



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

Principal Corey Stixrud has clearly articulated the rationale for the recently revised Kodaikanal International School (KIS) vision and mission in the recent annual appeal and Flag Green newsletter. The new school vision states, “We strive to be a school the world needs: Our graduates will be transformative leaders, caring humans and thoughtful ambassadors for a just, sustainable and peaceful world.” Last November Cyclone Gaja hit Kerala and Kodai with devastating effect, which caught the attention of many of you—a total of \$41,690 was sent to allow Kodai Friends International (KFI) to offer support for extensive needed repairs and relief. All funds were sent on to KIS. The generosity of many friends and alumni has also provided support for environmental projects in the community, scholarships to allow students without the necessary financial resources to experience the high-quality education KIS offers, and upgrading of facilities at the school. KFI continues to work to strengthen our positive relationships with the school and community so that we can approve and provide financial support that they need and request. KIS is increasing its own capacity for fundraising by hiring a Development Officer. In the future you will likely receive more communication regarding financial support directly from KIS.

It has now been 50 years since I left KIS (during my 11 years as a student it was known as High Clerc, then Kodaikanal School). In more recent years I have had the good fortune of returning to Kodai four times, including a semester teaching high school mathematics. While much has changed over those decades, when I walk in the front gate at Seven Roads and up the hill past the Chapel and Alumni Hall to the flag green, the memories of those bygone years wash over me as though it were just a short time ago rather than decades; much visually reminds me of those past years. My interest in supporting the school and its educational mission, along with the broader community in which it is set, matches what so many other alumni from different eras obviously feel: that there is something special about the school in its South Indian hill setting that we want to ensure is shared by future generations.

In April I was able to attend the KIS Council meeting. I was very impressed by both the quality and dedication of Council members and

by the school’s physical plant, staff and administration. While the Kodai community is vastly changed through extensive development since the 1960’s, the positive community and campus atmosphere has been enhanced over the past decade of my recent visits. There are very good people doing a great job to ensure a high-quality education is available at the school. This past September KFI Vice-President Vijay Naidu attended the Council meeting. He agreed with my perception of the positive direction that the Council and school is following.

The primary challenges facing the school reflect the changing state of education in India. No longer one of the only international baccalaureate schools in the country with significant financial support from North American institutions, KIS now must compete with numerous “international” schools in the country: that competition is for both students and staff. It is a challenge for the school to remain financially accessible to students while providing competitive salaries for staff while maintaining a diverse global community. The character of the school remains quite different, and special, from the many international schools in major Indian cities. It is that special international character that I, and many of you, want to support. During a semester on staff I recognized that special character comes from its residential community that promotes academics along with the individual’s moral/service dimension through attention to growth of the whole person. The academic International Baccalaureate program at KIS has this perspective at its core.

As my term as president of KFI ends in June, I am pleased to report that the KFI Board is in good hands with the capacity to provide valuable support to education in South India. Of course, we are always seeking new board members to continue our efforts—we have a healthy policy of term limits (two consecutive three-year terms) to ensure continual revitalization of our vision and efforts. My thanks go to the board members who provide such excellent volunteer efforts to the organization.

Bill Martin (’70, former staff, parent)
President, Kodai Friends International



Grants Awarded by KFI in 2018-2019

TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED FUNDS

Cyclone Relief Fund	\$41,690
KIS Scholarship Award	9,000
Russell De Valois Scholarship Award	5,100
DeJong Music Award	1,500
SEED Priorities – Class of '74 Legacy	7,236
TOTAL	\$64,526

UNRESTRICTED "FUND A NEED"

Alumni Hall Motorized Curtain	\$3,000
KIS Development Office	17,000
Kodaikanal Wildlife Sanctuary Survey	8,000
TOTAL	\$28,000

TOTAL FUNDS GRANTED **\$92,526**

GRANTS FROM TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED FUNDS

Cyclone Relief Fund | \$41,690

On November 16th, 2018, Cyclone Gaja struck Kodaikanal. Reports of wreckage were to school buildings, powerhouses, water pump houses, peripheral fences/walls, and walkways. Over 250 felled trees on the KIS campuses severely affected staff housing including homes like Tonawanda, Pocahontas, Minnetonka, Ghat Side, Bachman Cottage, Noble House, Lakeview Apartments, Westover and Bethany. Many staff relocated to temporary shelters and housing. Dormitories such as Phelps, Bartlett, and East House reported roof wreckage. The transformer on the K-8 Ganga Campus required replacement and several rainwater-harvesting tanks were broken. High-tension power lines and communication cables were downed and damaged.

