

# Kodai Friends International Annual Report 2023-2024



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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 Friends of Kodai School,

Big changes are happening at the school. The top headline is that after 12 years, Principal Corey Stixrud will be leaving KIS. He has done such a beautiful job as an administrator, leader and teacher and he will be deeply missed. I feel especially lucky to have heard and seen him in his surprise performance as King George singing a number from Hamilton in early 2023. Keep your eyes open for a fundraising initiative to honor Corey coming soon!

Director of Development Kalyani Gandhi is leaving the school as well, to take up a position in fundraising at Cambridge University. She has done so much to strengthen KIS's development office and establish systems for cultivating financial support for the school. She has been a driving force in the success of the programs you support, seeing them through from start to finish.

We have very recently learned that another key KIS staff that we have come to know and appreciate is also leaving. Manjusha Ninan, our Alumni Coordinator, will be leaving KIS at the end of the 2024/25 Academic Year. She has been key to keeping the alumni informed, as well as coordinating all the alumni reunions that happen annually at KIS.

At the same time that the human composition of KIS will be transformed by Corey, Kalyani and Manjusha's departures, the physical campus is under going similarly dramatic transformation. On the Main Campus, demolition is complete for the library renovation, and the project is progressing well. The Covered Court area is presently being expanded to include a fitness room, dance studio and rock-climbing wall, and has officially been named the Sandy Schoeninger Center in honor of our beloved long-term faculty member and so much more.

You may have noticed in the Annual Report that the Grants Awarded by KFI to KIS declined precipitously. The main reason for this pause is India's Foreign Contribution Regulation Act. KIS has made its FCRA application so that it can continue to receive funds from KFI and other sources outside India. The school remains in the approval queue, and we are hopeful that its application will be resolved soon.

Three activities were funded, and a larger list of items that have been approved by the Board is pending. KFI expects to make these payments to KIS once the FCRA situation is resolved. Kodai School is continuing to fund the scholarships that KFI would normally be supporting, and we look forward to reimbursing them once we are once again able to make contributions directly to the school. **KFI continues to count on your contributions to support the school we love.** <https://www.kfi-us.org/>

In the meantime, we have worked to identify opportunities to support the school with other direct contributions and payments for important programs and services. A Peer Mentorship Program has been launched with KFI support in the form of paying for a youth mentoring expert who has been working at the school since last year. In addition, a professional with deep counseling experience will be working at the school soon, and KFI has paid for her airfare. A very distinguished alumna has expressed willingness to speak at commencement and we will likewise cover most of their travel expenses. Other proposals for KFI-KIS collaboration include the potential establishment endowed faculty positions including in STEM and Design, or a US-Based Scholarship Fund for international students.

The close collaboration between KIS and KFI continues to grow and strengthen. In turbulent times, it seems truer than ever that KIS is the school the world needs!

Warm wishes,

Meg

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



# Grants Awarded in 2023-2024

Grants Awarded by KFI	
Grants Approved and disbursed by Board of Directors in 2023-24 FY	
NHS House Rebuilding Project	\$6,152
Post Covid Relief Health & Wellness in Schools	\$5,674
Experts in Residence Math Volunteer	\$2,172
<b>TOTAL FUNDS GRANTED IN 2023-24 FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>\$24,216</b>
Approved 2022-23 FY Grant amounts disbursed in 2023-24 FY	
KIS Development Office (\$67,000)	\$43,500
Smokeless Stoves Project (\$1,500)	\$1,500
KIS Center for Environment & Humanity (\$49,912)	\$37,637
KIS Faculty Awards for English and Economics	\$10,218
Approved 2022-23 FY Grant amounts awaiting FCRA approval	
KIS Scholarship Fund STEM (\$20,000)	\$10,000
KIS Development Office (\$67,000)	\$23,500
Scholarships Awarded by KIS awaiting FCRA approval	
KIS Scholarship Fund (2024-26)	\$15,000
DeJong Music Award (2024-25)	\$1,500
Russell DeValois Scholarship (2023-25)	\$5,000
SEAR Scholarship (2024-26)	\$25,000
Presbyterian Scholarship (2024-25)	\$5,774



Three of the NHS members, accompanied by the adviser and other volunteers, began the renovation work as planned: they were able to paint a total of 14 tin sheets, to replace the old, rusted existing tin sheets that formed the roofing. The mason contractor then replaced the old, rusted tin sheets on the roof with the new, painted tin sheets. He also completed other repairs that the students could not do themselves, like masonry work to fill cracked walls, electric wiring, and other technical jobs. The collaboration of the students with the contractor and the community is poised to have a profound impact, as it brings about life-altering changes on a significant scale.

Moreover, by expanding the scope of the project, the project can extend this life-changing assistance to an even larger number of people in a similar fashion over a number of years.

## NHS House Building Project | \$6,152

One of the projects undertaken by the KIS National Honor Society in the 2023-24 academic year was the House Rebuilding Project. The aim of this project was to improve the housing condition of members of the local community who could not otherwise afford to do so. The three beneficiaries identified - with the help of a trusted school contractor - had disabilities that limited their ability to earn sufficiently to fund the necessary house renovations themselves, or did not have a steady source of income for their own sustenance. Their houses were in various states of disrepair, posing serious threats to their safety, especially during the seasons of inclement weather in Kodaikanal. When the renovations are done, we hope there will be a vast and long-lasting improvement in their living conditions.

The budget for the project is as follows:

Description of Work	Total Cost in US\$
Building and Labor House #1	\$3,570
Building and Labor House #2	\$906
Building and Labor House #3	\$1,262
Student Transport for all three house projects	\$127
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,152</b>

## Post COVID Relief and Wellness in Schools Project | \$5,674

The Post COVID Relief and Wellness Project intends to address the potential challenges brought about due to COVID and help in capacity building of four schools already supported by KIS and KFI as part of the 'Education in Kodai' program. The focus of the project is School Health and Wellness mainly because of the geographic location of Kodaikanal and surrounding towns. Since the schools are located on top of the hill, quick access to hospitals in case of emergency is difficult and unpredictable due to distances to hospitals, road conditions and traffic. Therefore, it is important for schools to have the necessary equipment and at least a couple of teachers who are trained to be first responders in emergencies.

