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1 Message from the Executive Director

The past year has been an exciting and challenging time for Paper Kite Children's Foundation. We have seen much success in the form of our many fundraisers, ranging from the Iron Man Competition to the dinner at Gulberg restaurant. Along with these events, we have had the opportunity to welcome many new volunteers who continue and will continue to help Paper Kite reach its potential. Along with our volunteers we must thank our numerous supporters and donors whose help has not gone unnoticed. The success and growth we have experienced has been an inspiration for all of us and this progress is what motivates us to continue our work.

Our President, Tarik Kadri, along with Johannes Jenker, one of our many dedicated volunteers, made the trip out to Bihar in February 2011 and purchased CAD \$11,210 worth of much needed supplies for the children at the orphanages. As we look forward to the coming year we have already begun to plan our 2012 Bihar visit in order to maintain our commitment to the children of the Sunway and Jeanamitabh orphanages. Our goals are to broaden the scope of the orphanages we support beyond Bihar, along with expanding our volunteer groups throughout Canada. The organization is currently working to expand Paper Kite to Toronto and Ottawa in addition to our already established base in Vancouver. I can confidently say that it has been a privilege to work with an organization that has managed to maintain its vision of remaining 100% volunteer run and working with a group of talented and devoted individuals who put in countless hours behind something they feel extremely passionate about. There is something to be said of the joy and respect our organization has brought to these orphanages and the beautiful children housed in them.

Abhishaek Rawal

2 Message from the Chairman of the Board

It is my absolute pleasure to present Paper Kite's first annual report detailing our success and growth during 2010-2011. It's hard to believe another year has gone by while looking back at everything that was accomplished by Paper Kite's dedicated volunteers. In 2011 we completed our milestone of travelling to Bihar, India for the third time since Paper Kite was established in 2009. We supported two orphanages through our four programs by purchasing needed items from their local community.

Paper Kite is a 100% volunteer run charity. We were established and grew through the hard work and dedication of our volunteers. As the founder of Paper Kite, I am personally dedicated to ensuring that we remain committed to supporting orphaned and neglected children in India. Through my dedication, I guarantee that we take your donations seriously and promise to make every effort to use every dollar for the two orphanages that we support in India. We continue to remain fiscally responsible and transparent to the public.

I encourage you to explore our website (www.paperkitefoundation.com) and ask questions that will make you feel comfortable with either volunteering or donating to Paper Kite. Having been to Bihar, India twice to support the orphanages that we sponsor, I can truly say that your volunteerism and donations are making a daily difference in the lives of the children as you "*Give Dreams Flight*".

Tarik Kadri

3 Mandate

3.1 A Brief History

Members of our organization were first exposed to the hardships poverty inflicts on children through our volunteer work to support underprivileged families in Deoghar, a city in the Indian state of Jharkhand. Following our volunteer work, some of us traveled north to the state of Bihar, known as the birthplace of Buddhism. Today, Bihar is one of the poorest states in India and the majority of people there live in severe poverty.

While in Bodhgaya, a city in Bihar, we visited an orphanage and witnessed the even greater hardships facing children without parental care. The cramped three-room orphanage cared for more than 50 boys and girls aged 5-13 years old. The building was old with poor physical and sanitary conditions. The children slept in groups of 4-5 per wooden-frame bed. The boys had thin mattresses while the girls had no mattress at all and slept directly on the wooden frames. The orphanage also lacked the basic necessities for adequate nutrition, education and medical care.

While we were there we observed that the children were not adequately fed; they had not eaten any fruit in over a month. If no food was available, they did not eat at all. The children received life skills training such as cooking and basic hygiene but no training on how to obtain and maintain employment. The orphanage lacked basic medical supplies and no money was available for medical treatments. One child had a wooden spoon used as a splint for his broken arm.

When the children are forced to leave the orphanage at age 13, they are poorly prepared to support themselves. Often the children, especially the girls, are forced to beg and scavenge to survive on the streets, become menial labourers or worse, prostitutes. To provide minor relief during that visit, our group of volunteers personally bought and supplied the orphanage with eight mattresses for the girls, and basic produce for all the children.

