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VIBHA 2009 – Highlights

Vibha has been chosen as the **Best Medium-sized non-profit in the United States** by Great Nonprofits and awarded the **InDiya Shine Award** for 2009.

The Vibha Projects Conference – An effort to come together, be together and work together to connect, share, and work towards enhancing the existing efforts of Vibha and its Project partners. With an objective to culminate ideas, practices, and experiences, the participants brainstormed and proposed ways to take a step further towards social development and make a difference.

Dr. Preetam B. Yashwant, IAS, MBBS, was the Keynote Speaker for Pragati 2009. Dr. Preetam is the Commissioner of the Department of Settlement & Jagir Director, Land Records & Consolidation, Govt. of Rajasthan. Dr. Preetam talked about the role of government in the education and health of a child and outlined some of the various schemes and plans that the government has in place to help the underprivileged child.

Vibha disbursed $6400 towards short term relief fund to Baikunthapur Tarun Sangha (BTS). This money has been utilized on procuring basic amenities like rice, wheat, drinking water, clothing materials, cooking utensils and plastic sheets for temporary shelter. As part of the rescue efforts Vibha sent its own team of social activists with substantial exposure to rural development in West Bengal and in the Sundarbans in particular in the post Aila scenario to visit the sites and review its status.
**Pragati - A New Beginning**

Pragati 2009, a first of its kind conference for all the grassroot projects supported by Vibha, started on October 2009 at Vishranti Nilayam in Bangalore. Participants from 29 NGO projects and volunteers from across India and the US have participated in Pragati conference.

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Deep Ranjan Rai, Associate Director of Dasra, Mumbai was the Guest Speaker for the second session of the day, "Staffing Issue at NGOs". Ms. Rai has over 25 years’ experience in management, human resources and organization development work. She has worked with agencies like ActionAid, Plan International, Save the Children and UNICEF South Asia and with NGOs in South Asia, facilitating the strengthening and sustainability of their organizational processes. This session also saw a big enthusiastic participation from the participants and the panelists – Vidyarambam (Chennai), Hope School (Bangalore), Corp India (Mumbai), SEA (Mahabalipuram), SVVPS (West Bengal).

Issues like the relation between staff retention and project impact, concepts of human resources becoming an integral part of a small NGO without necessarily having a separate HR department and employing local staff, not fully qualified yet familiar with the people, language and customs versus non-local professionals who tend to relocate easily and who may not understand the local culture were discussed and argued at length. Another important aspect that was discussed was the role of women employees on the field and how to retain them through major changes in their lives, like marriage and motherhood.
Session #3, “Monitoring and Tracking Performance Metrics” involved Door Step School (Pune), Nav Jyoti (New Delhi), Sevalaya (Tamil Nadu) and Alamb (New Delhi) as the panelists.

The last session of the day, “Effective Use of IT for NGOs” was very interesting for most participants, who are at ease on the field but not very computer oriented. The Guest Speaker, Mr. Sreekanth Rameshaiah is the Co-founder and Executive Director for Mahiti Infotech Pvt. Ltd., an IT company that provides solutions for NGOs using free and open source software as its central focus.

Second day, Session #1 – LONG TERM GOAL, VISION/MISSION

Panel – JanMadhyam, Vidyarambam, SKB (Sarada Kalyan Bhandar), GRSV(Gohaldanga Ramakrishna Sarada Vivekananda Sevakendra), HEARDS (Health Education Adoption Rehabilitation Development Society)

Guest Speaker – Jyotsana Lall

Jyotsana. Lall, the founding member of Gramin Siksha Kendra, has been working in the development sector for over 20 years. Mrs. Lall was the gues speaker for this session. Participants started out trying to define Vision and Mission, Long and Short term goals and how they differ. A few of the participants and the panelists pointed out that the vision and mission of an organization should
translate into the team’s vision/mission and in everything that it and its partners do.

Other questions that were discussed – What tells the organization that it has indeed achieved its vision? Is it possible? Even if, then we find something else to do – the vision of the community should drive the organization and the other way around.

Ron Victor, the president of Vibha explained how the vision and mission statements mean a lot to Vibha as an organization. They link the people wanting to make a difference with the people working on the field. He reiterated the point that every individual in the organization needs to know what the exact vision and mission of the organization is and act according to that in every task that they do.