A total of 98,40,000 INR has been projected as the total cost of repairing and restoring the damages caused by the cyclone on school campuses. Generous KFI donors contributed a total of \$41,690 (28,56,308 INR) towards the Cyclone Relief Fund. KIS' recovery plan consists of three phases:

- Phase 1: The priority was to provide immediate response to affected personnel and areas important to the functioning of the school: clearing up of roads and access paths; repair to electrical transformers and cabling; repairs to school infrastructure, roofs, and windows in classrooms; restoration of internet and telephone services; and relocation of affected staff members to alternative staff housing. This phase is complete.
- Phase 2: Attention and priorities were given towards damaged perimeter walls and fences of academic compounds, staff houses that were moderately affected by the cyclone, and clearing up fallen trees on academic campuses. *This phase is complete.*
- Phase 3: The present focus is on the repair of extensively damaged

staff houses; perimeter fencing and walls of non-academic compounds; and clearing up fallen trees and restoration of pathways on non-academic compounds. Wood is being stored and repurposed where possible. This phase is ongoing.

KIS also assisted in recovery efforts for local charities such as Mercy Home; renovation work on the Mercy Home kitchen and plumbing is underway, hopefully to be completed by December, 2019. KIS also provided staff workers to assist the township electricity board with restoration of high-tension lines throughout the town, and with the clearing of main roadways.

Furniture for the dormitories and staff housing were created using wood from the fallen trees. Wissy Dorm boasts of a new lounge set in their common room created completely from Gaja fallen trees. Carpenters have built approximately 20 new bunk beds and 40 single beds. The pillars of the dining hall and the covered courts now sport a wooden cladding made from the fallen wood.



KIS Scholarship Award | \$9,000

Funded by donations to the KIS Scholarship Fund, this annual scholarship is awarded irrespective of religion or nationality to a student(s) who would otherwise find it difficult to attend KIS due to financial needs. Eligible students must be recommended by KIS and meet the school's admissions requirements.

This year KFI awarded two scholarships: \$3,000 to Nitesh Gagan, Grade 10, who has been at KIS since Grade 8. His parents are agriculturalists who lost their property and crops to Cyclone Gaja last November, such losses making it difficult to continue paying for Nitesh's tuition without some financial assistance.

Dear Kodai Friends International,

I sincerely thank you for giving me the possibility to obtain a partial scholarship.

This means a lot to me as my family is struggling to pay the school fees. With this scholarship you have made it possible for me to continue my education in this great school. KIS has always meant a lot to me. It has given me the opportunity to grow as a student and to obtain skills I could not have acquired in my previous school. Even the thought of not being able to continue because we do not have the funds to pay the full tuition was disturbing. Now I can carry on at KIS and complete my studies and I thank you for your help.

With sincere thanks,

Nitesh Gagan KIS Class of 2021



\$6,000 to Megha Vinesh, an incoming student in Grade 11

Dear Kodai Friends International,

I am writing this email to you as a heartfelt token of my gratitude. I have wanted to be a part of the KIS Community for so long, and knowing that the community views me as a valuable member fills my heart with pride.

To me, this scholarship is less of a monetary reward, and more a green light to continue pursuing what brings good to myself and those around me.

Thank you very much for putting your faith in me, and in KIS. I can only do you proud from here forth, and I hope you believe you chose the right student for the scholarship.

Best,

Megha Vinesh, Grade 11



Grants Awarded by KFI in 2018-2019

Russell De Valois Scholarship | \$5,100

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.

This year KFI awarded the Russell De Valois Scholarship to Anuja Baldota, Grade 11.

To the Class of 1943,
Russell de Valois Scholarship,
Kodaikanal International School

I am writing to thank the Class of 1943 for your generous support through the Russell De Valois Scholarship. I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected as the recipient of your Scholarship this year.

I recently appeared for my 10th Grade board exams. I am a state level basketball and netball player. Apart from sports, I enjoy debates and participate in the Model UN. I am an avid reader and a poetry enthusiast. I have always wanted to study the IBDP at Kodaikanal International School as I wish to pursue a legal career and eventually have my own business. For either, I ultimately plan on attending Harvard Law School. I enjoy doing social work in my free time and I have a dream of starting an NGO which will work towards the education of underprivileged children. My legal background will help in this.

By awarding me the Russell De Valois Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which will enable me to come to KIS and pursue my academic career. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community.

Sincerely,
Anuja Baldota



DeJong Music Award | \$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 Awards Assembly each May.