Witnessing the impact of poverty on these children touched us deeply. When we returned to Canada in December 2008, one member, Tarik Kadri, was so profoundly impacted by the conditions he witnessed in Bihar that he founded Paper Kite Children's Foundation. Tarik wants to improve the living conditions and the futures of the children most at risk: orphans, especially orphaned girls.

3.2 Mission

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4 Our Four Programs

Our four programs are set to improve the lives of children in the poorest region of a developing nation – Bihar, India. We support children who are without parental care, putting them at a higher risk of suffering discrimination, inadequate care, abuse and exploitation. We pay particular attention to the most neglected children, such as orphaned girls and orphans with disabilities, due to additional social stigma.

We proudly administer our programs while respecting the diverse culture of India. Our four programs are based on *the UN Future Fit for Children – Millennium Development Goals* and are designed to ensure the children are healthy, happy and prepared to succeed as adults.

Our four programs are as follows:

4.1 Proper Nutrition

Proper nutrition is imperative for developing cognitive, emotional and social skills. An astounding 46% of children below the age of five are underweight in India, directly impeding their lifelong vitality and often leading to premature death. Malnutrition is concentrated in chronically poor areas such as Bihar, where 59% of children are malnourished, making it the third worst state of malnutrition in India. Nearly 975,000 of these children are severely malnourished and near death. As orphans are part of the highest risk group, their rate of malnutrition is thought to be even more prevalent.

What we do:

- Supply nutritious food including fruit and vegetables
- Conduct caregiver education on proper nutrition
- Supply general cooking supplies



4.2 Clean Water

Clean water directly relates to children's health and nutrition. Unfortunately, only a mere 30% of people in India have access to high-quality drinking water and proper sanitation. The orphans' living conditions, especially their malnutrition and lack of health care, mean that they are more at risk to contracting and dying from water borne diseases.

What we do:

- Improve the orphanages' existing water systems
- Supply clean drinking water
- Educate caregivers and children on proper hygiene



4.3 Education

Only 1 of every 2 people can read and write in Bihar, the lowest literacy rate in all of India. Demonstrating the added challenges girls and women face, there is a drastic difference between genders in Bihar, with 60% of males but only 33% of females being literate. Orphans in Bihar can grow up without ever having set foot in a school, which drastically limits their chances of a successful future.

What we do:

- Ensure children aged six years and older have access to schooling
- Help girls overcome the hurdles limiting their access to education
- Provide school supplies



4.4 Health and Welfare

Every day more than 5,200 Indian children under the age of five die. In many cases their deaths are from preventable or treatable causes. Orphans are often the most neglected and typically without access to health care. The children's general living conditions also have an immediate and lasting effect on their personal development and growth. Most orphanages are not equipped with proper facilities to provide daily care, such as kitchens, washrooms and bedrooms.

What we do:

- Secure medical evaluation and treatments as required
- Rectify unsafe facility components
- Supply basic articles including bedding, clothes and toys



5 Orphanages we Support

In 2010, our Executive Director evaluated orphanages in Bodhgaya to ensure that they are properly operated and are truly in need of our four programs (proper nutrition, clean water, education, health and welfare). Based on this assessment, Paper Kite selected two orphanages to support. In February 2011, Paper Kite assisted with the expansion of two orphanages in Bodhgaya, Bihar.

Tarik Kadri, our President and Founder, along with Johannes Jenkner, a Paper Kite volunteer, travelled to Bihar in February 2011 to implement our programs. During this time, they purchased items from local villages to meet the orphanages' needs. These purchases also helped to support the local economy in Bihar. In order to ensure that our efforts directly benefit the children, **no funds were given directly to these orphanages.** We also note that Tarik and Johannes graciously subsidized 100% of all their personal travel expenses during this field exercise, including airfare and accommodations.

The following are the two orphanages in Bihar that Paper Kite assisted during our 2011 implementation program:

Jeanamitabh:

In 2002, Jeanne Pere, a retired French teacher, decided to get involved in helping fifty small children. These children were lost in the streets of Bodhgaya, begging, starving, and shivering from the cold; they painted a true picture of Bihar as one of the poorest states in India.

