



Assam Foundation of North America

Annual Progress Report

2018 General Body Meeting

June 30, 2018

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President: Pallav Saikia Secretary: Dr. Lipika Deka Treasurer: Sarfaraz
Taher

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Agenda

1. Last year in review
 - a. Projects Updates
 - b. Operations
 - c. Finance
2. Nomination and Election
 - a. New executive body
3. Roadmap
 - a. Project focus - Tapoban
4. Vote of thanks
5. Open forum



Project Updates

Focus area: Education

Support A Child (SAC):

- Supported ~80 at-risk students
- Primarily in PKGHS, SHED & Tapoban

Nowgong Mission School:

- \$1900 was granted which was used for equipping the school auditorium with a sound system
- Funded with a 70% of the total cost for shared ownership

\$100 - Supports 1 student for 1 year



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Project Updates



Enabling Higher Education

Focus area: Education

AKADAMICS:

- Entering 5th successful year with 73 total scholarships awarded
- 49 AKADAMICS awardees have successfully graduated so far
- **In 2017, increased the number of annual scholarships to from 20 to 30**
- Progress of our scholars is monitored via 6-monthly reports
- *Xomidhan* mentors support our scholars as well; ***Thank You, Xomidhan!!***
- Scholarship amount:
 - ◆ Professional degree student: INR 30,000/Year
 - ◆ Non professional : INR 10,000/Year
- **Goal is to increase annual scholarships to 75 by 2020!!**

\$350 - Supports 1 student for 1 year

Dimpi Deb (pursuing B.Com in DHSK Commerce College, Dibrugarh) – “....First of all, I am very grateful to AKADAMICS for the scholarship they have provided. The first instalment helps (sic) me very much for continuing my studies. Also thanks for selecting me in the Xomidhan Mentorship Program and providing me a mentor to guide and help in my studies and in reaching my career goal”



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Project Updates

Focus area: Employment Generation

Atma Nirbhar ek Challenge - Support A Disabled Worker

- AFNA partnership continues to thrive
- Providing meaningful employments to ~40 people with disabilities
- Providing full benefits with salaries like Provident Fund contributions



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Project Updates

Disaster relief in Assam & USA

★ The Assamese community rose to the occasion

- AFNA & AANA together donated \$4000 to multiple agencies in 2017
- Assam Flood relief work with AID
 - AFNA & AANA contributed \$1000 each
- Northern California Wildfire
 - Provided financial grant to local food bank serving the displaced
- Hurricane Harvey,
 - Donated to Red Cross & Houston Independent School District (HISD)
 - AANA contributed another \$500



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Project Updates

Seneh - Support-A-Grandma

****completed 1 year****

- Seneh provides a home to destitute woman, free of cost, 28 residents
- **Medical expense is high and needs help** (Seneh self manages other expenses)
 - ◆ 11 of the residents are on psychiatric drugs, expense Rs 10,000/ months
 - ◆ 4 Diabetic patient, 5 with high BP
 - ◆ Almost all underwent cataract operation
 - ◆ 1 resident nurse needed
 - ◆ AFNA's grant covered most of these
- AFNA launched Support A Grandma to
 - ◆ Provide financial relief to Seneh for medical expenses: \$6000/Yr

**\$300 - Adopt a Grandma
for 1 year**



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Other Campaigns

★ AFNA Annual Calendar

- Created out of volunteer contribution of pictures
- 600 copies distributed across North America & India
- **Contact calendar@assamfoundation.net**

★ AFNA Charity Run

- Raise awareness on AFNA's projects
- Foster community involvement with a healthy initiative
- First run planned for August 19, San Francisco Bay Area

★ AFNA Essay Contest

- Topics focussed on Assam and our connection to Assam
- Open for students from 8th Grade to 12th



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Other Campaigns

★ AFNA Work An Hour

- Donate an hour's wage to AFNA
- Runs throughout the year

★ Tree4All & Ecoblast

- Co-sponsoring annual eco fairs with Bridgewater Township, NJ
- Ecoblast & Arbor Day in Spring
- Tree4All event in Fall



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Income Statement - 2017

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Nomination



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Election of Executives - Nominees

Nominee - President



Sarfaraz Taher (Reza), MN

Sarfaraz has been an active volunteer of AFNA for last 6 years. Most notably kicked off and stewarded the AKADAMICS program for last 5 years. Sarfaraz has also been the Treasurer and a member of the Board of AFNA for last 4 years. His work ethic, continued dedication, and experience have been valuable assets to AFNA team.

