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A Charity Fundraising Program



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About AKKA Organization

Association of Kannada Kootas of America (AKKA) is a cultural not-for-profit organization (Tax ID: 59-352-7607) and it represents the Kannada speaking people from Karnataka State, India, who are settled in North America. The Purpose of the organization is to preserve & promote Kannada language, culture and to undertake charitable work. AKKA has donated several thousand dollars to many charitable causes including providing assistance to primary schools across Karnataka, Sankara Eye Hospital In Bangalore, Cloths, Toys and Children books for needy people of Karnataka. AKKA was established in 1998 and 30 or more Kannada Organizations from US and Canada are members of AKKA. There are nearly 70,000 Kannadigas in North America. For more information about AKKA organization, please visit website at:

www.akkaonline.org

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About AKKA Rasamanjari Program

We are very excited to see your participation at the AKKA Rasamanjari-2007 Charity program. Like this event, the Rasamanjari program has been organized in several cities across USA. The funds raised by this live program will be used to support orphan children of Karnataka under a theme “ಅನಾಥ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ, ‘ಅಕ್ಕ’ಳ ಆಶ್ರಯ”.

We are very thankful to the visiting artists from Karnataka for their time and effort for this noble cause. We believe that the most fortunate Kannada people in USA with the help of visiting talented artists can bring a smile to the less fortunate children of Karnataka.

The Rasamanjari program is being held in following cities:

Nov 03	Seattle
Nov 04	Southern California
Nov 09	Minnesota & Wisconsin
Nov 10	Detroit
Nov 11	Houston
Nov 17	Washington DC
Nov 18	New York & New Jersey Combined

How the funds will be utilized?

AKKA will work with the Rotary Club in Karnataka in identifying the orphanages in various districts of Karnataka. AKKA will short list of orphanages based on certain criteria including:

- The location of the orphanage (rural, urban, tribal, etc.)
- Current support the orphanage is receiving
- Current condition of the orphanage
- Number of pupils the orphanage
- Past track record of orphanage managerial aspects

Once the short list is made, we will work with the respective District Rotary Club to disburse and monitor the funds allocated. In addition to this list, if an individual(s) with large donation (the minimum amount to be determined) has a preference to support certain orphanage institution in Karnataka, AKKA will work with the individual(s) in that regard provided the receiving institution has Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) certificate.

Artists Profile



Richard Louis popularly known as Richy, a Story, Screen Play and dialogue writer and a well known theater actor personality. Known in the industry for more than 30 years he has been involved in many successful feature films, TV serials. Richy is one of the sought after theater personality in Kannada entertainment industry. Richy has acted in more than 55 shows and built a team of artists. Some of his stage dramas are **Sikku, Udbhava, Gullenari, Marichina Bandhugalu**. He has TV comedy programs **Haratte & Hasyotsva** on Udaya TV and E-TV channels; acted in more than 25 serials



Mysore Anand is known for his distinctive form of comedy on stage through mime and dance associated with songs. His cricket commentary and imitation of Michael Jackson dance's are the most popular stage gigs. He has given more than 1000 shows. And he has been in the field for more than 18 years. A very popular T.V and film artist has his base from theater. He is one of the few actors who can sing and use their body language to communicate comedy very affectively.

Artists Profile



Anu Prabhakar is one of the most talented actresses of Kannada film. Anu, first appeared as a child artist in the film 'Chapala Chennigaraya'. A born artiste, she has given several hit films including 'Hrudaya Hrudaya' (1999) her debut as a heroine. This charming beauty has won many a hearts with her suave smile and brilliant acting. Bangalore's Kolada Math honored Anu with the title 'Abhinaya Saraswathi' for her outstanding performance in various films and she has also won Kannada State Government best actress award 2000-01', 'Cinema Express best actress' etc. Anu is married to Krishna Kumar, son of veteran south Indian actress Jayanthi.

Sunil Rao started acting at the age of 5. First movie was **Kendada Male** and went on to act 12-13 movies as a child artist Sunil has also acted in many popular TV serials such as **Janani, Saadhane, Punarjanma, Bhagyachakra, Chaduranga, Manvantara, Bhageerathi** to name a few.