Today, "Mummy Jee", as she is called by the children and the people of Bodhgaya, and the small team of "Jeanamitabh Welfare Trust" are giving dignity back to those children in need. Jeanamitabh operates a boarding school of 200 students, along with seven primary schools in the states of Bihar and Jharkhand. Their programs include education for the children, along with medical care and social development for the villagers.

The school maintains a small farm with livestock that provides dairy for the children. Local village women also come to the school for sewing and computer classes. The children study and live at the school until they graduate. Jeanamitabh provides classes for education levels 1 through 10. Level 10 is the pre-requisite for all children wishing to pursue a college or university education. Education and personal growth are the main goals at Jeanamitabh. Each day is structured, starting with a morning prayer and updates on world affairs. Each day one student has an opportunity to tell a story of their choice. The students attend classes throughout the day and meals are provided.

The meals are the same every day: vegetables, rice and lentil soup. The students rarely receive fruit due to their high cost. In the evening, the students have an opportunity to participate in sports, such as dancing, karate, soccer and badminton. At night, the classrooms become bedrooms for the children.

Sunway:

Founded in 2004 by Yrsa S. Grüning, Sunway operates two orphanages which house 75 children aged 3-17 years old. Most of the children at these orphanages have lost one or both parents, and they all came from 'low caste' or otherwise known as 'untouchables'. In addition, Sunway operates a school with 40 students and two adult classes. The school is located in the southwestern part of Bodhgaya.

6 2010-2011 Activities and Events

April 2010

Drag Bingo Fundraiser: April 15, 2010, Oasis Lounge, Vancouver, BC.

Bingo, prizes, fun and live entertainment hosted by Affra Tightly, a Paper Kite volunteer.

May 2010

Healing for Paper Kite: May 16, 2010, Vancouver, BC.

This was a spectacular opportunity to experience healing treatments while supporting a worthy cause. Treatments included: Reiki, Star Activation Healing, Aura Cleanse and Sound Healing. All treatments were offered on a *by donation* basis benefiting Paper Kite Children's Foundation.

Studio 998, Model Make-over for the 2010 Model Call: May 2010, London, Ontario.

Owner and staff of Studio 998 donated supplies and stylist labour for the event. It was a great success for the Foundation's first event in Ontario, raising nearly CAD \$500 for the Charity.

June 2010

Deepak Chopra promotional event: June 4, 2010, Queen Elizabeth Theatre, Vancouver, B.C

For individuals that used the promotional code PAPERKITE at www.ticketmaster.ca for Deepak Chopra tickets, 10% of the purchase was donated to Paper Kite!

September 2010

Healing for Paper Kite: September 19, 2010, Vancouver, BC

This event provided the perfect opportunity to experience healing treatments while supporting a worthy cause. The public enjoyed several different treatments, including: shiatsu, reek, zenith omega, traditional Chinese medicine (TCM), sound healing, transformational breathing and phoenix rising yoga therapy.

All treatments were offered on a *by donation* basis benefiting Paper Kite Children's Foundation.

November 2010

Healing for Paper Kite: November 21, 2010, Vancouver, BC.

Due to the success of our first Healing Day, this became a recurring event on a quarterly basis.

February 2011

Implementation trip to Bihar, India

- Jeanamitabh:

The building was in very poor condition and required a lot of repairs. Jeanamitabh was in the process of building a school with dormitories on land they purchased through the support of local and international rotary clubs. Jeanamitabh employs over 30 people - teachers, labors, caretakers, etc. Paper Kite is supporting Jeanamitabh because there is a need for the four programs (proper nutrition, clean water, education, health and welfare).

In February 2011, Paper Kite implemented our programs by purchasing items from local villages in order to meet the orphanages' needs, and also supporting the local economy. Items purchased included:

- Food and toiletries for one month for all children
- 48 benches and tables for the new school and dormitory
- a Water pump for the new school and dormitory
- a Wheel Chair for one disabled boy
- Medicine for one month for all children

- Sunway:

The donations of Paper Kite were also used to provide the Sunway houses with food, materials for construction work, materials for furniture, a metal storage box and a laundry machine.