**Session #2 – COMMUNICATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS**

*Panel – GSK (Gramin Siksha Kendra), RDO (Rural Development Organization), SKB (Sarada Kalyan Bhandar), GORD (Gandhian Organization for Rural Development), BCT (Bhagavatula Chraitable Trust) – Tribal Schools*

*Guest – Jyotsana Lall*

When asked why the need to communicate with stakeholders arises, participants responded with various thoughts – Accountability to the community, partners and donors, communication is vital with the community, door to door visits, regular meetings, street plays, etc. should all be employed. If one mode of communication fails, another innovative one should be employed. Maybe bring in an outsider to analyze/assess the process and impact.
Ideas on communication with the donors – if you are in line with what the grant letter says, then the rest should fall into place.

Ron’s thoughts on relationship with the trustees – when a society is formed with like minded people, not because it had to be formed in hurry, then a healthy relationship follows. If the board is not involved, the program should actively chart out ways of involving the board members – send regular reports, proactively call for meetings, form an active “steering” committee to counter a passive trustee so as to not become a one-person show, etc. It is also very important for the trustees to know what is happening on the field and to be in touch with the stakeholders.

Session #3 – ACCOUNTING PRACTICES AND FINANCIAL ISSUES

Panel – Rachana, Alamb, RMKM (Rajasthan Mela Kalyan Mandal), BCT (Bhagavatula Charitable Trust), BTS

Speaker – Anil Baranwal

Mr. Anil Baranwal, a consultant at Account Aid in Delhi, has a background in both rural development and financial accounting and has been providing support and guidance to NGOs and donor agencies on financial management.
Mr. Anil started the session with sample budgets of educational projects, simple method of a fund utilization statement, accounting system for an educational project. Next, Mr. Anil tried to get the group to define a budget – estimation of upcoming expenditure. He explained how the various elements of a budget are activity, program and resource dependent.

Rajesh Haridas, the COO of Vibha explained how a good budget tells the donor agency the amount of work and thought put into creating it and how involved the staff is in the details of the project itself. Sample financial reports – Unaudited and Audited were shown. How FCRA accounts are maintained was discussed at length. ITRA, 12-A, Section 2 and other financial jargon was also touched upon.

Definition of a charitable organization was defined as per the government of India norms providing FREE services (medical, educational and shelter) to the needy is deemed as charitable but organizations selling any products or charging any fees do not come under charitable agencies as of April 2008. How can our projects that sell products made by the beneficiaries or charge fees need to change their program to fit these new rules. If the project CANNOT survive without selling, then separate your organization into two different parts. There was one exception to this for the children with disabilities, where the program can
charge a fee to the parents (who can afford to pay), who in turn can claim an exemption on the fee.

**Session #4 – AVOIDING FINANCIAL CRISIS**

*Panel – Sevalaya, Prayas, Amta, Rachana*

*Speaker – Anil Baranwal*

Mr. Anil, continued as the guest speaker and started this session with the discussion of primary way to avoid a crisis is to have a Corpus Fund.

Mr. Baranwal pointed out that the money of CF and EF can be invested only in certain permitted mutual funds, scheduled banks, etc., but not stocks and chits (IT Act 1961). Mr. Baranwal also said that having multiple donors is another way of avoiding crisis. Also, one panelist observed that most NGOs tend to do expense budgeting but only a few do income budgeting. If we budget out the income, NGOs can easily avoid pitfalls.
The final event for the day was the 10 BCT Model High School children performing for all the participants before dinner. They conveyed, through song and dance, the importance of keeping good mental, physical and social health in all villages in our country. It was very well received by everyone and was an excellent way to end the day!
DSS Success Story

Door Step School (DSS) is an organization based in Mumbai and Pune that conducts classes for children who cannot go to school because they have to work to support their families. The organization provides "Non formal education" classes with the intention of preparing these kids for mainstream schooling. Over the last fifteen years, their good work has drawn dedicated volunteers and today they serve nearly 40 communities with an estimated 8000 children as beneficiaries.

Infosys, an Indian software giant who is building a large campus in Pune, actually forced all their builders who intended to submit bids, to work with DSS in order to even be considered for the bidding process. This is a strong indication of the accomplishments and constructive work done by DSS over the years. Our Pune volunteers, along with DSS are working to provide credit to these builders in the local press. The intent is to create awareness and promote this trend by calling them "Child friendly builders".

