

## SAFFI FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER NO. 2 JANUARY 2018

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Our trip to India in November 2017 was very productive for The Saffi Foundation. We identified a number of extremely deserving projects which we are proud to be assisting. These are:

### I-India



Based in Jaipur, this well-managed charity rescues street children and provides them with shelter, nutrition, clothing, education, vocational training and medical treatment. We visited one of the Care Homes for Boys who were a very happy bunch receiving great care, and also went to the centre where the vocational skills of jewellery making and sewing were learnt. The proceeds of the sales of these products went directly into each person's bank account. One such product was the Christmas card you received from us! Please visit their website [www.i-indiaonline.com](http://www.i-indiaonline.com) for lots more information. Saffi has sent funds of \$10,000 to assist their excellent work.

### Bal Basera



We returned to this care home for children with HIV once again we applauded the terrific level of care shown to the boys and girls. We have committed to a funding of \$2,500 per month to provide the maintenance and schooling fees for the girls wing.

Currently the boys and girls are housed in separate but nearby buildings, both of which are cramped. It is hoped that a new more spacious Home will be constructed in the near future. We understand the Government is providing the land, and funding is being sought for the construction.

Round Table - Freedom through Education.



Our travels to Jaipur, Jodhpur and Udaipur in Rajasthan focused mainly on links with local Round Table Clubs who have a common aim of assisting and improving Government run schools for very under-privileged children, known as Freedom through Education. All the schools we visited were over-crowded, and lacking in basic furniture, toilet facilities, and sanitation, but certainly did not lack in enthusiasm and drive from teachers and children alike.

We saw some completed projects where the Round Table Clubs had successfully raised sufficient funds to build new classrooms and supplied computers,

furniture and toilet facilities , giving us the confidence to assist with the funding of new similar projects. We are presently supporting the desperately needed improvement of 3 schools in Jaipur (Akers Dunker, Sardar, Satya Bharti), Pahada School in Udaipur, and Jhalamand School in Jodhpur (total funding approximately \$75,000).

We shall closely monitor these Round Table projects and provide updates as available.

### Vishakha

Last but not least, during our visit we assisted the funding of a kidney transplant operation for a child named Vishakha in Jodhpur. Our contribution was \$1,600.

### Financial Status

Saffi Foundation received £50,000 from Hurlingham Estates Ltd last month. Current funds stand at just under £19,000.