Nominee - Secretary



Ranju Sarma, CA

Ranju has been an active volunteer of AFNA for last couple of years. She took the lead and kicked off the Support A Grandma program last year. A senior member of the volunteer community, she brings in lots of dedication and discipline to the team.

Nominee - Treasurer



**Anamitra Bhattacharyya
(Riki), MI**

Anamitra has been helping as the assistant treasurer since last year going over AFNA's accounting software and processing donations. He is also a past Treasurer of AFNA. His sincere and attention to detail will help fulfil this highly critical job.



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Rotation of BoD members

Outgoing member

- Dr. Binoy Bordoloi

New member nominees

- Mr. Pallav Saikia
- Dr. Lipika Deka

Continuing members:

- Mr. Ankur Bora
- Dr. Debabrata Sarma
- Mr. Debojit Bora
- Ms. Enakshi Baruah
- Mr. Niren Choudhury, Chairman

New Ex Officio members:

- Mr. Sarfaraz Taher – President - New officer
- Mrs. Ranju Sarma – Secretary - New Officer



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BoD Members (proposed)



Niren Choudhury, NJ
Chairman of Board



Debojit Borah, CA



Ankur Bora, TX



Enakshi Baruah, IL



Debabrata Sarma, WA



Sarfaraz Taher, MN



Ranju Sarma, CA



Pallav Saikia, CA



Lipika Deka, CA



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Project Focus: Tapoban



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STUDENTS

CARA
দেড়ক-এহন বিশেষক সন্থা
Specialised Adoption Agency (SAA)
RECOGNISED BY STATE GOVERNMENT
UNDER MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT
GOVT. OF BIHAR

PATHSALA, BARPETA, 781325

TAPOBAN

A school for special need student



About Tapoban

- Tapoban is a residential school for the students with special need
- Currently 30 residential students and 70 daily commute students getting special education and training
- Only non-profit and self-funded school with special need in Lower Assam
- Students from Barpeta, Bongaigaon and Baska districts are getting benefited from Tapoban
- Started in 2005 with 5 students
- Tapoban is a beneficiary of AFNA's Support-A-Child program from 2009



Tapoban provides



- Residence for orphans with special needs
- The therapy and training programs
 - ❖ **Physiotherapy:** 2 physiotherapists with specialization in child disability serves 45+ students on daily basis.
 - ❖ **Speech Therapy:** 1 vocational trainer to help our speech impaired students helping to communicate and express their feelings.
 - ❖ **Braille & Computer Education:** Special training to visually challenged students
 - ❖ **Music/Sports :** Exercise of Sports and Music are integral part of Tapoban.
 - ❖ **Regular Health Checkup :** Two local doctors volunteering health checkup in Tapoban campus every alternate week.

Success Story



Srithi, an abandoned newborn left in the street of Kamakhya temple is now a boarding student of Tapoban. Recently Tapoban celebrated her 7th birthday.

Purnima and Sumi able to touch the heart of many audiences with their sensational voice. Both of them won many awards and accolade in public platform.