This year's recipients were Sophia Mozhui '19 and David George '19.

Sophia Mozhui came to KIS from Nagaland in search of its multicultural environment where students could interact and learn from each other. Sophia joined KIS, with much reluctance from her mother to send her daughter far away from home. Today, Sophia and her family have had no regrets about her decision to join KIS.

"At KIS, I had one of the best violin teachers hands down! KIS gave me the experience of playing in a school orchestra. I also became the orchestra master. Through the school's music field trips, it gave me the opportunity to go to different places. My favorite experience includes performing at the Association

for Music in International Schools (AMIS) music festival in Singapore,” shares Sophia.

Recently, Sophia attained the Keith DeJong Memorial Music Scholarship to use towards her passion for music. *“Being chosen for such a prestigious scholarship fills me with deep gratitude. I am thankful to KIS for supporting my passion for music while I was a student here. To be awarded this scholarship has really motivated me to further pursue my hand in music.”*

Sophia leaves school with mixed emotions of excitement and anxious anticipation, ready to embrace the new chapter in her college life. Sophia has committed to attend Pepperdine University in Malibu, California, pursuing a Major in Business Administration and a Minor in her biggest passion – Music.

Flag Green Article Featuring Sophia Mozhui - Extract from “Perspectives from the Class of 2019” (the full article can be found at the following link: <https://kisnewsletter.wordpress.com/2019/05/28/perspectives-from-the-class-of-2019/>)

To Kodai Friends International (KFI),

I wanted to thank the members of the De Jong Scholarship Fund for their kindness in giving a scholarship to David George, our foster son. This gave him the opportunity to pursue his studies in the trumpet at Kodaikanal International School.

Besides the personal joy that David has experienced in his musical study of the trumpet, the skill in playing the trumpet further has given David the opportunity to study trumpet during his college studies.

To be admitted to the Music Department higher studies in trumpet at Marian University, David had to take a series of tests, submit a video and have a SKYPE interview with the Trumpet music teacher, a person of national distinction. These led to his

admission to the Music Department Program as well as a place in the Marching Band.

This could not have happened without the De Jong Scholarship Fund. It is truly a gift that keeps on giving.

Thanks again to all involved,
Mrs. David Morris
Mother of David George (Class of 2019)