Upon his arrival, Tarik examined the drainage system in front of the first house which clogged frequently. Neighbours complained about the water being dammed and spilling to their property. Together with Ravi, the local manager of this house, Tarik decided to hire some construction workers to broaden the outdoor sewage system. Tarik also inspected the interior of both houses and found the kids sitting on the floor while eating and partly sleeping in very old and mouldy beds. To improve the conditions in the interior, carpenters were hired to build wooden chairs, tables and beds. In order to supply the needed materials for all the construction, Tarik and Ravi drove to the neighbouring city of Gaya to buy concrete and wood of different kind to be used for the furniture. The storage facilities in the first house were very limited and a decision was made to buy a large metal box which can secure a large amount of valuable items. Tarik and Ravi went to a local metal shop and gave them the order to fabricate a proper box. Within two days, the box was constructed and delivered.

The laundry used to be hand washed in the front yard. This required much effort and many helping hands to be completed. Thus, it was decided to buy a laundry machine to help improve the living conditions. When the laundry machine arrived, it was a big excitement for all the workers and children, since they never saw an electric machine of such size before. The new machine was installed at the front entrance of the first house. One boy was in charge to fill up the machine with water with an external hose. All the kids present stood around the machine and watched it curling their clothes just on its own. They will probably remember this day as long as the machine will be in use.

A large portion of the funds were dedicated to proper nutrition. Groceries were bought at the local market in Gaya and in one of the local stores in Bodhgaya. The van owned by Sunway was fully loaded twice, once with fruit and vegetables and once with flour, rice, eggs, potatoes, body and dental care supplies and other highly needed items. Purchasing the groceries always took a lot of time due to bargaining with the sellers at the market and transporting them. Two days were dedicated to purchasing food and storing the groceries in the Sunway houses. Ravi took care of the bargaining, since the prices allegedly were significantly inflated for foreigners. Tarik and Johannes remained silent until the price was fixed and then appeared to provide payment. This method encouraged local businesses while creating happy smiles on the faces of the Sunway children.



7 The Team behind Paper Kite

7.1 Vancouver Team

Tarik Kadri: President and Chairman of the Board

Isabel Estañ: Vice President and Board Secretary

Amanda Rogers: Board Member

Brigitte Prud'Homme: Finance Officer / Board Member

James Caspersen: Volunteer Officer

Abhishaek Rawal: Executive Director

Bibhuti Tamrakar: Social Media Coordinator

Jaz Khurana: Volunteer

Johannes Jenkner: Volunteer

Angela Wong: Volunteer

Appendix 1: Statement of Financial Position

Paper Kite Children's Foundation			
Statement of Financial Position			
(unaudited)			
As at March 31, 2011			
	Operating Fund (CAD\$)	Capital Asset Fund (CAD\$)	Total (CAD\$)
Assets			
Current			
Cash	3,314		3,314
Furniture & Equipment		112	112
Total Assets	3,314	112	3,426
Liabilities and Net Assets			
Net Assets			
Unrestricted Funds	3,314		3,314
Invested in Capital Assets		112	112
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	3,314	112	3,426

Appendix 2: Statement of Operations and of Changes in Net Assets

Statement of Operations and of Changes in Net Assets			
(unaudited)			
For the year ended March 31, 2011			2011
	Operating Fund (CAD\$)	Capital Asset Fund (CAD\$)	Total (CAD\$)
Revenues			
Donations	11,261		11,261
Fundraising	3,058		3,058
	14,319		14,319
Expenditures			
Administrative:			
Office and Sundry	90		90
Advertising	489		489
Bank Charges & Interest	86		86
Insurance	1,000		1,000
Travel ^(NOTE 1)	3,133		3,133
Web Hosting	100		100
Four Programs delivered by Paper Kite	11,209		11,209
	16,107		16,108
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	(1,788)		(1,788)
Net Assets - Beginning	5,103	112	5,215
Net Assets - Ending	3,315	112	3,427
^(NOTE 1) Travel represents the cost of the airfare of \$3,133 to Bihar, India by one of Paper Kite's volunteers. The purpose of this trip was to perform field study of the orphanages in the Bihar region to be supported by Paper Kite's four programs. However, 100% of the cost of the airfare was subsequently donated to Paper Kite by the volunteer and has been included in Revenues as Donations.			