Success story:
IT was a scorchingly hot summer day. Sweat was pouring down my neck and I could feel the sun persistently beating down on my helpless scalp. To add to the annoying heat, the loud incessant hammering to my right was not helping. Amidst the construction of this building on the outskirts of Western Pune, little kids ran around chasing each other while their parents worked at the construction site. As I started to feel the first stings of yet another mosquito, I woefully wondered what I was doing here, far away from the comforts of home.

The lady whom I had come with, sensing my discomfort, gently took my arm and steered me toward two tin shacks that I had not previously seen. Picture a tin roof, 3 walls, a rectangular cement floor, a big blackboard, and one slim determined teacher. Most importantly, the 30 odd children clustered together on the floor with their heads bowed down over their books was an uplifting sight.

Sensing the presence of visitors, the teacher decided to give the kids a chance to show off the poem they had just learnt. Watching the children recite the poem with innocent eagerness, my discomfort melted away as the realization of what I was witnessing dawned on me. I was looking at an NFE (non formal education) class conducted by DSS.
This was the real value of Vibha’s HelpThemGrow program! HelpThemGrow (HTG) patrons who contribute a monthly amount of their choice to the program are helping Vibha fund projects such as Doorstep school that focus on providing education to underprivileged children, which is Vibha’s vision.

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Mr. Rajesh Haridas, Ex-Officio Member

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Sarada Kalyan Bhandar - Prabhat’s story

Sarada Kalyan Bhandar (SKB) is located in Midnapore district in West Bengal. The organization was founded by a group of likeminded women united by the common thread of selfless service in the fields of child education and welfare. Twenty five years since the founding, the organization has transformed into an institution that has provided economic and career guidance to thousands of children around the area.

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There is no better to way to tell the success story of SKB than through the story of one of its beneficiaries.

Prabhat was born in a small village in Paschim Medinipur, Tala. The village itself is located in a sylvan setting with eucalyptus and cashew forests on one side and the Keleghai river on the other. Agriculture was the only source of income for many families including Prabhat’s. The crops were subject to the vagaries of nature and the only concern preoccupying his parents was making ends meet. With no basic amenities such as electricity and telephone, Prabhat’s education was considered a luxury.

Prabhat enrolled in the village primary school and progressed to the Mokrampur high school. With his tenacity and encouraging support from his parents, he was lucky to find a high school that took care of all his educational expenses. Continuing with the same vigor, Prabhat secured entry into the Jadavpur College for his bachelor of engineering in computer science. With faith as his only inspiration, he enrolled in the program without a clear idea of how he was going to sustain his studies. To augment his income, he taught additional coaching classes to high school children but struggled with his intensive studies and teaching responsibilities.

At this critical juncture, Prabhat was introduced to SKB. The organization, after a series of interviews decided to support his studies and did so for the entire engineering program. With not just financial support, SKB molded his value system through a series of seminars and discussions that impacted him in a
profound manner. The guidance and suggestions of the SKB trustees formed the moral beacon of his life.

Prabhat’s life became a lot easier after completing his bachelors. He enrolled in Indian Institute of technology in Kharagpur for his Masters degree and went on to work for some of the best multinational companies including Texas Instruments, Sasken and Synopsys. He realized the need for higher education and enrolled in a PhD program at the University of California, Irvine. He finished his PhD in 2004 with the outstanding Dissertation award from the European design Automation association.

Prabhat then progressed to become a faculty at the University of Florida and continued to do the things he enjoyed the most: teaching and research. Finally, he decided to listen to his heart and returned to India to become a faculty at the computer science department at the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore as an assistant professor in 2006.

As inspiring as Prabhat’s success, the ‘Higher Education Project’ was one of the seminal programs that SKB was founded upon. Much like Prabhat, the program has benefitted many a deserving child realize its true potential. Today, the program has become self-sufficient on account of the many successful professionals who want needy children to have the same opportunities that they obtained from SKB.

**Vibha’s Involvement**

As patrons, and volunteers, Vibha is proud to be associated with this venerable institution. United by our common goals to remove the veil of ignorance, the relationship between Vibha and SKB has come to benefit of many families whose only hope for a better future is through their children. Since 2004, Vibha has disbursed more than $50,000 to this project. For 2008-'09, Vibha plans to disburse $15234 to this project.

Today, SKB is an accomplished institution having helped and supported many a deserving child in need of monetary help and guidance. For the year 2007-2008 they reached out to as many as 1056 beneficiaries through their various developmental programs. In addition to helping needy students, SKB provides non-formal education classes in as many as 11villages benefitting nearly 575 children.
VIBHA IN INDIA

RMKM Story

RMKM is an NGO situated in Ajmer, working towards rehabilitation and empowerment of children with special needs. The activities conducted at the center target all social levels. The Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) program provides home based intervention for children with no prior specialized coaching and underdeveloped social skills. On the other hand the Day Care Center offers education and training to empower its students and help them perform day-to-day activities without any dependency.