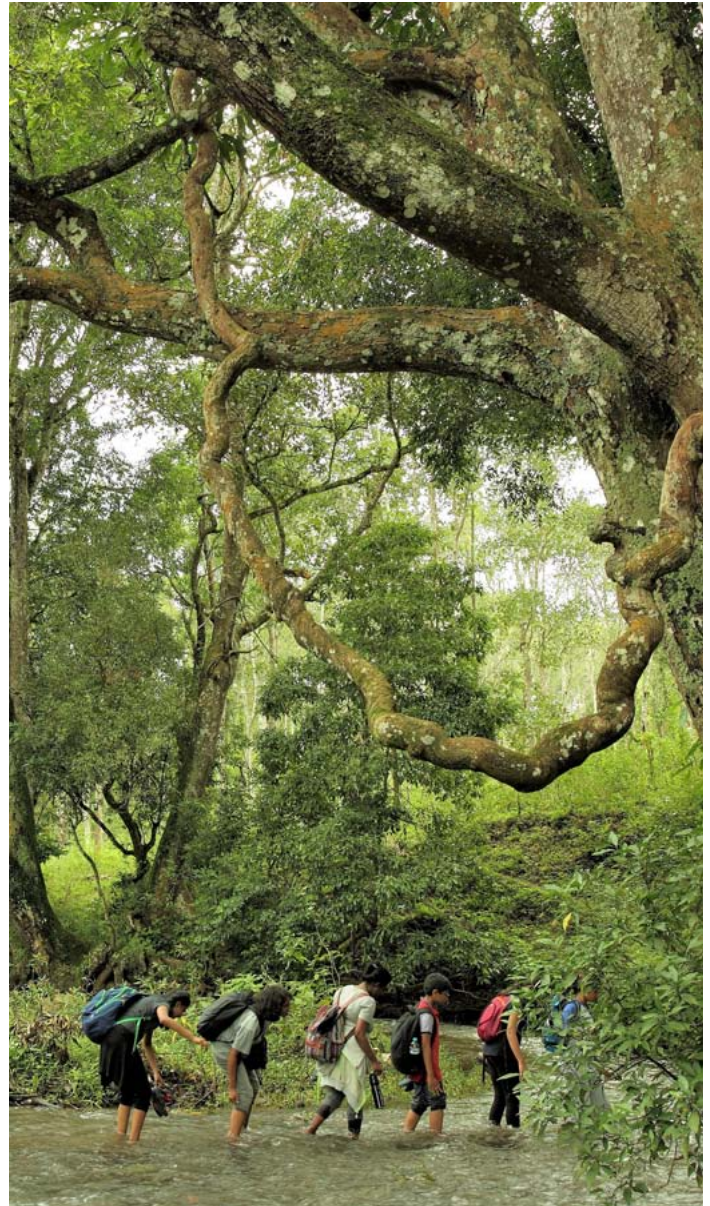


Grants Awarded by KFI in 2018-2019

SEED Priorities – Class of '74 Legacy Fund | \$7,236

\$7,236 from the Social & Environmental Experience Department – Class of '74 Legacy Fund was awarded by KFI to KIS' outdoor experience program at Poondi. KIS is expanding its program by building a total of four traditional mud houses and installing a ropes course that connects the mud houses to the main areas of the camp.

The construction of the mud houses serves to expand the overall capacity at Poondi from 60 to 110 campers. They are already being used by students, staff, and will provide overnight stays for 40- and 80-Mile Round hikers. Future mud houses will be built with the assistance of KIS students, providing them with an opportunity to engage with nature and expose them to traditional techniques and materials used for the construction of local homes.



GRANTS FROM UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Kodaikanal Wildlife Sanctuary Survey | \$8,000

This was the second payment of a grant approved by KFI in May of 2017 to the Foundation for Ecological Research, Advocacy and Learning in Puducherry, India. The goal of the survey 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. The interesting and informative results of the survey may be found at:

http://www.kfi-us.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/26.-Progress-Report-2-KWS-Mammal-Survey_June2019.pdf

Alumni Hall Motorized Curtain | \$3,000

\$3,000 was awarded by KFI to purchase and install a new motorized stage curtain in Alumni Hall.

“The new motorized curtain has dramatically improved the quality of our programs as the curtain is operated using a remote, which simplifies the work of our stage managers and technicians. In addition, the aesthetic of new drapery really makes the stage and our performance space look very professional.

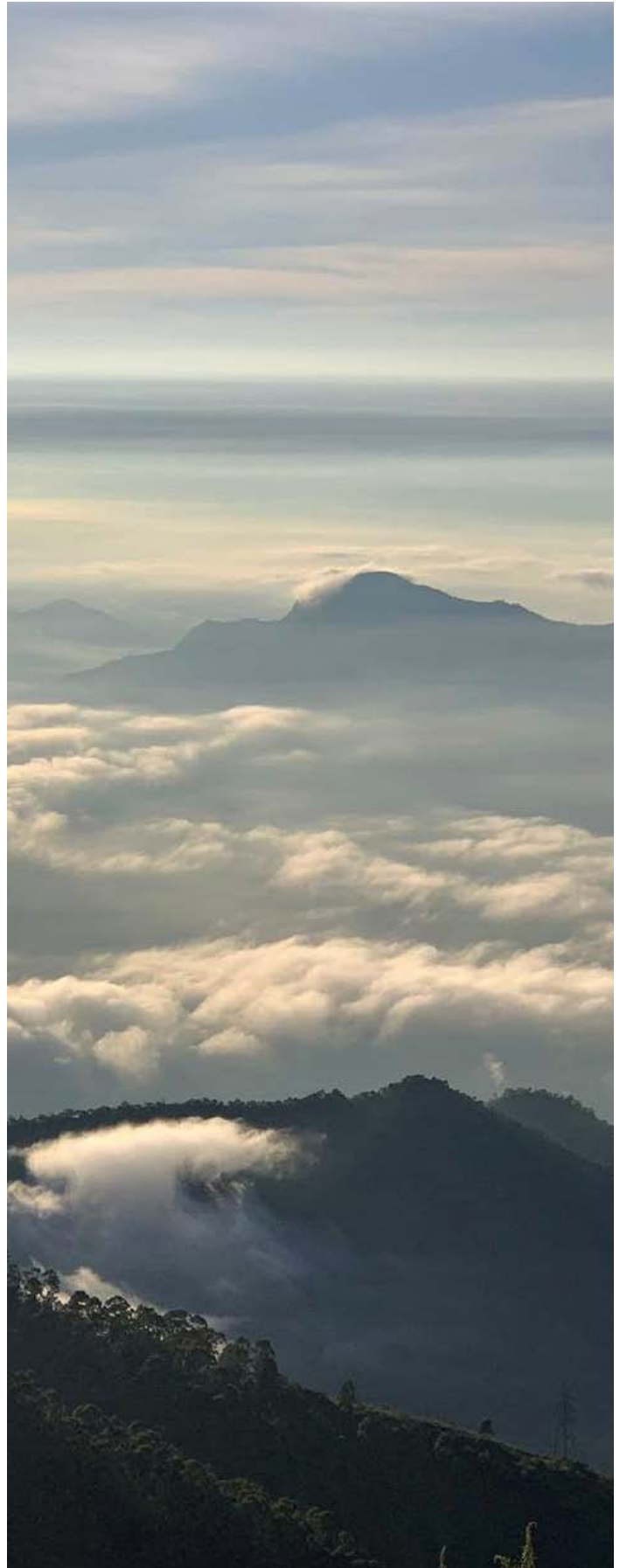
We officially unveiled the new curtain to all our students and staff members during an Assembly in July.”