Apart from that, certain government initiatives such as the School Health and Wellness Program under the National Health Mission might not be successfully implemented in local schools of Kodaikanal due to lack of resources. The project includes assessing and targeting the needs of schools where students might have been affected directly or indirectly by COVID. Once the needs are assessed, doctors and experts will be consulted to understand the best steps to be taken to address their concerns and issues. The project will include building the capacity of local schools in Kodaikanal through workshops where KIS students will participate and give support. The main target group are school administrators, teachers and students. In the long-term, this project will help empower the local community to be self-sufficient in terms of responding to emergency situations such as a Pandemic.

The budget for the project is as follows:

Description of Work	Total Cost in US\$
Emergency Response Training (40-50 Teachers)	\$721
Emergency Response Medical Kit x 4 (Rs 60,000 each)	\$2,885
Health and Wellness Equipment x 4 (Rs 40,000 each)	\$1,924
Miscellaneous	\$144
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5674</b>



## Experts in Residence Math Volunteer | \$2,172

Dr William Martin, an alumnus and expert in the field of Mathematics, volunteered in KIS for one semester from January 2024-May 2024. This meets the objectives of the Experts in Residence Program which enable volunteers to work directly with KIS students and staff, expanding their knowledge, enriching their learning, and connecting all to real-world disciplines and practices. This program specifically funds experts and industry professionals for a semester at KIS.

Dr. Martin brought specialized knowledge and skills in the field of Mathematics, providing students insights beyond the standard curriculum. He enriched the learning experience for both the Math faculty and students by introducing advanced topics and cutting-edge developments in the field.

KFI's contribution was for the airfare for Dr. Martin to travel from the US to India for his semester in KIS.

## KIS Development Office (carried over from 2022-23 Grant)

With KFI's support, the Development Office's strategies have not only significantly enhanced the international visibility of KIS but have also directly contributed to the growth and diversity of the student body, reinforced bonds with alumni worldwide, and successfully rallied support for critical development projects. KIS has had a significant surge of interest from educational institutions worldwide regarding immersion programs at the Center for Environment and Humanity. Ongoing dialogues are taking place with 14 institutions from 7 different countries. Immersion programs offer a multitude of benefits, including a revenue stream for KIS and CEH as well as facilitating meaningful interactions between KIS students, academic staff, and international faculty and students.

The Development Office also worked on creating more compelling content created in-house to enhance social media platforms and email marketing campaigns. The content focuses on dynamic and inviting presentations of school life that offer a glimpse into the vibrant campus atmosphere and KIS's educational philosophy.

New video content has been instrumental in cultivating a sense of community and belonging among current students and alumni. Two particular videos have stood out for their exceptional reach and engagement: Check out these videos: [KIS Instagram Reel](#) and [KIS Campus Life](#)

One of the highlights of the Development Office's fundraising efforts was the Sky Island Exhibition, a highly successful flagship event featuring the Palani Hills photography of Ian Lockwood (Class of 1988). The Sky Islands exhibition debuted at the renowned Piramal Art Gallery in Mumbai and extended its showcase from November 23rd to December 3rd, 2023. Over 300 distinguished guests, including high-profile individuals, influencers, esteemed environmental leaders, and many members of the KIS parent and alumni community attended the opening night. The exhibition was a powerful way to help us protect the Palani Hills and maintain the biodiversity of the Western Ghats by raising significant funds for the KIS Center for Environment and Humanity. Ian's blog provides a great behind-the-scenes perspective of the gallery launch and exhibition: <https://ianlockwood.blog/2023/12/31/sky-islands-in-mumbai/>

As part of the larger ten-day program, Ian gave a lecture at two venues entitled "Sky Island Landscapes of the South Indian and Sri Lankan Biodiversity Hotspots." Staff from KIS held nine workshops at various Mumbai schools that explored the importance of the rich biodiversity of the Western Ghats. These workshops provided a great opportunity for students in Mumbai to understand the intricate relationship between urban life and the surrounding environment, and enabled KIS to network with schools in the area.

The media coverage of this event was exceptionally widespread, attracting attention from numerous prestigious publications even before the opening night. Notable mentions include India Today, Open Magazine, The Indian Express, Mid-



Day, NCPA On Stage Magazine, Elle India, Elle Decor, Grazia, and Platform, among others. Following the opening night, the press release was enthusiastically received by over 31 national and international media outlets. This extensive coverage underscores the significant interest and impact this event has had across the globe. Follow this link to read a full media report: [Sky Islands Media Monitoring Report](#), and to access pictures of the event, click on this link: [Sky Islands Photographs](#)

The Development Office has worked over the past year with great success to enhance Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) donations for KIS. They will be launching a digital marketing campaign targeting all parents and alumni based in India to scale up our efforts. This is a significant area of opportunity to develop, and many alumni working in India would be able to support this engagement with companies. The campaign was launched nationally to all Alumni and past/current parents residing in India in April 2024 along with a video highlighting impacts of past CSR funded projects - you can view [video Partner with KIS | Invest today. Empower tomorrow.](#)

The Financial Report as of May 2024 for the \$67,000 approved in June 2023 for 2023-24 Fiscal Year is as follows:

Consultancy Fees	\$10,000
Travel	\$11,618
CRM and Software	\$11,395
Remaining funds at KIS	\$10,487
<b>Amount Still to be Disbursed to KIS</b>	<b>\$23,500</b>

