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STARAE

**(Scholarships as a Tool to Accelerate and Revive
Academic Excellence)**

Financial Report April 2010 to March 2014

Overview

Scholarships as a Tool to Accelerate and Revive Academic Excellence (“STARAE”) was established by UNITED SIKHS in 2004 as a scholarship project to give bright school going children the opportunity to study in good schools. In this way, they would be provided with a study environment which would give them the maximum chances of working to their highest potential.

In early 2010, donations from the sangat in Bangkok, Penang, Delhi and California allowed for a significant expansion in the scholarship programme. With these donations and with support from Sikhs Helping Sikhs, UNITED SIKHS expanded STARAE to sponsor 160 students at the Sun Smile Public School in Sultanpuri, New Delhi.

In September 2011, UNITED SIKHS, in order to improve retention of the students and their attendance, began providing regular sports lessons to all students at the school, including those not sponsored under STARAE. The sports lessons are provided by Active Sports.

This report covers the costs and donations associated with scholarships at Sun Smile School in Sultanpuri, from the start of the academic year in April 2010 to March 2014.

Financial Summary

The total **donations** we have received from our donors for the STARAE scholarships over the four year period 2010 to 2014 amounted to just over **£26,000 GBP**. See overleaf for break down of donations received.

Total **costs** for sponsoring the students at Sun Smile Public School in Sultanpuri for the four academic years of April 2010 to March 2014 amounted to just over **£27,000 GBP**. A summary of these costs is provided at the end of this report. Invoices and receipts for the main cost items can be provided upon request.

UNITED SIKHS is seeking donations to continue the project for the next academic year and beyond.

Current Situation & Future Plans

Due to the lack of facilities in the Sun Smile School where the STARAE scholars were studying and also because parents have not been able to provide much input due to their lack of education, we found a need to transfer our STARAE scholars out of the Sun Smile School. The transfer has been deemed necessary if we are to give a better education and a Sikh educational environment to the Sikh students.

On July 14th 2014 we successfully admitted 70 STARAE scholars to a neighbouring JSS Khalsa Model School in Budh Vihar, New Delhi. We have been assured by Sr Manjit Singh GK, the president of Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (DSGMC) that they are taking over the management and ownership of the school. He told a meeting with the families of the STARAE scholars in Sultanpuri, that DSGMC will inject new funds to improve the facilities and quality of staff whilst maintaining low fees for students, who mainly come from the economically deprived colonies. Five of our STARAE scholars, who have performed well, have been transferred to a DSGMC run Nihal Vihar School, under the sponsorship of a Sikh trust called SEWA. As our STARAE scholars will need extra coaching

to catch up with the students at the JSS Khalsa Model School, we will be hiring teaching assistants to provide after school homework help. We also have requested the JSS Khalsa school to provide a day boarding facility for our STARAE scholars, at least for an initial period of six months.

The cost of education in the new school will be higher as it will involve higher books and uniform costs and transportation costs, which we did not incur for the Sun Smile School. We have obtained a waiver for the annual fees from the DSGMC. The total cost at the JSS Khalsa Model School including monthly fees, books, day boarding costs (one meal and tutors' fees), uniforms, transport, and operational costs will be 2000 Rs (£20 GBP/ \$30 USD/ 1000 Baht) a month.

We appeal to you to continue to fund the STARAE scholars and send a donation of 2000 Rs (£ 20 GBP / \$30 USD / 1000 baht) a month or an annual payment of 24,000 Rs (£240 GBP / \$360 USD / 12000 baht) for the present academic year ending March 2015. Please note that even though our STARAE scholars have been transferred to the new school in July 2014, we are requesting the full annual amount to help us cope with the additional costs of making the transfer to the new school.

Donations may be sent via the payment method listed on our website:

www.unitedsikhs.org/uk-donate.php or email finance-uk@unitedsikhs.org for further details and donation methods.



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Donations Received

Total donations received by UNITED SIKHS for the STARAE scholarships over the four year period 2010 to 2014:

Year	USD	GBP	MYR	INR	Donor Group
2010	\$16,381			Rs. 728,102	Bangkok Sangat
2010			6,000	Rs. 73,198	Bayan Baru Gurdwara Penang Sangat
2010	\$2,010			Rs. 88,440	USA California Sangat
2010	\$8,000			Rs. 350,061	Sikhs Helping Sikhs
2010				Rs. 72,000	Delhi Sangat
2010		£1,107		Rs. 77,490	UK Sangat
				Rs. 1,389,291	Total 2010 Donations
2011		£2,380		Rs. 230,000	Bangkok Sangat (donations related to 2011)
2011			4,800	Rs. 72,000	Thai Sangat
2011	\$2,470			Rs. 116,090	USA California Sangat
2011				Rs. 72,000	Delhi Sangat
2011		£6,780		Rs. 522,060	UK Sangat
				Rs. 1,012,150	Total 2011 Donations
2012		£350		Rs. 31,500	UK Sangat donations
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2013		£1,900		Rs. 160,000	Sikhs Helping Sikhs
2013		£540		Rs. 48,600	UK Sangat
				Rs. 208,600	Total 2013 Donations
2014		£315		Rs. 31,500	UK Sangat
				Rs. 31,500	Total 2014 Donations
				Rs. 2,673,041	Total Donations 2010 - 2014
				£26,466	<i>Equivalent total amount in GBP at current exchange rates</i>

Costs

Total costs for sponsoring the students at Sun Smile Public School in Sultanpuri (New Delhi) for the 4 academic years of April 2010 to March 2014:

<u>Fees for Sun Smile Public School in Sultanpuri, New Delhi</u>	
Rs. 29,100	Book fees
Rs. 37,500	Uniform fees
Rs. 32,000	Annual Exam fees
Rs. 346,200	Tuition fees
-Rs. 32,000	Less amounts contributed by students
Rs. 412,800	Total April 2010 to March 2011 for 160 students
Rs. 66,944	Book fees
Rs. 54,400	Uniform fees
Rs. 27,200	Annual Exam fees
Rs. 326,400	Tuition fees
-Rs. 30,000	Less amounts contributed by students
Rs. 444,944	Total April 2011 to March 2012 for 136 students
Rs. 98,235	Book fees
Rs. 55,700	Uniform fees
-Rs. 39,062	Less refund for Books & Uniforms as students dropped from 136 to 101
Rs. 20,200	Annual Exam fees
Rs. 363,600	Tuition fees
-Rs. 30,300	Less amounts contributed by students
Rs. 468,373	Total April 2012 to March 2013 for 101 students
Rs. 94,997	Book fees
Rs. 70,848	Uniform fees
Rs. 26,800	Annual Exam fees
Rs. 482,400	Tuition fees
Rs. 675,045	Total April 2013 to March 2014 for 134 students
Rs. 2,001,162	Total Fees paid to Sun Smile School April 2010 to March 2014
<u>Active Sport classes at Sultanpuri School from September 2011</u>	
Rs. 105,000	September 2011 to March 2012 at 15,000 Rs per month
Rs. 180,000	April 2012 to March 2013 at 15,000 Rs per month
Rs. 240,000	April 2013 to March 2014 at 20,000 Rs per month
Rs. 525,000	Total Active Sports lessons at Sultanpuri Sun Smile School September 2011 to March 2014
<u>Operational costs associated with providing the STARAE programme at Sun Smile School</u>	
Rs. 221,592	Total
Rs. 2,747,754	Total of all costs incurred by UNITED SIKHS for STARAE at Sun Smile School April 2010 to March 2014
£27,205	Equivalent total amount in GBP at current exchange rates