KIS Development Office | \$17,000

\$17,000 was awarded by KFI for the non-salary budget component of the grant request for the KIS Development Office, which can be used for technology, travel and a resource library.

KIS’s stated priority is to engage the alumni community. To this end they are updating their alumni information management system and are researching alumni engagement platforms. KIS is in the process of developing a new website with a powerful backend to share their story, measure their efforts, and truly engage prospective families. The new website is scheduled to launch in early February. Right after the completion of the new website, the KIS team will start the development of a new Alumni portal that will launch by July 2020.

KIS’s other priority has been to continue their search for a Development Officer. After a wide search, KIS has shortlisted several candidates. A KFI committee, along with a member of the KIS board, is in the process of interviewing these candidates. KIS is hopeful that the Development Officer will be in place in the first half of 2020.



Donors to Kodai Friends International 2018-2019

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, 2018 and June 30, 2019. Their generosity enabled KFI to provide important grants to support its mission. Donors who contributed after June 30, 2019 will be acknowledged in the 2019-2020 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

Len Betz '71
Daryl Miller '71, KFI & Elsie
Robert Dudley '43 & Louise
Friends of Woodstock School

\$1,000-\$4,999

Louise Cummings FS, GP
James & Evelyn Estes FS, P, KISC
Robert Fletcher '65, KFI & Denise
Nelson Hoffman '66
Mary Coleman Lowry '65, KFI & David
Miriam Naumann McCreary '51 & Ken
Sanjeev Pandey '82
Sanjay Pingle '89, KFI
Presbyterian Church (USA)
Glenn Rogers '74, KFI & Dominique Harre
Karl Seibert '74
Lark Steinmetz '76
Lynn Nastrom Stoltz '82
Norman Thoms '51 & Anna

\$500-\$999

George & Anne Althouse FS, P
Michael Aung Thwin '65
Zubin Avari '91
Jacquelyn Brooks FS
David Cooper '64 & Heather
Ralph Doermann '48 & Laura
William & Paula Foege F
Beverly Zigler Hofer '54 & Ted
Lorin Hunt FS, D
April Dennis Jennings '63
Kunal Kapoor '93 & Monica
Mahin Karim '92
Stanley King '57 & Bonnie
Lynden '66 and Naomi Krause FS, P
John MacKay '52, KISC, KFI
Minnesota Chapter Luncheon
Gail Nichol Moyer '83 & Tom FS
Kathryn Johnson Narney '71 & Steve
Gerald KFI & Roxanna Nichol FS, P, GP
David Otten '69, KFI & Laurie FS, P
Tushar Pandiri '89
Betsy Carman '80 & David Perkins FS, P
David Piet '63, KFI & Nancy
Jeannette Purdy FS
Shyama Pillai Rosenfeld '86 & Scott
Garry Schmidt '61
Sandra Schoeninger FS
Douglass Seaton '67 & Gayle
Richard Surino '63
David Wiebe '56, FS

\$250-\$499

Joan Arbuthnot '60
Akshay Birla WS '05, KFI
Sten & Stephanie Carlson F
Mary Carruthers '57
Class of '59 Reunion - 2018
Frank Emerson '56 & Mary
Michael Gass '50 & Carol

Charles Gosselink '53 & Charlotte
William Hagstad '70 & Mary Elizabeth
Catherine Scott Koch '66
William Martin '70, FS, KFI & Chris P
Ruth Meinen-Dick '77 & Carroll
John & Dorothy Yoder Nyce FS, P
Gabrielle Pugin '66
Sylvia Trautmann Rogers '73, KFI
Vijendran & Asha Sathyaraj FS, P
Antoinette Stepanek Shaller '66 & Doug
Jagat Sheth '87, KFI & Kiran
Muriel Hagen Smith '54 & Wade
Claudia Trautmann '70