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কুমুদ কলিতাৰ
মানসপুত্ৰ

মানৱতাৰ গানেৰে মুখৰ পাঠশালাৰ তপোবনৰ বাকৰি

মাইপদৰ সমীপত পাঠশালা মহাবিদ্যালয়ৰ পিছদিনে গছে-ফুলে জাতিদ্বাৰ এক মান্দনিক আৰু সুন্দৰ পৰিবেশৰ সৃষ্টি কৰি এই ব্যক্তিগতৰ একাত্মিক প্ৰচেষ্টাত এজাক নিষ্পাপ শিশুৰ কলৱৰণেৰে মুখৰ কৰি তুলিছে তপোবন। যি সময়ত নিজৰ সন্তানৰ মল-মূত্ৰ পৰিষ্কাৰ কৰিবলৈ দুখা কৰা একাংশ পিতৃ-মাতৃয়ে শিশুৰ যতনৰ বাবে ধনৰ বিনিময়ত অয়া আদি পৰিচাৰ্যকৰী ৰাখি নিজৰ কৰ্তব্যৰ প্ৰতি পিঠি দিছে, তেনেকুৱা সময়তে একেখন সমাজৰে বাসিন্দা প্ৰবক্তা হিচাপে কৰ্মৰত কুমুদ কলিতাই তেওঁৰ একান্ত সংগী, অৰ্ধাৰ্ণৱিনী লুকী পাঠগিৰিৰ সহযোগত সমাজৰ নিষ্পেহিত, বঞ্চিত, নিতকৰা, উপেক্ষিত শিশুসকলক বিনাহিঁহাই আপদাল কৰি গৈছে। মস্তিষ্কৰ পৰা অঁপেপত, অৰোধ, শাৰীৰিক ভাৱে নিৰাংগ এই শিশুসকলৰ কোনোটোৱে কলিতাৰ চলিত টানিত, ঘটিয়াইছে, লটিয়াইছে, আনকি কোনোটোৱে তেওঁৰ

অংশগ্ৰহণ কৰোৱাৰ লগতে বনভোজৰো সোৱাদ দিবলৈ নাপাহৰা এই নিষ্পেহিত শিশুসকলক প্ৰদান কৰি আহিছে এক সম্পূৰ্ণ সমাজ জীৱন।

কুমুদ কলিতা আৰু লুকী পাঠগিৰিৰ পিতৃ-মাতৃদ্বৰ উমাল সান্নিধ্যই শিশুহঁতক কেতিয়াও এনেকুৱা চিন্তা কৰিবলৈ আহিব দিয়া নাই যে সিহঁতৰ কোনোবাখন জন্ম দিয়া পিতৃ-মাতৃৰ পৰা অৱহেলিত, তথাকথিত সমাজৰ পৰা বিচ্ছেদিত, বাক্শক্তিহীন, সৃষ্টিশক্তিহীন, চিন্তাশক্তিৰ পৰা অঁপেপত অথবা খোজকাঢ়িবলৈ অক্ষম। সিহঁতক বুকুৰ উমাল সান্নিধ্যৰে মেৰিয়াই কুমুদ কলিতাই প্ৰদান কৰিছে ঐশ্বৰিক প্ৰশান্তি। আজি এইগৰাকী ব্যক্তিৰ বাবে সিহঁতে পৃথিৱীখনক সুন্দৰ বনাইছে, ভৱিষ্যতৰ সোণোৱালী সপোন বঢ়িছে। আজি তপোবনত পদাৰ্পণ কৰা প্ৰতিজন ব্যক্তিয়ে এই নিষ্পাপ শিশুসকলৰ স'তে উমাল, সিহঁতৰ অতীত বোমছন কৰি অন্তৰাৱা কঁপি উঠাৰ সমান্তৰালকৈ

■ কল্যাণ কলিতা, পাঠশালা
কৰা, সমাজচ্যুত শিশুৰ আদৰৰ আশ্ৰয়স্থলী কুমুদ কলিতাৰ মানস সন্তান 'তপোবন'।



Current Need



Electric Elevator for Newly Constructed Facility :

- To fulfill the growing need of classroom, training room and living space Tapoban has constructed a G+ 3 building.
- Installation of an Electric Elevator is very essential to effectively utilize the building space.

Estimated Cost of Electric Elevator :

Manufacturing, supply, installation and commissioning of passenger lift for G+3

Rs.8,30,000/-

Fabrication Cost (Lift Shaft Structure & Shaft Covering)

Rs.2,80,000/-

AFNA's proposal



Work with Tapoban to find a co-sponsor for the elevator

- AFNA funds 50 to 70% of the total cost (~ \$10,000 to \$15,000)
- A local partner funds the rest
- AFNA Stewards will closely work with Tapoban on
 - Technical options (i.e. Electric vs Hydraulic)
 - Installation timeline
 - Project completion

Accessibility options for people with special need is not a priority in developing world. We need to make it a priority!

