wilder to benefit KIS in promoting understanding among people of diverse cultures, religions, races, ethnic or geographical backgrounds.

### **Sandra Schoeninger Fitness Center:**

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

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

The Class of 1974 established this fund in recognition of their classmate Maj Stormo Gipson and her love of the outdoors and commitment to global sustainability efforts. The focus will be to support programs where community, Kodai students and other curious world learners can come together to engage in conversations about cloud forest sustainability, environmental protection, and the fragile eco-system of the Western Ghats.



## The Shola Society

A number of years ago under the leadership of KWI, the Shola Society was established as an avenue to recognize individuals who have made charitable provisions in their estate plans for the benefit of Kodaikanal International School (KIS) and given to KWI/Kodai Friends International (KFI). 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.

The satisfaction that comes from remembering their education at KIS with a bequest is best expressed by Don '49 and David '46 Wilder when their family established the Charles E and Nancy E Wilder Trust fund at KFI in memory of their education at KIS:

*"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.



## KFI Funds, How to Donate to KFI:

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

- Fund a Need
- Cyclone Relief Fund (new)
- Social and Environmental Learning
- KFI Global Citizen Scholarship
- Russell De Valois Scholarship
- Keith DeJong Music Award and Scholarship
- Matching Fund Challenge – Class of 1996 to Present
- Understanding Through Diversity
- Sandra Schoener Fitness Center
- Class of 1974 Legacy Project

## Donating to KFI can be done in several ways:

- Online with Credit Card: Go to [www.kfi-us.org/donate-kfi/](http://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 KFI, use Memo line if you would like your donation to go to a specific fund. Mail checks to:  
  
Kodai Friends International, Inc.  
7608 Flora Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63143-3804
- 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 314-229-3501 for further information or with any questions.

## Interested in Donating to KFI for Free?

Go shopping using [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). Be sure to 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](http://amazon.com) and AmazonSmile will remain the same. A simple and easy way to support KFI.

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