



ASSOCIATION FOR INDIA'S DEVELOPMENT

VIRGINIA TECH - CHAPTER

Dear Readers,

Association for India's Development (AID) is a charitable, non-profit organization working for the underprivileged in India. It was founded in 1991 and has over 50 chapters worldwide. AID has received the highest 4-star rating by Charity Navigator, America's best-known independent evaluator of charities.

ABOUT (AID - VT):

The Virginia Tech chapter of AID (AID-VT) was formed in 1998 and is entirely run by student volunteers. Our agenda over the years, has encompassed a host of activities that have contributed towards furthering our mission to support and initiate efforts in various interconnected spheres such as education, livelihoods, natural resources, health, women's empowerment and social justice. The Blacksburg Chapter is managed by a five member executive committee of student volunteers who are assisted by a faculty advisor. The committee is supported by nearly 20 active student volunteers.



"MAHEK LUNCHEON", a fundraising event organized by AID volunteers at Commonwealth Ball room on Saturday. 20 student volunteers prepared popular home cooked food items for the luncheon. This event was attended by 150 people and the amount raised from selling food, T-shirts and donations was \$800-900. This event was publicized through flyers, websites, listserv, and university event calendar. The tickets were sold online.

THE INTERNATIONAL STREET FAIR



An annual event held every Spring semester marks the international week at VT. Various students organizations flock to sell food items and other merchandises. AID-VT volunteers participated and sold home made Indian food items samosas, alu chaat, and mango lassi, and AID T-shirts for \$1000 which was a major contribution towards fund raising . Publicity for the event was made through University events .



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USHAGRAM TRUST” PROJECT

AID supported the NGO in building and running 8 non-formal study centers which were used to operate formal classes for young children (6-10 yrs old) for the first year in 8 villages in West Bengal.



SAMRAKSHA PROJECT

Samraksha, a developmental organization in Bangalore was initiated in 1993 as the HIV/AIDS sector of Samuha and registered as an independent charitable organization in 2006. The goal was to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS in the community and reduce its impact on those vulnerable to, and affected by it. AID’s funding provided support to 20 admissions among 250-300 people admitted annually.



CHAPTER EVENTS: 2008– 2010 SPRING CONCERT

AID volunteers organized the Taal Spring concert. This is a VT sponsored event free for the public. No tickets were sold and the event was publicized through flyers, websites, listserv emails, university event calendar and local newspaper. This event raises publicity for AID and funding is attained primarily through donations.



2010- “Taal” was a fusion of Indian classical and contemporary music. Carnatic classical music by Prasanna, bass by John Pope and drums by Mauricio Zottarelli.

2009- Idea Group from DC performed the Indian Dance and tabla and sitar was performed by Enayet Hossain and Hidayet Khan

2008-Sitar performed by Shafaatulah Khan.

PCVC PROJECT

International foundation for crime prevention and victim care is a nonprofit-able organization based in Chennai . It focuses on empowering and rehabilitating women and children

affected by domestic violence. AID funded the SMILE Project from July 2007-April 2008 which supported 93 children aged 4 to 16 years who had witnessed violence in families



ECONOMIC RURAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

ERDS was established in the year 1982. This organization aims to raise the status of the underprivileged, illiterate, poor and backward people of the village of West Bengal by empowering the needy through socio-economic development and public awareness of their rights and responsibilities.



Current projects under consideration are IIMPACT, IAPA, and PUDIYODAR

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