When Vasudave and Vidya learnt that Divya, their second child, was born with Cerebral Palsy, they were disheartened. The news came at a time when they were already struggling with their first kid, who is also a child with special needs. In 2001 the couple heard about RMKM – Rajasthan Mahila Kalyan Mandal and their programs.

Divya and her sister were immediately enrolled in the CBR program. A CBR worker with expert training in rehabilitation methods started frequenting their home and educating the children and their parents. The CBR workers are picked from the vicinity of the child’s home and are trained in rehabilitation methods. The parents are also counseled and the child’s progress is monitored.

In no time, the girls showed tremendous improvement; Divya had started to crawl! In 2004 Divya was admitted to the day care center. Behavioral, speech and physical problems were limiting her daily activities. With regular speech and physiotherapy along with proper nurturing and care, Divya showed excellent progress. She can now walk for a short distance without any support, wear her clothes and eat her food without help. She has also started addressing her parents as “Mummy” and “Pappa”. An overwhelmed mother says “Now my daughter will be able to lead an independent life”.

Along with the above mentioned programs, RMKM also helps the families enroll and benefit from government schemes like Aastha Yojana, providing free medical facilities and other subsidized services. The organization also maintains strong links with the National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped (NIMH) to use the best and most recent methods in the field for vocational, therapeutic and educational training.
RMKM received the “Best NGO of the Year” award from the Rajasthan State Government in 2007. Vibha has been funding RMKM since August 2003. The funds are used towards the day care program and the community based rehabilitation program. Vibha disbursed $16,500 to RMKM in August 2007, and $18,150 in 2008.
## 2009 FINANCIALS – BALANCE SHEET

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**Total Assets** $845,349

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**Total Current Liabilities** $9,795

### Net Assets

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**Total Net Assets** $835,554

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets** $845,349
Revenue

Vibha receives majority of its revenue from supporters like you. Your donations and involvement in our events make it possible for us to help underprivileged children in India and in the U.S.
Expenditure

Vibha spends less than 10% on overhead. That means almost all of your contributions go towards supporting child related projects.
Local Community Involvement

Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) is the largest school district in the state of Wisconsin. Milwaukee Public Schools created the (HEP) Homeless Education Program to help support families with children that are homeless, or are soon to face homelessness. The program is supported by and run under federal law and regulations that all public schools must provide services to all students, including homeless children.

According to the McKinney-Vento Act, homeless is described as someone that is living doubled up with another family or person because they have no choice, someone that is staying in a shelter (including a domestic abuse shelters), a child awaiting for foster family placement, someone staying in places such as motels, hotels, cars, parks, or an abandoned building. Families that face homelessness are encouraged to seek out assistance through MPS for services offered to their kids. Children that are homeless may receive free breakfast, lunch, and waived school fees. Homeless children that face moving from locations to different locations are serviced with transportation so that the child does not face moving from school to school. The children under this program also receive school supplies, backpacks and other services such as clothes.

Additionally, school supplies, food, and clothes HEP also assists in medical needs such as immunizations and the retrievals of medical records. They help and assist homeless families get the medical attention that they need to keep the child healthy and ready to learn. HEP also has tutoring programs, before and after school programs, arranging of book supplies to families that may not have access to have books for their kids at home, translation and interpreting services, referral to social services in the community, and also assistance to have an appeal in court if their services in the community or school has not been met or if it has been denied.

In the beginning of 2008, Vibha Milwaukee Action Center team decided to partner with and support the cause of Homeless Education Program. Vibha Milwaukee volunteers met with the HEP Coordinator, Janis Shogren, and discussed in length about the HEP program, the needs, concerns, problems and how volunteers at Vibha can contribute. Janis gave a tour of the offices and storage rooms, and detailed about the process of admitting families into the program. She was excited to hear about Vibha Milwaukee, and in knowing what Vibha is all about. It was then decided that partial proceeds from the fundraisers done at Milwaukee will be contributed to support the program. It gave us an opportunity to connect the two organizations and to show them our support.
Marie Yang, Vibha Volunteer with Janis Shogren, MPS HEP Coordinator
Volunteering - What it means?