## KIS Center for Environment and Humanity (carried over from 2022-23 Grant)

The CEH embarked on a project with KFI's funding, focused on applying the principles of Regenerative Agriculture. The aim is to use the entire outdoor space at CEH to offer an immersive learning experience on the intersection between agriculture and biodiversity. The campus will provide a visitor journey that demonstrates sustainable farming, backyard biodiversity, conservation, climate resilience, carbon sequestration, soil and water management, and self-sustenance. CEH has collaborated with permaculture and regenerative agriculture experts in Year 1 of the Food Forest project, and now has a detailed design for the outdoor space where visitors will learn about food, farming, and biodiversity within the context of the Palani Hills. A layout plan has been devised, and is currently being implemented at the CEH campus. The outdoor space at the campus is divided into zones to mimic habitats and land-use patterns in the Palani Hills. Following is a short description of some of these zones:

A Shola zone is being maintained at CEH with a vision of Biodiversity conservation and to understand the unique ecosystem of Palani hills. We have trees which are both five years old and 18 months old in this area - adding to a total of 35 trees. A nursery housing 520 Shola saplings of 18 distinct species is currently under maintenance at CEH within the Shola Zone. Adequate shade facilities have been established to ensure optimal growth conditions. Periodic relocation of the Shola saplings is undertaken to prevent root entanglement with the ground, supplemented by regular applications of manure, manual weeding, and consistent watering practices. Seeds of rare and endangered shola saplings will be collected during the seeding season to germinate more saplings for the nursery.

In preparation for the montane grassland zone, Iiti Maloney and Dr. Uma Maheswari visited a native grassland nursery in Ooty, under the guidance of botanist and grassland nursery pioneer Vasanth Bosco. This visit offered valuable insights into the setup and upkeep of native grassland nurseries. The ground staff are currently clearing existing exotic grass and laying the groundwork for the upcoming native grassland nursery and grassland patch.

The Fruit zone demonstrates the extensive array of fruit trees that thrive in this climate. The fruit orchard, showcasing a diverse range of species, is planted using a multistoried cropping system to effectively use space and nutrients to ensure continuous harvests and sustainable production. To maximize space and nutrient use, these fruit trees are intercropped with sweet potatoes, strawberries, and pineapples and elite varieties of blueberries from Dehradun.

In the farming zone, the CEH experiments and demonstrates cultivation practices in both raised beds and conventional beds adopting regenerative agricultural principles. 12 raised beds were constructed using waste materials from the KIS recycling unit, salvaged timber from fallen trees within the campus, sods, and metal sheets. These beds were filled with campus-sourced wooden logs, plant waste, and a top layer consisting of a blend of compost, biochar, farmyard manure (FYM), and black soil. Following regenerative agricultural principles such as no-till farming, crop rotation and mulching, a variety of vegetables were grown for the KIS community.

A geodesic dome, crafted by KIS students, functions as a facility for growing warm-weather and out-of-season vegetable crops. Furthermore, the geodome serves as a nursery for cultivating seedlings such as broccoli, capsicum, cabbage, and others. CEH has implemented a sprinkler irrigation system in the farming zone, equipped with a manual on/off mechanism. It is operated based on the soil moisture content, with irrigation being initiated when the soil moisture level reaches approximately 40%. At CEH, a locally crafted metal oven produces biochar from wattle, eucalyptus and pine. After a lengthy process, the resulting biochar is applied to the crops, along with compost from CEH's compost pit.

To illustrate the effects of non-native species and timber plantation on the Palani Hills landscape, an invasive species zone has been established. This zone features Himalayan Cherry blossom, Wattle, and Pine trees, serving as a tangible demonstration of their impact.



The Financial Report as of May 2024 for the \$49,912 approved in June 2023 for 2023-24 Fiscal Year is as follows:

Farming and Garden inputs	\$719
Farm consultant	\$4,184
Field operations	\$3,971
Educations Content Creation	\$126
Garden Inputs	\$2,244
<b>Remaining funds at KIS</b>	<b>\$38,668</b>

### Smokeless Stoves Project (carried over from 2022-23 Grant)

The smokeless stove initiative aims to offer a cost-effective and wholesome substitute for the conventional wood-burning stoves used in households in the rural villages near Kodaikanal. The conventional stoves used in these settlements do not have an exit channel for the smoke to pass out of, as a result, smoke fills the space, making it an unsafe environment to live in.

Each week, four students have gone to one/two homes to install the smokeless stove. As of the latest update, a total of 22 smokeless stoves have been successfully installed in households within the local villages in and around Kodaikanal. Every member of the NHS which includes 35 students has been involved in the installation of at least 1 smokeless stove.

The Financial Report as of May 2024 for the \$1,500 approved in June 2023 is as follows:

Smokeless Stove installation	\$860
<b>Remaining funds at KIS</b>	<b>\$640</b>



### Faculty Awards Program (carried over from 2022-23 Grant)

The **English Department** at KIS has been utilising funds made available by the newly instituted Alice Edwin English prize- a subject award that was started by KIS students from the '70s and '80s, who have set up a fund in honor of Ms Alice Edwin, an old teacher at KIS.

KFI support was given to 11 KIS students to travel to the world famous Jaipur Literature Festival, giving them the opportunity to listen to and engage with contemporary literary conversation. The students were able to attend two days of the festival where they came face to face with writers, thinkers, and political figures. Later, two students summarized their experience during a presentation at a High School assembly.

Another activity under this grant was the Vanam Diaries, which was an interdepartmental initiative between the English department and the Centre for Environment and Humanity (CEH). It provided students with the opportunity to engage with the local community in and around Kodaikanal and then respond to their interaction in the form of writing, sketching and/or other creative mediums. Thirty KIS students were given the opportunity to pursue a relevant story, guided by the expertise of the staff at CEH. This took the form of field excursions to interview various individuals engaged in a range of professions and visit local farms and forests. This was followed by the writing stage where students worked closely with two English teachers to produce content that culminated in the publication of two editions of *Vanam Diaries*.

