



Care & Share

FUND RAISING EVENTS 2009

'Geetanjali' Performs for Palliative Care

August 1: Geetanjali is a popular non-profit music troupe based in Seattle. The troupe gladly accepted the request from Care & Share volunteers in Seattle to perform for the Malayalee crowd in the area to raise funds for the palliative care projects in Kerala.



even bereavement.

Since 2006, Care & Share has been a strong supporter of Palliative care. Palliative care seeks to improve the quality of life of people with advanced life threatening or debilitating illness. If a cure is not possible, support is given by treating symptoms such as pain and attempting to minimize suffering. It involves physical and psychosocial support to the patient and the affected family to cope with the illness and

The live Malayalam orchestra was held on August 1st. The first ever such event for the Malayalee community was well received, raising a total of \$4,250. The quality of the troupe was really amazing. Each person in the troupe had worked very hard for

months to deliver such a perfect show. It was a fun filled event with song auctions, raffles, song dedications, etc. A ten-minute long educational video from Pallium India about Palliative Care was screened. Care & Share works with Pallium India to deliver its commitment towards this deserving cause, which is in need of much attention. **We sincerely thank Geetanjali for performing for such a noble cause.**



Drink to End Hunger

July 11: Care & Share volunteers in Chicago hosted a fundraiser to benefit the Greater Chicago Food Depository, a nonprofit food distribution center feeding 500,000 adults and children every year through a network of 600 food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters. As the economy got worse, the income of most of nonprofits across the country suffered, and GCFD was no exception. According to the report published by CBS 2 on Nov 19, 2008, GCFD is turning away needy people due to lack of food.



Care and Share responded to this need by arranging a fund raising party at Bar Louie Dearborn Station with an admis-

sion fee of \$40. Half of this fee went to Care & Share to help GCFD. Care & Share raised more than \$1,000.00 from this event and was able to attract a young generation of supporters. Care & Share director and legal advisor Debra Devassy thanked all the volunteers and supporters for making the event a joyful experience. The funds were dispatched to GCFD on 7/24/09. \$1,000 will help to serve more than 2,500 meals.

FOOZ FOR A CAUSE

October 1: Care & Share volunteers with Microsoft Corporation conducted a fundraising foosball tournament for Office Server Group Teams to support Care & Share's NAB Kerala project during Microsoft's Giving Campaign month of October. The recommended donation for participation was \$25 with an equal company matching. 15 teams participated, raising more than \$750. In the finals of the 3-ball category, Brian Robbins & James Railton beat Rob Neff & Erick Lerma to claim the title. In the traditional 1-ball category, Pankaj Mohindru & Jie Tang beat Rob Howard & Kolby Hoover to clinch the trophy. Care & Share thanks all of the participants who supported this event.



KAW Members Raise Funds Through 'Thattukada'

home foods such as idli, vada, cutlet, etc. and served the players and spectators. The tournament lasted the whole day and the "Thattukada" kept the players hydrated and energized for the whole session.

cal training to make them self sufficient to the greatest extent possible.

August 10: For the second year, Care & Share volunteers associated with the Kerala Association of Washington organized a fund raising food stall "Thattukada" during the Association's cricket tournament. About fifteen housewives prepared delicious

A total of more than \$1,000 was raised, and these funds will be used towards Care & Share's project with National Association for Blind (NAB) Kerala Branch. NAB Kerala has identified 26 vision/hearing impaired children with multiple disabilities. The project tries to empower them through various therapies and physi-

| THATTUKADA | |
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| MENU | |
| Idli | \$2.50 |
| * 100 with Chicken Chutney, Tomato Chutney and Number | |
| Appam | \$3 |
| * Appam with Chicken Fry or Veg Fry | |
| Panippappada | \$2 |
| * 2 Panippappada | |
| Fish Cutlet | \$3 |
| * 2 Fish Cutlet with Ketchup | |
| Dessert | \$2 |
| * 2 Luscious and Fridge Pizzas | |
| Veg Sandwich | \$2 |
| Sambarom | \$0.50 |
| Lemonade | \$0.50 |
| Cone Ice Cream | \$0.50 |
| Kids Juice | \$0.50 |

Only cash and check accepted.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF CARE & SHARE



In an effort to raise additional funds for Care & Share, my wife, Elsy, and I recently came up with the idea to create a nonprofit fair trade social venture known as Fair World Treasures. I recently spent a month in India, traveling between various self help groups in different parts of the country. In total, I visited about 25 artisan groups in such cities as Trivandrum, Chennai, Pondicherry, Calcutta, Delhi, Hyderabad, and many other small producer villages and collected many handmade items to send back to the States. Fair World Treasures has now evolved into an online marketplace where people can buy these wonderful fair trade products and the proceeds will benefit Care & Share. I would like to personally ask Care & Share supporters to visit Fair World Treasures' website at

www.fairworldtreasures.com and browse through these unique items. When you buy any of these products, you are directly supporting the poor artisans who made these items with their hands. Simultaneously, you are helping Care & Share raise some additional funds in order to support other social causes. Fair World Treasures offers a wide variety of different fair trade items including jewelry, home décor items, and other accessories.



You may be wondering what fair trade really means? Fair Trade is a system of exchange that respects producers, communities, and the environment. The World Fair Trade Organization created ten standards for all fair trade organizations to follow. These standards are:

Creating Opportunities for Economically Disadvantaged Producers, having Transparency and Accountability, engaging in Responsible Trading Practices, Payment of a Fair Price, no Child Labour and Forced Labour, Non Discrimination, Gender Equity and Freedom of Association, safe and healthy Working Conditions, Skills Capacity Building, Promotion of Fair Trade through educating the public, and Environmental consideration.



I want to thank you for your continued support of Care & Share and I look forward to the growth and success of this new social venture.

Tony Devassy
President, Care & Share

Now its your turn to help...

I would like to direct my donation towards the following cause(s):

Name.....

Address.....

City.....State.....Zip.....

- Pain & Palliative Care
- Asthma Care
- Kidney and Diabetes
- Cancer Care
- Orphanages
- Eye Care
- Orphanages
- Education Air for Poor
- Senior Citizen Programs
- Medical Camps
- Disabled Children