In 2002, he played the lead role in the Hindi/English movie. He also acted in an English film – The Six Inch red Ribbon, a short film promoting AIDS awareness. Started Kannada movie career in 2003-04 with the film **Preeti Prema Pranaya** followed by **Excuse Me** which went on to become a block-buster hit,

Apart from acting, Sunil is also a musician... Trained in Hindustani Classical Music Vocals and the Tabla, he is also a self-taught Drummer. He is currently hosting a music-based, talent hunt show called **Saptaswara**, on Kannada TV channel Kasturi.

Artists Profile



Lakshmi Narasimha Shastry is noted music director and play back singer from Kannada film music industry. L.N Shastry has sung over 1000 songs for Kannada and Telugu movies during past 17 years, and also has composed music for 19 Kannada movies. Known for his excellent singing talent, LN Shastry has won many awards including, Karnataka State Award as Best Playback Singer in the year 1996-97 for the movie "**Janumadha Jodi**",

Chitra Premigala Sangha Award as Best Playback Singer in the year 1996-97 for the movie "Janumadha Jodi", Kannada Chitra Rasikara Sangha Award as Best Playback Singer in the year 1993-94 for the movie "**Bhanda Nanna Ganda**", Ciniranjini Award as Best Playback Singer in the year 2004 for the movie "**Malla**", Srigandha Cini Award as Best Playback Singer in the year 2004 for the movie "Malla", Gold Film Award as Best Playback Singer in the year 1999 for the movie "**Kanasalu Neene Manasalu Neene**".

Dr. Shamitha Malnad is a noted singer in Kannada sugama sangeetha and film music. She has sung in variety of songs ranging from devotional, bhavageethe to western music in 11 different languages. Dr. Shamitha entered as a Cine Playback Singer from the movie **Ninnagaagi**



She has sung in about 160 Kannada movies, under all the leading music directors like Hamsalekha, Gurukiran, Rajesh, Ramanathan, to name a few. She has sung with the great singers Dr. Rajkumar, S P Balasumaniam, Udith Narayan, Hariharan, and Shankar Mahadevan.

Dr, Shamitha has won a number of awards for her singing skills and has the award **Junior L R Eshwari** in her list of awards.

Dr. Shamitha has been very active socially and has founded "SWARA SANNIDHI TRUST" to create opportunities for children in singing, dancing, and to improve their knowledge in Kannada Literature.

About AKKA Charity Activities:

In 2005, AKKA organized a similar program - **Manoranjani** with a theme "**Educate a Karnataka Child**". The funds raised by Manoranjani were distributed to several primary schools in Karnataka to be used for School uniforms, buying text books, improving school building infrastructure.



Just recently, AKKA also donated \$100,000 to Sankara Eye Foundation towards bulding Sankara Eye Hospital in Bangalore. B.V. Jagadeesh of California contributed matching funds of another \$100,000 towards the same cause.



Sankara Eye Hospital - Bangalore Scheduled to open in Januray 2008

About AKKA Charity Activities:

Earlier this year, AKKA in cooperation Kannada Kootas across USA conducted a collection drive to gather used cloths, toys, and books to distribute them to the needy people of Karnataka. We have collected over 400 boxes of such items and they are ready to be shipped to Karnataka. AKKA has partnered with a relation company who have agreed to ship the collected items to Karnataka free of cost.