### 2024 Alice Edwin English Award – Navya Shah, Grade 12

Navya has consistently displayed a keen interest in language and literature. She has a knack for delving deeper into the aesthetics of language and establishing their relationship with human perspectives. Navya's insightful and creative responses in every class discussion have offered a new dimension. Her inquiry into the question: *'How and what effect does Melanie Martinez portray hegemonic ideals of the female body through her use of symbols and cinematography?'* is deeply appreciated for its originality and challenging approach. No AI can create such an original piece of creative and critical thinking. Navya, with her dedication, devotion, and love for the subject will continue to scale new heights, and one day we are sure to welcome her back to school as an author of global repute.



The **Economics Department** at KIS has been using the KFI grant to give the Economics students a better understanding of the economics of various fields. Students took a field trip to Wood Briar Tea estate in Valparai. The topics explored on the trip were tea price bidding agents and exporters, as well as the cultivation and the production of tea.

Also, prestigious guest lecturers were invited to share their expertise with the students at KIS. The following experts shared their working experiences:

- A session with Ms Archana Seker, an NGO activist from Chennai, on environmental degradation due to a firm's irresponsible act, specifically Pond's Company - Mercury dump in Kodaikanal. The learning objectives included the Corporate Social Responsibility of firms and their positive/negative impacts on the society, environment and the sustainable development.
- A session with Mushfiq Mobarak (Class of '94), from Yale University. This session concentrated on the importance of Economic Development in developing projects in the LDC (least developed countries) - in context to Sierra Leone and Bangladesh
- Two sessions were conducted with Glenn Roger (Class of '74). One was on the Impact of Economic slowdown on Cataclysm. The other discussed the problems of the LDC in exports in relation to onion exports from Niger to Ivory Coast were among the topics.
- A session with Murali Sundaram (Class of '87), a successful farmer and exporter of pickled vegetables. This session discussed the sustainability of farming and exporting of these products.

### 2024 Martin Engelbrecht Economics Award – Priyansh Beniwal, Grade 12

Priyansh's dedication and passion for economics are truly commendable. His attentiveness, hard work, and humility set a remarkable example for his peers. It's inspiring to witness how his interest in economics has flourished since grade 6, especially after hearing the family struggle during challenging economic times - The Recession 2008. His commitment to learning and growing is evident in every assignment he undertakes. He has been enthusiastic towards economics in the class, field trip to Valparai & Cochin, during the sessions on Rural development by our alum Mr Musfiq Mobarak or for the Sustainable Agriculture forum with Mr Murali Sundaram. Priyansh is ever willing to volunteer help out in any which way he is asked to.

The Financial Report as of May 2024 for the \$10.218 approved in January 2023 is as follows:



Travel English Dept to Jaipur	\$2,359
Vanam Diaries production	\$953
Travel Economics Dept field trip	\$280
Economics Dept visiting experts	\$308
Remaining funds at KIS	\$6,318
<b>Travel English Dept to Jaipur</b>	<b>\$2,359</b>

## KIS Scholarships (Report of Grants awarded in 2022-23 for 2023-24 Academic Year)

**Stem Scholarship** - The recipient of the STEM scholarship for 2023–2025 is Vedika Dave. Vedika’s teachers describe her as a thinker and a communicator. A disciplined learner, Vedika has been punctual, attentive and hard-working in all her classes, especially enjoying Biology as subject that she hopes to major in. Vedika was also seen actively participating in extra-curricular activities especially those that involved dancing. With a GPA of 3.48, Vedika has a lot of potential and has been proactive in reaching out to her teachers for guidance and support.

*“Coming to KIS has been an eye-opening experience for me! I have made friends from so many different backgrounds, the IBDP is challenging and enriching and has demanded a lot from me, however I feel like I am strongly growing in my knowledge and my ability to think and communicate critically. I am thoroughly enjoying my semester at KIS and I cannot believe I am finishing a year here already. I sincerely thank all my donors for making this dream of mine, a reality”*

2023 Academic Year recipient, Vedika Dave



**Dennis Lettenmaier Scholarship** - The recipient of the Scholarship funded by Dennis Lettenmaier for the academic year 2023–2024 is Navya Hariharan. Navya is a Grade 10 student at KIS who is best described as an all-rounder. A wonderful student in class, a musician, an artist and a hiker - Navya is sincere in everything she does! Navya’s teachers appreciate her caring attitude and self-management skills, making her a valuable addition and a strong and empathetic leader in classrooms and peer settings. With a GPA of 3.8, Navya is looking forward to embarking on her IBDP program where she plans to study English, Biology and Chemistry at Higher Levels.



*“In my valuable time at KIS, each day felt like a new opportunity to learn more about the world we live in, in both an academic and personal aspect of thinking. The environment of KIS provides a student with not only a world of natural beauty with its flora and fauna but also a nurturing habitat to foster learning and creativity within a student. With the exposure of students to new cultural groups and communities, one develops a more open-minded holistic approach to thinking. I believe that staying in KIS had truly changed me for the better. It made me exit my comfort zone and enter a world where you learn not only within a classroom but also from the people around you and the situations that you are put in. I learned several lessons such as critical thinking as a global citizen, staying disciplined with academic endeavors, being committed to long-term friendships, and simply maintaining a balance between academics, mental health, social life, and fitness. I am deeply grateful to be offered this opportunity to stay at KIS, by lifting a portion of the financial burden on my parents’ shoulders. KIS is truly a school the world needs and I am extremely privileged to be a member of the KIS family.”*

2023 Academic Year recipient, Navya Hariharan

## The Russell DeValois Scholarship (Report of Grant awarded in 2022-23 for 2023-24 Academic Year)

The recipient of the RDV scholarship for 2023–24 is Anoushka Moudgil. Anushka is a sincere and diligent student who has been making exceptional progress in the IBDP program. With a GPA of 3.928, Anushka is driven and committed towards her subjects, particularly enjoying her Sciences - Biology and Chemistry. Anushka has a strong interest in Piano and her teacher describes her as highly focused and attentive in her lessons and sincere with her practice.

