



# Manjari Sankurathri Memorial Foundation

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**Summer Issue**

**MSMF Newsletter**

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## Greetings from MSMF

This year brought us a number of new challenges and new opportunities.

The first batch of grade 7 students from Sarada Vidyalayam wrote the entrance examination for admission into the public schools. The students did very well and they all got into grade 8. Now, we are monitoring these students regularly to see that they remain in the schools and progress well.

Srikiran Institute of Ophthalmology, had completed the implementation of one three year (1997 - 00) project, funded by Help the Aged Canada, the Wild Rose Foundation of Alberta and the Canadian International Development Agency and started another three year (2000 - 03) project, Progressive Elimination of Avoidable Blindness due to Cataract and Glaucoma.

The hospital is overcrowded. The demand for eye care services is increasing and the resources available are not adequate. Just to keep up with the rate of incidence for this region, the current rate of 1000 cataract extractions per month will have to be doubled. To manage glaucoma, another major cause of blindness, we need more resources. A plan is being drawn now for new construction to extend the hospital.

Good news is that we are now eligible for direct funding from CIDA and Canadian donations to MSMF qualify for matching purposes. This recognition by CIDA encourages us all.

*We Need Your Support*

*For the Construction and the Programs.*

*Thank You.*

## Public Engagement Programs

Anand, Rashmi, and Meena from the Venkateswaran family and Anuradha and Ravi from the Naimpally family grew up in Ottawa. Now, they are internationally well respected artists among the Indian Classical Music and Dance elite.



Anand Iyer, Rashmi and Meena Venkateswaran

On 25 March, in a concert Rashmi sang melodiously many rare compositions of several famous composers, while Meena accompanied her with deftness on the violin and Anand exhibited his mastery on the Mridangam. It was thrilling.



Anuradha Naimpally (Bajekal)

On 25 June, Anuradha's dance recital from Invocation to final Shanti padas was a stunning performance. She captivated the audience. The selection of music was excellent.

Ravi, an innovative Tabla player, played for Anuradha's dance and also during the intermission for an ecstatic audience.

*Dr. Stephen Inglis, DG, Canadian Museum of Civilization, was the Guest of Honor.*

Sarada Vidyalayam

We gratefully acknowledge the support we received from the following:



St. Gregory School.

During Lent, the students and staff of St. Gregory School, Nepean, On., have raised funds to support students' education at Sarada Vidyalayam.

For MSMF, Director . Michelle Dussault-Danis, accepted the donation from a student of St. Gregory.

Asha For Education NYC/NJ.

This year, Asha supported us with funds for the teachers' salaries.

The Hindu Society of Ottawa-Carleton.

The Hindu Society has kindly sponsored the education of 10 students.

*There are many individual donors, who are sponsoring students' education, their lunch program and uniforms.*

Telugu Literary Society of Manitoba

For the second successive year, the TLS has sponsored an eye camp. A total of 147 patients were examined and 51 women and 17 men have undergone cataract surgeries, all with IOL implants.



Srikiran Institute of Ophthalmology (SIO).

In March 2000, SIO has completed the AP/UP Primary Health Care and Training Program, a three year project funded by Help the Aged Canada, the Wild Rose Foundation of Alberta and the Canadian International Development Agency.



As implemented, most of the project's proposed objectives were realized and in some cases the results exceeded expectations:

No. of eye camps conducted	83
No. of villages covered	290
Population Covered	842,000
No. people screened	30,037
No. of surgeries performed	6,834
No. of surgeries with IOLs (96.6%)	6,602
No. of Ophthalmic Assistants trained	67
No. of Ophthalmologists on fellowship	8
No. of workshops for Ophthalmologists	7
No. of Ophthalmologists attended	213

On behalf of all of the project beneficiaries, and all of us from Srikiran and MSMF, we thank Help the Aged Canada, the Wild Rose Foundation of Alberta, the Canadian International Development Agency, and all of our donors from Canada and the USA.

THANK YOU ALL

There are many ways you can support the services we are providing for the rural poor. Please consult the enclosed Donation Form.

Your donation to MSMF qualifies for tax credits in Canada, and to EFA, our partner in the US, qualifies for tax exemption in the USA.

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