\$100-\$249

Bernadette Bradbury Aleong '86
Keith Capen Allen '56 & Tom
Kurt Althouse '81 & Kim
Karl Anderson '58 & Patty
Oskar Austegard '93
Marcia Barsz '63
Wayne & Kathy Beckwith FS, P
Nancy Thoms Block '48 & Russell
Adrian & Diane Bohl FS
Mark Bullard '80
Grace Bunker '59
Beth Gesler Caldwell '56 & David
David & Margaret Camp FS
Peter Carman F
Robert '48 & Lucille Carman FS, P, KISC
Reshma Chamberlin '03
Jon Closson '54
Rebecca Clothier '86
Jane Gibbs Cummings '57, FS, P, KISC, KFI
Garrett '74 & Suzanne Smith '79 DeLong FS
Eric Dewey '76 & Carol Pedersen
Martha Donovan F
Carol Schuster Espie '60
Michael Flannery '61
Robert Gass '81
John Gault '48
Warren & Barbara Geissinger FS, P
Vicky Gody FS
Janice Green & Paul Patton II FS
Faye Ruth Voss Harris '55 & Donald
Joyce Vogelaar Hauze '73
Virginia Carruthers Hegseth '48
Carolyn Hellberg F
Virginia Peery Herlong '59 & Ozzie
George & Debra Hoffman F
Diane Hoffman '62
Stephen Holler '74 & Margaret
Shafayet Imam '93
Robert Inman '62 & Gwen
Michael Jackets '51
Peter Jenks FS, P
Emily Grumm Jeske '63 & Mickie
Laura Linn Johnson '72
Benjamin '47 & Mary Johnson FS
Barbara Jones '77
Peter Kapenga '67 & Kathleen
Ahmad Karim '91

Jihae Kim '00
Muriel Nichols King '53
Lois Hiebert Knapp '67, FS
Shirley Wood Kocher '49 & Bob
Juntanee Sae-Ung Krongboonying '76
Angelika Laun '84
Sung Yun Lee '96
Mary Jean Linn '77
Susan Stovall Longyear '64
Donald Luidens '64
Eleanor Carman MacDonald '53, P, KFI
L Edwin Martin '59 & Katherine
Nolawi Mengesha '86
Theodore Miller '56
Anil Muthukrishnan '92
Vijay Naidu '86, KFI & Asha
Ana Manta '80 & Mike Parker '80
Richard Patton '57 & Joanna P
Radharamanan Radhakrishnan '89
Krishnan Ramanathan '81
Barbara Martin Rank '71
Frances Rauth FS
Sarah Nichol '86 & Drew Reindel P
Patricia Wood Remias '56 & John
Kris '66 & Wendy Riber FS
Michael Richter '68
Joseph '66 & Marty Grubbs Rittmann '69
David Rogers '60 & Lois
Brihas Sarathy '94
Kartik Sarin '06
Gayatri Sarin '07
Hans Schmitthenner '70 & Joan Potenza
Mark Seibert '71
Nell Kincaid Semel '54 & Dan
Ayman Siraj '14
Gail Schroeder & Jon Smith FS
Deborah Smith '86
Aye Soe '97
Timothy Staal '71
Steve Staal '75
Anne Douglas Stanek '69 & Ed
Donn '80 & Julie Nichol '80 Stengele FS, P, KFI
Annette & Neal Stixrud, FS, P, GP
Mark Tegenfeldt '90 & Kathrin
Edwin '56 & Margaret Carman '55 Tegenfeldt FS, P, GP
Stephen Thomas '81
George Thompson '52
Anita Trautmann FS, P
Stephanie Vandrick '67
Richard Vreeland P, KISC
Paul '56 & Donna Beth Wiebe FS, P
Keith Wiebe '80 & Jill
Leslie Servid Williams '64
Janice Wybourn '62
Gail Whitaker Wynne '57 & John
Paul Zorn '68 & Janet Petri