In her own words:

*“As I approach closure of Grade-11 at KIS, I very fondly look back to the time spent at this prestigious institution. A dispassionate introspection made me realise that this time has been very fruitful for me both on personal and professional fronts. On one hand, I have undergone serious professional growth in academics as well as extracurriculars, whilst on a personal front, I have made new friends and have had unforgettable memories while learning under very sincere mentors. I am ever so glad for this wonderful opportunity provided and look forward to making the most of it!”*

2023 Academic Year recipient, Anoushka Moudgil

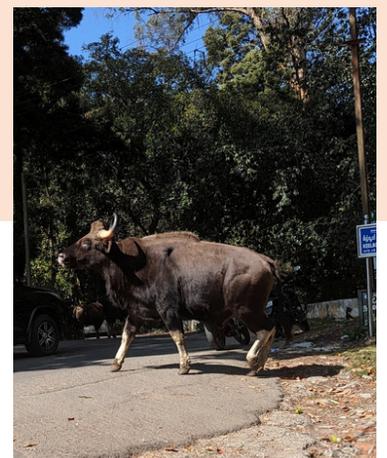
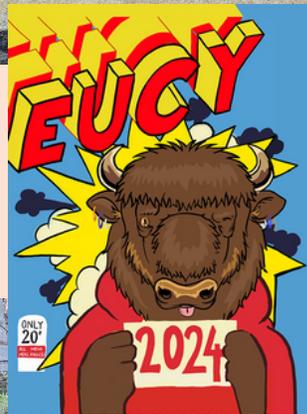
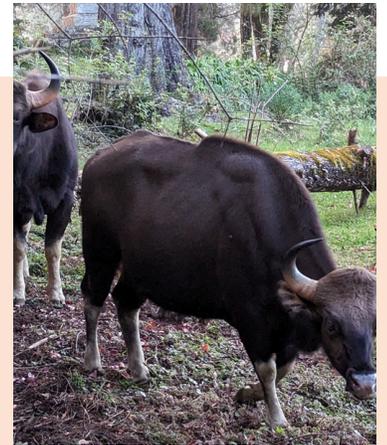




### The DeJong Music Award (for Graduating Class of 2024)

The recipient for the DeJong Music Award was awarded to two students showing promise in music in further studies. Abhishek Andrews and Noah Joel were each given \$750 at the 2024 Awards Assembly. This will be sent to KIS when the FCRA application has gone through.

For more detailed reports, click [here](#).





## 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, 2023 and June 30, 2024. Their generosity enabled KFI to provide important grants to support its mission. Donors who contributed after June 30, 2024 will be acknowledged in the 2024-2025 KFI Annual Report.

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

### \$75,000

Esther Rollen, 1967

### \$50,000

Maureen Aung Thwin, 1966

### \$10,000

Akhilesh Rathore, 1987

### \$5,000-\$9,999

Rustom Khandalavala, 1988  
Dennis Lettenmaier, F  
Len Betz, 1971  
Presbyterian Foundation, F  
Presbyterian Church (USA), F  
Raoul-Sam Daruwala, '87

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

Louise Cummings FS, GP  
John Mackay, 1952  
Norman Thoms, 1951  
James & Evelyn Estes, FS, P  
David Otten, 1969  
Cynthia Beals, S  
Timothy Barth, 1974  
Jaegap Chung, 1990  
Elizabeth Segovis, F  
Daniella Turney, 1993  
Lyn Krause, 1966. KFI  
Beth Christman, 1973  
Peter Jenks, FS  
Ellen Terwilliger, 1974  
Karl Seibert, 1974  
Stephen (Mark) Bullard, 1980  
Macquarie Fusion, F

### \$500-\$999

Nelson Hoffman, 1966  
Sylvia Rogers, 1973, KFI  
Ryan Turse, F  
Aadarsh Teli, F  
Jahnvi Munagala, F  
Aakanksha Kuwar, F  
Marisa Guerrero, F  
Sarah Griffiths, F  
Dhriti Gaur, F  
Elizabeth Carr, F  
Kunal Kapoor, 1993  
Nadia Noorani, F  
Priya Tandon-Rajkumar, 1986  
Kavitha Mediratta, FS

### \$500-\$999 (continued)

Lauren Martens, F  
Teresa Teves, 1976  
Kristina Aier, 2001, KFI  
Sunil Desai, 1983  
Basil Manns, 1963  
Ronald Koepke, 19966  
Jacquelyn Brooks, FS  
Wendy & Kris Riber, FS  
Sarita Patel, 1983

### \$250-\$499

Shyama Rosenfeld, 1986  
Gary Root, 1972  
Kurt Althouse, 1981  
John Gipson, 1973  
Juntanee Krongboonying, 1976  
Shrikant Ramamurthy, 1980  
Frank Emerson, 1956  
Sandra Gass 1983  
Louise Riber, 1973, KFI  
Stan King, 1957  
Rebecca Trautmann, 1968  
Bill Martin, 1970  
Bill Hagstad, 1970  
John Nyce, FS, P  
Mary Lowry, 1964  
Miriam McCreary, 1951  
Joseph Rittmann, 1966  
Meenakshi Rao, 1974  
Siddharth Gore, 2013, KFI  
Joanna Itoh, 1971  
Chitra Chadhokar, 1983  
Sheriar Jamshedji, 1986  
Margaret Greene, 1979, KFI  
Rebecca Purves, 1963  
Ian Oliver, FS  
Gerald Nichol, FS, P, GP  
Akshay Birla, WS 2005  
Jagat Sheth, 1987