Rasamanjari Sponsorship Categories

Category	Description	Benefits
Gift-A-Book	Student Notebooks to all students in an orphanage with the back cover dedicated to name/photo of donor - up to 100 books	Spread the light of knowledge
Feed-A-Child	Healthy, Vegetarian Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner to all members of an orphanage on the day of your choice	Share the joy or remembrance of a special day in your life with members of an orphanage
Healthy Horizons	Medical, Dental and Eye Checkup to all members of an orphanage on a weekend of your choice	An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure
Hygiene-A-Child	Donate Supply kits with a month's supply of Tooth Brush, Toothpastes, Soaps, Shampoo, Combs, Sanitary Pads, Nail Cutters, etc.	Healthy habit leads to healthy life
Extra Curricular	Coaching Camps/ Tuition, Music Lessons, etc.	Help the poor get the same benefits that the rich get
Spread-A-Smile	25 inch color TV and one year of cable TV subscription	Help the members of the orphanage get a view of the world beyond their own.
Recreation Room	Donate a 800 square feet recreation / library room equipped with lights, fan, carom boards, chess and other board games, reading materials such as news papers, magazine. Sponsor Name and Dedication painted on the entrance door and wall	Create a remembrance by spreading the same smile and enjoyment that you had as a kid
Build-A-Room	Build from either a 1000 square feet recreation room, clean bath rooms, clean toilets etc.	Create a clean area for the child to enjoy the basics of life that you enjoyed as a child
Build-An-Orphanage	Build a 2000 square feet extension to an existing orphanage with a clean toilet, bath room and adequate lighting	

AKKA is a non-profit organization with **501 (C) 3** status with **TAX ID: 59-3527607**
Please consult your accountant for tax deductible donation

Sponsorship Selection (you may make more than one selection)

	Category	Donated Amount	Benefits
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gift-A-Book	\$ _____ Min \$ 50	Please indicate Name(s) to be dedicated to (max 2 names)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Feed-A-Child	\$ _____ Min \$100	Please indicate a Day of your choice:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy Horizons	\$ _____ Min \$ 200	Please indicate a Weekend of your choice:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hygiene-A-Child	\$ _____ Min \$ 200	Please indicate a Month of your choice:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extra Curricular (Coaching, Lessons)	\$ _____ Min \$ 300	Please indicate a Orphanage name of your choice:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spread-A-Smile (TV & Cable Subscription)	\$ _____ Min \$ 500	Please indicate a Orphanage name of your choice:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation Room	\$ _____ Min \$ 1,000	Please indicate a Orphanage name of your choice:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Build-A-Room	\$ _____ Min \$ 2,500	Please indicate a Orphanage name of your choice:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Build-An-Orphanage	\$ _____ Min \$ 5,000	Please indicate a Location (City or Village) of your choice:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	\$ _____	Please indicate a Cause for donating

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Please mail this **Form** along with a check Payable to: "AKKA Charity"

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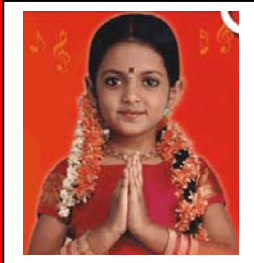
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AKKA World Kannada Conference 2008 - Chicago

5TH World AKKA Kannada Conference 2008 in Chicago
Hosted By Vidyaranya Kannada Kuta of Illinois
August 29th, 30th and 31st at Rosemont Convention Center

Hundreds of thousands of Kannadigas have migrated to all parts of the world where they have made significant impact on the communities and countries they call home. This Conference will showcase the talent and success of Kannadigas all over whom, in addition, continue to value and cherish their Kannada heritage.



AKK AWKC2008 will have many unique features and programs to differentiate it from other Conferences to give attendees memorable experiences.

- The planned Karnataka through ages will depict Karnataka's rich culture and heritage, recent technology boom and what lies ahead for the State in the next several decades. This will be displayed through exquisite Artifacts, audio-visual presentations, paintings, photographs, etc.
- Special talent shows
- The entire venue decorated to truly reflect the landscape, heritage and technology boom of Karnataka.
- Lifetime Achievement Awards for Outstanding Kannadigas of Karnataka origin whose life and achievements have impacted the entire country.
- Music director conducting live orchestra with renowned singers and film Artists
- Main stage, parallel sessions and dining all inside the Convention center under one roof with hotels right across and some of them connected through a Sky bridge to the convention center.

The Conference committee cordially invites you, your family & friends to experience the hospitality of the host Vidyaranya Kannada Kuta and enjoy the multitudes of excellent Programs, Workshops, Forums and Delicious Karnataka Cuisine. In addition, tour the beautiful City of Chicago. For most up-to-date information on the conference visit AKKA website at:

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