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Shishukunj is a registered voluntary children's charity, established in London in August 1976.

Dedicated to the welfare and cultural development of children and ensuring that children grow up to become responsible citizens.

Shishukunj's aim is to create an atmosphere where individuality can flower and talent can be cultivated.

Shishukunj International Projects (SIP) is an integral part of the Shishukunj family and working under the umbrella of Shishukunj London.

Objectives of SIP are primarily:

- to relieve poverty, distress and sickness amongst children all over the world.
- to support extension of child welfare activities.

In 2003 SIP started collection boxes under the banner "Food for Children" and then expanded to Life 4 Children, as distressed children around the world needed not only food but also shelter, health & education.

Funds raised here by our children, parents and well wishers have over the years supported more than 30 charities around the world.

SIP and L4C have raised over £265,000 to-date of which £250,600 has been distributed to various projects thus far.

Some of the organisations we have supported in the recent past:

ROPE, (Relief of Oppressed People Everywhere): ROPE is Christian Charity seeking to bring direct help to the poor around the globe. Bread for Life Primary School in Sudan: - where we helped provide food to the neediest of Sudanese children (280) & enabled them to attend the primary school.

Food for Life, Vrindavan, India: FFLV is dedicated to the poorest of the poor, educating and guiding them in pursuance of a fulfilling life, enabling them to become exemplary members of society. Sandipani Muni School based in Vrindavan have the motto of "Every child deserves a future" and they transform hopeless "street kids" into bright young people. We have supported towards the purchase of 2 bullock carts to help transport children to school.

BGMS (Bhartiya Grameen Mahila Sangh) Bangalore, India: BGMS strongly believes all children should be given the opportunity to turn into ideal citizens of tomorrow. 2009 and 2010 have been land mark years. With God's grace they have taken a major step forward in converting their ashram into an in-house Shishukunj Vidhyalaya (an English medium national curriculum school). Recently 8 brand new classes which include 2 state of the art science labs have been opened. BGMS have received our continuous support over the last 8 years.



Various medical camps in Porbander district.

Various other projects around the globe also included:-

- Borewell project, Kenya
- Food Aid to SKSN (Susheta Kriplani Shiksha Niketan) Jodhpur, school for polio children.
- Food program in Kikambala, Kenya.

For further details on L4C boxes please contact : Anilbhai Manek / Aswinbhai Shah @ Finchley Kendra, Ranjanben Shah @ Brent Kendra and Hanshaben Shelat @ South Kendra or at the Choki desk.

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Some future projects that we are hoping to support in 2010:

Rishi Valley Education Trust, Andhra Pradesh, India: Rishi valley is an education programme that encompasses the whole community and environment in the Andhra Pradesh region and has approx 350 children and a staff of 50.

The RIVER programme encourages community based education in the rural areas, The campus school will have 100 children up to class 7 and also 10 village schools, with 30 children each. Our support goes towards the building of the Campus school.

Chaitanya Charitable Trust: A voluntary organisation working within the slum areas in Western India, near Jamnagar. The aims are to:

Educate pre-school children aged 2-6 years & provide a free and fair environment for all round development through singing, playing & teaching.

Health; daily out-patient services to the poor of the slum concentrating on children, women and the elderly

Employment and empowerment to young women and men, by coaching them with skills like sewing, masonry work etc

To encourage sanitation & cleanliness in the slum areas.

How some of the funds were raised by our Shishukunj Children:

- Rushabbhai Shah – Brent Kendra – climb highest peak in North Africa called Jebel Toubkal.
- Bansiben / Dharmishaben – Finchley Kendra– Private Dance & Garba event.
- Finchley Kendra – Car wash & photo sale.
- Mayaben Haria & Brent Kendra– Bring & Buy sale.
- Shishukunj London group – climbed the peak of Mount Kenya at 17,000ft.
- Darshniben Harish Shah – Parachute jump.
- Tasviben Shah – Masala Cricket
- Atishbhai & Bhaveetbhai R Shah and Virrbhai Haria organised Swim for Children, the group swam over 11,000 meters.
- Walk 4 Children
- Cycle for Children
- Design & Sale of Diwali and Christmas Cards.



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