### \$100-\$249

Rani Vande Berg, 1966  
Gita Mehrabani, 1983  
Mona Oommen, 1983  
Beth Caldwell, 1956  
Mark Tegenfeldt, 1990  
Edwin Tegenfeldt, 1956, FS, P  
Lorraine Nordlinger, F

### \$100-\$249 (continued)

Jewel Birdwell, 1968  
Vijay Naidu, 1986  
Edwin Martin, 1959  
Sara Klemmer, 1963  
Bernadette Aleong, 1986  
Charles Gosselink, 1953  
Atreyee Phukan, 1992  
Jean Vanberg, F  
Jonathan Rudd, 1983  
Viveka Malani, 1983  
Nari Maidl, F  
Claire Gilbert, F  
Jan and Larry Drury, F  
Noorsha Biabani, 1983  
Adalbert Toepel, F  
Carolyn Hellberg, F  
Jacob Kriss, 2003  
Shahram Ghandeharizadeh, 1983  
Mark Black, 1974  
Timothy Ramer, 1979  
Cheryl Dosey, 1968  
Martin Messick, 1983  
Khaishoon Basrai, 1983  
Keith Wiebe, 1980  
George Thompson, 1952  
Steven Scruggs, 1980  
David Rogers, 1960  
Emily Jeske, 1963  
Claudia Trautmann, 1970  
Wayne and Kathy Beckwith, FS  
Kiminari Onodera, 1996  
Cheryl Habesland, 1976  
Janice Green, FS  
Tina Vasvani, 1985  
Ross Taylor, F  
Hans-Martin Speck-Ribbat, 1962  
Earl Sakrison, F  
Henry Nicols, F  
Helga Kromp-Kolb, 1966  
Ellen Walter, FS  
Joy Pickard, 1973, P  
Muriel King, 1953  
Prantik Nag, 1986  
Luis and Karin Manta, 1983  
Shiv Narayan, 1995, KFI

### Under \$100

Peter Wyeth, 1961  
Shirley Kocher, 1949  
Marcy Snell, F  
Sterling Scott, 1973  
Wilbert Gesler, 1958  
Joel Otten, 1977  
Barbara Jones, 1977  
Akiko Wanaka 1988  
Preseedha Menon, 1996  
Marion Greene, 1988  
Christine Schmitthenner, 1972  
Rob Ramer, 1970  
Esa Merson, F  
Anuradha Kumar, 1996  
Saju Abraham, 1993  
Judith Kessler, FS, P  
Helen Kline, 1964  
Wendy Hamilton, 1983  
Sangeetha Muthaih, 2011  
John Riber, 1973  
Ayman Siraj, 2014  
Mathew Joseph, FS  
Sally Mullaney, F  
Joseph Kessler, 1981  
Eileen Reimer, 1974  
Monisha Mukhija, 2007  
Ted Essebaggers, 1959  
Carol Lee, 1961  
Rahfat Hussain, 1987

Thank  
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## Sustaining Members for 2023-2024

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 [DONATE](#). 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 at 216 Viewcrest Rd. Bellingham, 98229. Sustaining memberships may also be established through Employee Giving Programs.

Akshay Birla WS '05  
Louise Cummings FS, GP  
James Estes & Evelyn FS, P  
Raoul-Sam Daruwala '87  
Bill Hagstad & Mary Beth '70  
Bill Martin & Chris '70 FS, P  
Prantik Nag & Deepa '86  
Louise Riber '73  
Priya Tandon-Rajkumar '86  
Jagat Sheth & Kiran '87



## In Honor of

### Class of 1983

By Sarita Patel '83  
By Sunil Desai '83  
By Chitra Chadhokar '83  
By Sandra Gass '83  
By Gita Mehrabni '83  
By Mona Oommen '83  
By Khaishoon Basrai '83

By Nooresha Biabani '83  
By Shahram Ghandeharizadeh '83  
By Viveka Malani '83  
By Martin Messick '83  
By Jonathan Rudd '83  
By Wendy Hamilton '83

### Class of 1973

By Beth Christman '73  
By John Gipson '73  
By Louise Riber '73

### Alumni Office Staff

By Sandra Gass '83  
By Claudia Trantmann '70

### Class of 1968

By Rebecca Trautmann '68

### Carbon Offset

By Joseph Rittmann '66

### Beth Caldwell '56

By Sara Klemmer '63

### Sara Klemmer '91

By Beth Caldwell '56

## In Memory of

Bernice (Myskens) Lettenmaier '40

By Dennis Lettenmaier  
By Presbyterian Foundation, F

Neal Stixrud FS

By Peter Jenks, FS  
By Sheriar Jamshedji '86  
By Gerald Nichol, FS, P  
By Edwin Tegenfeldt, FS, P  
By Wayne and Kathy Beckwith, FS  
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By Claire Gilbert, F  
By Carolyn Helberg, F  
By Nari Maidl, F  
By Adalbert Toepel, F  
By Jean Vanberg, F

Neal Stixrud FS (continued)

By Earl Sakrison, F  
By Ross Taylor, F  
By Marcy Snell, F  
By Judith Kessler, FS  
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Anita Trautmann FS, P  
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Elle Carman MacDonald '53  
By Muriel King '53

# Treasurer's Report



## KFI Treasurer's Annual Report for 2023-24

For the fiscal year ending June 2024, the investment portfolio of Kodai Friends International (KFI) experienced a notable period of growth, reflecting the improved performance of the US and global financial markets. The S&P 500, a key benchmark, generated a strong return of 25% during this period, signaling robust recovery and growth in US equities. This performance was driven by a combination of positive corporate earnings, investor sentiment, and the broader economic recovery as inflationary pressures showed signs of easing.

In response to shifting economic conditions, the Federal Reserve began reducing interest rates. Expectations were for rates drop, and while there was an initial period of decreases, rates have held steady amid mixed inflationary pressures. The combination of strong markets with steady interest rates created favorable conditions for both capital appreciation and income generation in the portfolio.