Without the elevator these kids will either miss the facilities available in upper floors or will need someone to carry them up.

Please help us raise \$15,000 for this cause



Vote of Thanks



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Thank you..



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Thank you donors from AC 2017

Pradip Das (Adopt A Grandma)	Prantor Bora (AKADAMICS)
Nripen Barua (General Fund)	Vaswati Sarmah (Adopt A Grandma)
Lohit Dutta Barua (AKADAMICS)	Deba Borah (General Fund)
Bibhas Barua (AKADAMICS)	Abir Das (AKADAMICS)
Arup Goswami (AKADAMICS)	Krishna Hazarika (Mission School)
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Kripa Borah (Membership)	Suranjoy Hazarika (General Fund)
Onirik Sarma (General Fund)	Wasim Rahman (General Fund)
Mitrajyoti Deka (Adopt A Grandma & AKADAMICS)	Arup Khaund (Support A Child)
Ranima Dutta (General Fund)	Prassana Dutta (General Fund)

We raised \$10,000 in last Convention!!

AFNA Directors matched another \$2000 through personal contribution



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Please take a moment to donate

Donate now :

- ❑ Elevator for Tapoban : \$15,000
- ❑ Seneh: Support A Grandma : \$300 / year
- ❑ AKADAMICS: Support a College Student : \$350 / year
- ❑ SAC: Support a School Student: \$100 / year
- ❑ General fund and any other projects : Any amount

Pledge by AFNA Directors:

We will personally match all donations in AC 2018 upto \$1800



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Q&A



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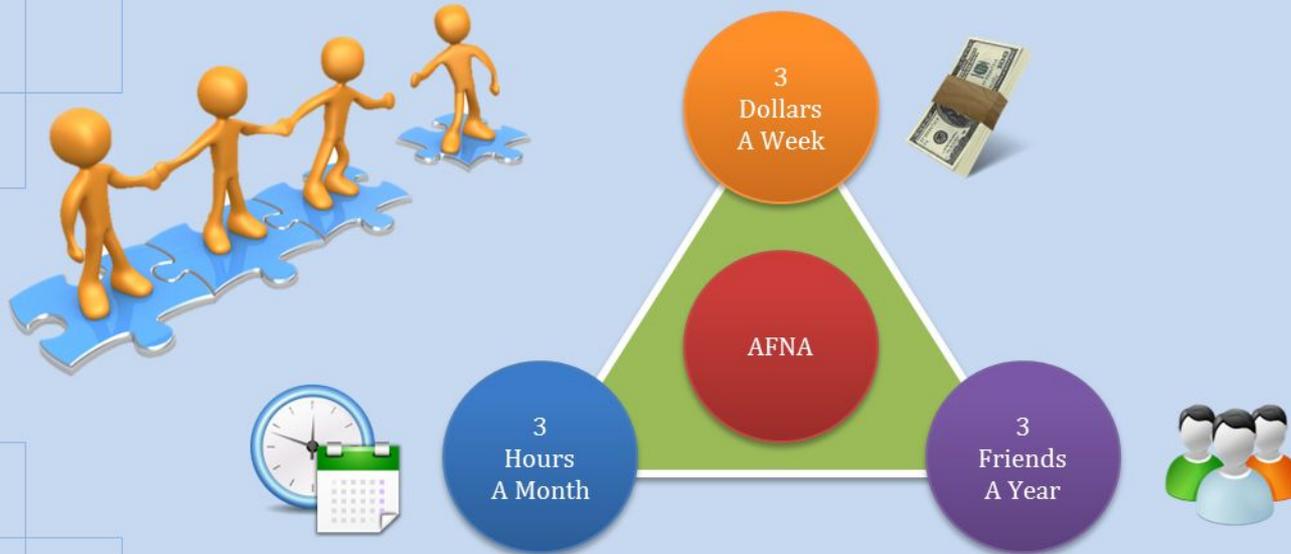
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