I can move the earth

The Vibha Volunteer conference moved me, motivated me, impressed me

It engaged, inspired and consumed me

It enabled, empowered and encouraged me

It energized, drove and compelled me

To believe that I am Vibha, and Vibha begins with me…

This was my first experience attending the annual Vibha volunteer conference, which was hosted by the Bay Area action center this year. Having no previous experience at this, I wasn’t sure what to expect. Let me just put it this way, I was blown away! It was a phenomenal show of teamwork, organization, planning and execution.

Hats off to the entire team that put the outstanding event together. Not only was it impressive in its format, content and structure, it set the expectation bar very high. Having been a part of Vibha’s volunteer force for close to 3 years now, it is the organization’s professionalism, volunteer dedication and passion that drew me to it. Attending the conference was like witnessing ball after ball being hit out of the ball park with all 4 bases loaded.

The relevancy of topics, balanced themes and discussions, effective power points, brainstorming, breakouts and workshops…were all so well organized and conducted, I
felt like I was attending a large scale corporate 2 day seminar. Furious note-taking on my end is proof enough.

The first 6 sentences (in italics) summarize my take-a-ways from the conference.

Oooh! By the way, did I mention, that I wasn’t present at the conference in person, I was logged in remotely via the web and conference call sitting at my home computer 2500 miles away. So, if this is how I felt…can you imagine what impact it must have had on those present in the room? Just goes to show that a little goes a long way….literally.

Yes, I lost connection a few times, had some start up issues, the refresh button on my browser and the mouse cursor became thick pals, the music on the bridge kept me entertained for lengthy periods….and I got to see bright summary T-shirts and designer jean pockets from time to time….but who cares….these are minor things that can be improved. What is important to note here is that in spite of any technological challenge, I firmly believe now more than ever before that I am Vibha and Vibha begins with me!!!

Great job everyone who was involved in organizing this event! Vibha is a strong and determined movement that impresses me more each time. Volunteering for Vibha is something I am proud of. I will be sure to attend the event in person next year and must insist that you do too. Your take-a-ways are too many to list and you only have everything to gain!

-Lakshmi
A LETTER FROM THE BOARD

Dear Vibha patron.

It is with incredible joy and humble thanks that I on behalf of every Vibha volunteer across the globe, and our 39 social entrepreneurs, inform you that Vibha raised $613,024 in 2009, towards ensuring a brighter future for the underprivileged child.

While 2009 was an extremely trying year for many non-profits, I am glad to say that through the continued support of individuals such as yourselves, Vibha managed to stay the course and avoid any setbacks. On the contrary, we beat our 2008 numbers in all aspects. Thank you to all of you that contributed to that effort! You made this possible and this is what gives us the energy to continue doing what we do, i.e. ensuring every underprivileged child achieves his or her right to education, health and opportunity. Yes - it’s a right! And yes - you enable that right - Thank you!

Since its inception in 1991 Vibha has impacted over 150,000 under-privileged children in India and the US, by enabling, empowering and encouraging more than 190 social entrepreneurs and projects in India and the US through over $8Million in direct funding. We are a team of over 800+ volunteers globally with action centers in 15 cities across the US and 6 cities in India.

Stats for 2009:

1. Number of underprivileged children positively impacted: 51,374 (46,859 in India and 4,515 in the US)
2. Number of social entrepreneurs / projects funded: 44 (38 in India and 6 in the US)
3. Dollars Disbursed in 2009: $443,225

2009 Highlights:

Vibha was voted the Best Medium Sized Non Profit in USA serving India. Read more about it at: http://greatnonprofits.org/campaigns/view/indian

Yahoo! Employee Foundation granted $40,000 to Vibha towards funding Sikshana – a project with proven results (substantial decrease in municipal school drop-out rates), now being scaled to over 140+ schools with Vibha’s help, to ensure the municipal school system delivers what it is supposed to deliver. More details here
Vibha Annual Report

Pragati 2009, the first ever Vibha Projects conference where all 38 Vibha supported projects in India gathered in Bangalore to connect, share and leverage best practices. Read more here

The “Child Friendly Builder” movement took off with plans in place for the first awareness event felicitating and awarding builders that ensure children of migratory laborers are provided an education at the building construction site through DSS (Door Step School) – another Vibha funded project being scaled.

Thank you once again for making this possible. We look forward to your continued support and involvement towards making the Vibha Vision a reality for the underprivileged child.

Ron Victor.

President – Vibha