KFI implemented a strategic portfolio rebalancing, shifting assets from US equities into international markets, including developed and emerging markets. The rebalancing was a result of the relative outperformance of the US markets in the last decade, and was consistent with the portfolio's investment policy. While the rebalancing helped mitigate exposure to a concentrated US market, its timing somewhat limited the portfolio's gains given the outperformance of the US markets. Nevertheless, the portfolio managed to gain back its 15% loss from 2022 and crossed its historical highs in 2021 for the first time in 3 years.

At the close of the fiscal year, the portfolio stands at approximately \$3.9 million, reflecting a steady and measured growth trajectory. The portfolio has made significant strides in the 2024 fiscal year, but it has taken time to regain lost ground from 2021, during the challenging period of heightened volatility and market adjustments.

Looking ahead, we remain cautiously optimistic. The outlook for fiscal year 2025 suggests a continuation of favorable economic conditions, though potential risks remain, particularly in global markets and domestic policy. As inflation continues to send mixed signals and interest rates remain a key focal point for the Federal Reserve, KFI's investment strategy will continue to focus on balancing risk, opportunity, and long-term sustainability.

## Donations and Administration

In fiscal year 2024, KFI saw remarkable strength in its donations, which rose 31% over fiscal 2023 levels and 142% over 2022. This growth reflects continued success from the strategic initiatives undertaken by the Kodai School Development Office, led by Principal Corey Stixrud, and the dedicated efforts to engage with alumni, businesses, and donors across the globe.

A key driver of the increased support for KFI has been the several business development and alumni engagement initiatives during the year. Notably, events like the Sky Islands Exhibition, which emphasized the school's commitment to environmental sustainability, not only generated awareness but also significantly boosted alumni engagement. These initiatives have fostered a deeper connection between donors and the school's mission, leading to a higher volume of larger donations, with the average donation size more than doubling compared to previous years.

### 2023-24 Financial Statements for Kodai Friends International, Inc.

#### Statements of Financial Position

June 30, 2024	2024	2023
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	157,829	187,082
Accounts receivable	3,459	3,537
Investments	3,858,394	3,327,236
Beneficial interest in charitable trust	82,243	81,251
Cash surrender value of life insurance	16,853	16,393
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>4,118,778</b>	<b>3,615,499</b>

#### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

##### LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	468	304
Related party grants payable	33,500	126,137
Accrued expenses	2,205	2,897
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>36,173</b>	<b>129,338</b>

##### NET ASSETS

Without Donor Restrictions	3,680,430	3,221,084
With Donor Restrictions	402,075	265,077
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>4,082,505</b>	<b>3,486,161</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>4,118,678</b>	<b>3,615,499</b>

KFI continues to maintain a robust liquidity position, ensuring it can fund its small operational costs as well as all grants approved by the KFI Board, in close collaboration with both the Kodai Council and Kodai School management. This steady financial footing has enabled KFI to fulfill its mission of supporting the school's needs beyond the scope of fee-based revenue.

Furthermore, the ongoing partnership between KFI and Kodaikanal School remains strong, with increased cooperation and a shared commitment to the school's vision. Kodaikanal School's rising national profile in India, driven by its educational excellence and student experience, continues to elevate the institution's standing in the broader educational landscape.

As we look ahead, KFI stands poised to continue as a vital funding source for the school, helping to address its needs and enhance its long-term sustainability. While we explore tactical strategies to address the recent FCRA restrictions imposed by the government of India, we are positive on the long-term direction of KFI and its ability to execute on its mission, to serve KIS.

Shiv Narayan  
Treasurer, KFI

## Statement of Activities

	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	TOTAL
<b>REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>			
Contributions	36,031	191,927	227,958
Investment Income	439,653	-	439,653
Gain on beneficial interest in charitable trust	992	-	992
Gain on donated life insurance policy	360	-	360
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>477,036</b>	<b>191,927</b>	<b>668,963</b>
Net assets released from restrictions	54,929	(54,929)	-
<b>Total revenue, gains &amp; other support</b>	<b>531,965</b>	<b>136,998</b>	<b>668,963</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Program	23,091	-	23,091
General and Administrative	40,656	-	40,656
Fundraising	8,872	-	8,872
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>72,619</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>72,619</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>459,346</b>	<b>136,998</b>	<b>596,344</b>
<b>Net Assets-beginning of year</b>	<b>3,221,084</b>	<b>265,077</b>	<b>3,486,161</b>
<b>Net Assets - end of year</b>	<b>3,680,430</b>	<b>402,075</b>	<b>4,082,505</b>

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

# 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:**

Fund a Need is a “where needed” fund which enables KFI to support projects, programs and scholarships:

- for needs beyond established temporarily restricted funds
- the resources to top off current temporarily restricted funds
- funds for new initiatives
- administrative expenses

Fund a Need is the only unrestricted fund basket, with oversight provided by Kodai Friends International.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES**

**KIS Scholarship Fund:** Initiated by Kodai Woodstock International, the Kodaikanal International School Scholarship Fund, formerly the KFI Global Citizen Scholarship Fund, was established during Kodaikanal International School’s (KIS) centennial year celebrations and has grown over the years to allow families in financial difficulty or from diverse backgrounds to send their children to KIS, providing them with an opportunity to receive a world-class education. To be eligible for a scholarship, candidates must demonstrate both financial need as well as academic excellence. Scholarship students will receive a free or a generously subsidized education for two or more of their high school years at KIS.

**KIS South East Asian Regional Scholarship (SEAR):** The SEAR Scholarship is presented annually to two deserving students from the Southeast Asian region, initially being granted to students of Burmese origin entering Grade 11 at KIS. These students are recognized for their exceptional personal character, outstanding academic achievements, and unwavering determination to overcome challenges. The scholarship seeks individuals who not only strive for personal success but also demonstrate a profound commitment to making a positive impact on their communities. This scholarship has been initiated by KIS Alumna Ms. Maureen Aung-Thwin (’66) in loving memory of her mother, Margaret Aung-Thwin, a dedicated educator and former KIS faculty member.