Under \$100

Anonymous
Shona & Ajay Bagai FS
Bozeb Beckwith '95
Nancy Bird '71

Jennifer Grant Busam '66
 Audric-Jai Cauvet '92 & Stephanie
 Janet Chandler FS, P
 Patricia Cobey F
 Steve Cooper F
 Susan Hollinshead Dalton '58
 Chad Darby F
 Karen De Valois FS, P
 Sarah Dye '67, FS
 Elizabeth Updegraff Dyson '41
 Theodore Essebagggers '59 & Maja
 Siddharth Gore '13
 Marjorie Greene '79
 Susan MacNeill Grover '65
 Linda Knight Hassell '77
 Shireen Irani '99
 David James '64
 Kathleen Katzenbach FS
 Judith Kessler FS, P
 Carol Zigler Kusserow '55 & Ralph
 Merrick '59 & Sara Ann Emerson '61 Lockwood FS, P
 Sheila Seamands Lovell '63
 Aarya Malik '17
 Sohan Mathew '17
 Roland & Mary Helen Miller P, GP, KISC
 Ted Moon '67
 Clara Rittmann Mueller '57 & Orv
 Manjusha Ninan '00
 Christina Nissen F
 Mona Oommen '83 & Donu Arapura
 Joel Otten '77
 Joy Johnson Pickard '73
 Cyril Scott Plessinger '64
 Strother Purdy FS, P
 Herb Rader '82
 Nehal Rahim '93 & Emily Kay
 Lindsey Stixrud '84
 Katherine Hennig Teece '98 & Scott
 Bert & Mildred Toepel F
 Diane & Philip Wells F
 Rona Nordeen Wendeborn '67
 Andrew Wilch '47
 Martha Thompson Wilcox '61 & Jack
 Donald Wilder '49
 Michael Wolf F
 Mahon Yoder '11

Sustaining Members for 2018-2019

Sustaining memberships provide KFI with a dependable base of revenue. To become a Sustaining Member, please follow the instructions on Page 13.

Bernadette Bradbury Aleong '86
 Akshay Birla WS '05, KFI
 Louise Cummings FS, GP
 James & Evelyn Estes FS, P, KISC
 William Hagstad '70 and Mary Elizabeth
 William Martin '70, FS, KFI and Christine P
 Sandra Schoeninger FS
 Jagat Sheth '87, KFI & Kiran
 Donn '80 and Julie Nichol Stengele '80, FS, P, KFI

In Memory of:

Walter Bradbury P
 by Bernadette Bradbury Aleong '86
 Russell De Valois
 by Robert Dudley '43 and Louise
 Beatrice Witter Donovan '40
 by Martha Donovan
 James Duncan FS
 by Patricia Cobey F
 John Easter FS
 by Gerald & Roxanne Nichol, FS, P, GP, KFI
 Rev. Finlay
 by Susan Hollinshead Dalton '58
 Geraldine Nora Harrington FS
 by David Rogers '60
 Gene Hennig '65
 by Michael Aung Thwin '65
 Nelson & Marjorie Hoffman P
 by Nelson Hoffman '66
 by George & Debra Hoffman
 Nan Dye Johnson P
 by Sarah Dye '67, FS
 Agnes Liddle FS
 by Mary Carruthers '57
 Mark Steinhoff '65
 by Michael Aung Thwin '65
 Kennie Linn P
 by Mary Jean Linn '77
 Eunice Naumann Nissen '51
 by Christina Nissen
 Marilyn Scudder '56
 by Diane Wells F
 Maj StormoGipson '74
 by Stephen & Margaret Holler '74
 Rajan Thomas
 by Ayman Siraj '14
 Rev. Bob Trautmann, FS, P
 by Sylvia Trautmann Rogers '73
 Updegraffs (Melanie, Ann, Betty & Dick) in 1930's
 by Elizabeth Udegraff Dyson '41
 Lois Lenore Vandrick P
 by Stephanie Vandrick '67
 Mildred Brandt Warkentin
 by Gerald & Roxanne Nichol, FS, P, GP, KFI

In Honor of:

The Aung Thwin Family on the occasion
 of Maureen's 70th birthday '66
 by Catherine Scott Koch '66
 by Gabrielle Pagin '66
 by Cyril Scott Plessinger '64
 by Antoinette Stepanek Shaller '66
 Dr. John B. '47 and Ann Carman P
 by Peter Carman
 Mary Moon Davis FS, P
 by Ted Moon '67
 Robert Dudley '43
 by Donn '80 & Julie Nichol '80 Stengele FS, P, KFI
 Bill & Paula Foege F
 by Annette Stixrud FS, P, GP
 Dr. Robert Granner FS, P, GP
 by Daryl Miller '71, KFI
 Carolyn & Lee Hellberg F
 by Annette Stixrud FS, P, GP
 KIS Art Students – Fall Class of 2012
 by Vicky Godsy FS
 KIS maintenance staff for their work during Cyclone Gaja
 by David Piet '63, KFI & Nancy
 KIS Principal Corleigh Stixrud and KIS staff
 by William Foege F
 KIS staff who suffered personal storm losses due
 to Cyclone Gaja but strove to restore KIS
 by David James '64
 KIS staff, cooks, cleaners and friends of the school
 by Gayatri Sarin '07
 Sara Klemmer '63
 by Beth Gesler Caldwell '56 & David
 Jeetu Nanda '83, KISC, KFI
 by Gerald & Roxanne Nichol, FS, P, GP, KFI
 by Claudia Trautmann '70
 Gerald Nichol FS, P, GP, KFI
 by Juntanee Krongboonying '76
 Dr. Leela Oommen, FS, P
 by Mona Oommen '83 & Donau Arapura
 Joe Rittmann '66 for planning July, 2018 trip to India
 by Lynn Natrom Stolz '82
 Annette & Neal Stixrud FS, P, GP
 by Chad Darby F
 by Lindsey Stixrud '84
 by Bert Toepel F
 The Toepel, Holmes, Foege & Stixrud Families
 by Carolyn Hellberg F



Treasurer's Report

Donations were up this year largely because of the generous response to the Cyclone Gaja appeal. Restricted and unrestricted donations were \$84,592, up from \$35,446 in the prior year (an increase of 49,146!) Gains in our investment accounts were once again positive, but not as high as the previous year-- \$160,111 compared with \$269,940 the prior year.

During fiscal year 2018-2019 operating expenses were \$161,776 which includes grants, administration and fundraising. This compares with \$125,394 the prior year. The increase reflected more generous grants to KIS (\$92,526 compared with \$64,031 the previous year, an increase of \$28,495) and by unusually low salary expense the prior year when there was a gap in administrative support. Overall net assets increased by \$87,562 over the course of the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Mary Lowry, Treasurer



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2019 and 2018

	June 2019	June 2018
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$133,801	\$150,830
Accounts receivable	4,227	3,267
Investments	2,928,654	2,827,502
Beneficial interest in charitable trust	80,588	76,394
Cash surrender value of life insurance	14,782	14,341
Total Assets	3,162,052	3,072,334

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	370	155
Accrued expenses	5,227	3,286
Total Liabilities	5,597	3,441

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	2,757,942	2,668,177
With donor restrictions	398,513	400,716
Total Net Assets	3,156,455	3,068,893

Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$3,162,052	\$3,072,334
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

For the year ending June 30, 2019

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	TOTAL
REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT			
Contributions	\$26,328	\$58,264	\$84,592
Investment gain	160,111	(525)	160,111
Gain on beneficial interest in charitable trust	4,194	441	4,635
Total revenue	190,633	58,705	249,338
Net assets released from restrictions	60,908	(60,908)	-
Total revenue, gains & other support	251,541	(2,203)	249,338
EXPENSES			
Program	105,997		105,997
Management and general	44,798		44,798
Fundraising	10,981		10,981
Total expenses	161,776		161,776
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	89,765	(2,203)	87,562
NET ASSETS-BEGINNING OF YEAR	2,668,177	400,716	3,068,893
Net Assets - end of year	\$2,757,942	\$398,513	\$3,156,455

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



List of KFI Established Funds

(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: 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, and is one of the four KIS Annual Appeal funds for 2019-20. It provides scholarships to students who meet the school's financial aid and scholarship requirements and are approved by KFI.

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. It is one of the four KIS Annual Appeal funds for 2019-20.

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. This is one of the four KIS Annual Appeal funds for 2019-20.

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 & Math (STEAM) forums and competitions. This is one of the four KIS Annual Appeal funds for 2019-20.

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.

Sandra Schoeninger Fitness Center: This 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 the Maj StormoGipson Poondi Project fund, is a temporarily restricted fund 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 generation.

Matching Fund Challenge: A generous alumnus established the Matching Fund Challenge Grant to encourage members from the classes of 1996 through 2019 to donate so their gift can be matched for greater impact. Every gift donated by a member of those classes to this fund 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.



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
- KIS Scholarship Fund
- KIS Center for Environment and Humanity
- KIS Design & Innovation Fund
- KIS Experts-in-Residence Fund
- Russell De Valois Scholarship
- Keith DeJong Music Award and Scholarship
- Sandra Schoeninger Fitness Center
- The Social & Environment Experience Department Priorities – Class of 1974 Legacy Project
- Matching Fund Challenge – Class of 1996 to Present
- Understanding Through Diversity

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 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.

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.

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