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### **Periodic report**

#### **Keep hope alive.**

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Konkani Charitable Fund is now past its first birthday. It was an idea that was planted during last Konkani Sammelan. A few months later, an ad hoc committee was established. After many months of regular meetings and discussions, Konkani Charitable Fund was established with the sole purpose of providing an avenue to all us to help needy Konkani's, especially in India. During the first year KCF has been able to help many needy individuals and families in India.

When a child was unable to walk because her parents could not afford to pay for orthopedic shoes, KCF responded through an organization called Chetana in Mangalore. When a student from a poor family in Bikarnakatte gave up hope of becoming an engineer because her parents were unable to pay for tuition fees, KCF kept her hope alive through Canara High School Foundation. When old people living in a retirement home for the needy at Anandashram needed help with solar backup lights in their rooms, KCF lent a helping hand. KCF could help these and many others because of the support of our Konkani friends in the US and Canada. Many of you have a desire to help and ability to lend a helping hand.

Each and every one of us has our own reason to come to the USA or Canada. Some came during the late 60s and early 70s. Some came later. Irrespective of the time or the reason, as a group we have done well and have been successful. At every Konkani Sammelan we meet our old friends, we make some new friends, we enjoy our culture, and everyone radiates positive energy. We see a successful group of good people. We celebrate our past and plan for the future. We attend the festivities with our parents, our children, and even our grand children to celebrate. It always makes us happy to be with our Konkani group. But what makes us proud is that we have not disconnected with the past.

When we look into our past, we can feel the love of our family, hospitality of people, helping hand from friends. We can also see struggles of people and their shattered dreams. Unfortunately these are not the things of the past. Even today we can see people who are struggling to survive, yet hoping for a better future. Many sacrifice their needs hoping to give better future for their children. Their hope is their life.

Friends, let us make that hope come alive. Let it not die. Let us lend a helping hand. Let us make a difference in their life- one family at a time. It is the dream of Konkani Charitable Fund. Please make it your dream too. Become a part of Konkani Charitable Fund.

Contact Konkani Charitable Fund to find out how you can be a beacon of hope.

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