**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 cash music award is given annually to two outstanding KIS Grade 12 music students to help in their future musical studies. In addition, funds can be granted to provide financial assistance for deserving students to attend music field trips or for additional instrument lessons.

## **ENVIRONMENT AND HUMANITY**

### **KIS Center for Environment and Humanity:**

The KIS Center for Environment and Humanity (CEH) is dedicated to fostering environmental awareness, education, and action in Kodaikanal and its surrounding communities. The CEH aims to engage students, local residents, visitors, and decision-makers in understanding the unique ecology of the Palani Hills, the threats it faces, and the sustainability practices necessary for local and global environmental protection. The CEH offers experiential learning programs, research opportunities, and leads community-driven conservation projects, all designed to develop practical solutions to pressing environmental issues. Some of the important programs run by the center include waste management, regenerative agriculture, climate change and biodiversity. Funds raised for this program will support key initiatives in waste management, conservation, restoration, and environmental education at KIS and in the Kodaikanal community.

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

The Social & Environment Experience Department (SEED) Priorities Program was established in recognition of a cherished classmate, Maj StormoGipson (’74), who left the world too soon. Through the Social and Environmental Experience Department (SEED), KIS actively engages in initiatives that foster meaningful interactions between the students and the Kodai community, mutually enriching both parties. By integrating real-world experiences, the KIS Social Experience program blends comprehensive classroom teaching with a variety of community-oriented programs and activities. Participating in this program not only helps students to engage thoughtfully with others and respect the natural world, but it also prepares them to be responsible local and global citizens. The objectives of the SEE Department Priorities Program is to accelerate experimentation and learning to achieve the KIS Social and Environment Experience Department (SEED) learning priorities. This would include the curricula-related priorities as well as other capacity building priorities, including staff training.

## Community Fund

Through the Social and Environmental Experience (SEED) department, KIS actively engages in initiatives that foster meaningful interactions between students and the Kodai community, mutually enriching both parties. By integrating real-world experiences, the KIS Social Experience program blends comprehensive classroom teaching with a variety of community-oriented programs and activities. Participating in this program not only helps KIS students engage thoughtfully with others and respect the natural world, it also prepares them to be responsible local and global citizens.

## ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

### KIS Music Department:

The Music Department has been one of KIS's strong programs since the beginning. KIS offers a variety of instrument lessons as well as Band, Chorus and other music groups as part of the curriculum. The exceptional music program at KIS has created and nurtured talent across the student body, and many students from KIS go on to further studies in music. A donation to the Music Department allows the continuation of this excellence, including buying instruments, field trips for music students, musical performances, both locally and nationally, as well as making sure that KIS maintains the best teachers in the music field. The funds in this basket will go directly to the Music Department to maintain a vibrant and varied music program to bring out the talent within the KIS students.

### KIS Faculty Prizes:

This temporarily restricted fund was initiated by alumni in honor of teachers who made an impact in their lives in the fields of English and Economics. Each Prize is a certificate of recognition, and each Prize is awarded to students who are recognized to be the top English and the top Economics students, respectively.

### KIS Design and Innovation Fund:

An education from Kodaikanal International School remains an environment of continuous learning through hands-on experiences. KIS believes students should be encouraged to explore, discover, invent and build through critical thinking, expert mentorship and collaborative spaces. This funding will help provide students with the opportunity to bring their ideas to life in a variety of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Maths (STEAM) forums and competitions.

**Excellence in Education Fund:** Teaching and learning practices are at the core of any educational institution. With the clear understanding that learning takes place in all facets of life at KIS, this fund is directed at making steady headways in educational excellence. In order to help students develop lifelong skills and attributes of learning, reflection, communication, and critical thinking, it is important that to enhance and extend the capabilities and capacity of the KIS faculty. It is necessary to consistently expand the commitment to building a culture of learning by ensuring that the school's pedagogical methods of instruction are impactful, engaging, and successful—both now and over the course of a student's lifetime.

**Sandra Schoeninger Center:** This temporarily restricted fund was originally established to support a Fitness Center at KIS in honor of Sandy Schoeninger, a transformative figure in the lives of generations of students at KIS. She personally designed and equipped the first workout space at KIS, shaping a nurturing community for all. Through her unwavering commitment to physical education she instilled values of self-discipline, teamwork, inclusivity, and integrity. The Program has now expanded to include a state of the art fitness center, a dance studio and a rock climbing/bouldering wall as well as upgrading the bleachers and the sound system at the Covered Courts. This will be a double story facility on the KIS main Campus. The entire facility will be named the Sandy Schoeninger Center - a multi-use facility that will embody her values and commitment to student development and provide an inspiring environment that reflects Ms. Schoeninger's spirit and fosters personal growth in all students.

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

See KIS's Strategic Priorities [HERE](#).



# Supporting Kodai Friends International

## 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 Kodaikanal 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.



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

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

Note that KFI is an IRS 501(c)3 tax exempt organization (EIN 20-3848565). Donations within the US and Canada are tax deductible.

- Online with Credit Card:
- Go to [https://www.kfi-us.org/?page\\_id=1089](https://www.kfi-us.org/?page_id=1089) - Select the fund you wish to support. If you would like to become a sustaining member, select "Recurring Donation".
- US Dollar Check: Make checks 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](mailto: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.

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

- Fund a Need
- KIS Scholarship Fund
- Keith DeJong Music Award and Scholarship
- The South East Asian Regional Scholarship (SEAR)
- KIS Center for Environment and Humanity
- Social & Environment Experience Department Priorities - Class of 1974 Legacy Project
- KIS Community Fund
- KIS Design & Innovation Fund
- KIS Music Department
- Faculty Prizes
- Excellence in Education Fund
- Sandra Schoeninger Center

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