



All India Movement for Seva

Educating Rural India through Free Student Hostels



Feature Story: Free Student Hostel Sponsored by Smt. Kaveri Rangaraj of Bay Area

Name of the Hostel: AIM for Seva Smt. Kaveri Free Student Hostel for Boys

Place: Chunchanakatte, Mysuru, Karnataka

An Interview with Kaveri Rangaraj

Kaveri Rangaraj grew up in the Mysore-Coorg area and they used to visit this area and the banks of the Kaveri river (The Ganges of the South) as she was growing up. Chunchanakatte is located on the Banks of Shri Kaveri. Kaveri attended the college nearby. Her parents were Government officers and education was very important to them and same was inculcated in their children and family.

What prompted you to sponsor a FSH?

Kaveri: I grew up observing children who were smart but unfortunate because they were poor and did not have the means to get an education and lift themselves and their families out of the cycle of poverty and petty labor jobs. I wanted to give back to my motherland but, didn't have a channel to do that before. One needs a trusted channel that uses the money wisely, has low overhead and the intended recipients get the benefit of the donation. I felt that it was like "pouring oil/ghee into a lamp to light the flame", the flame of education.

How much were you involved in the tactical construction of the FSH?

Kaveri: I was not involved much. I was sent the drawings of the new FSH etc. I preferred to leave the work and decisions on-the-ground to the professional engineers, architects and others, physically present in the region.

What is your involvement now that the FSH has been completed and is functional?

Kaveri: I am planning to visit the FSH in December and meet the children staying there and the manager, Ms. Gayatri.

What are the future plans for the FSH?

Kaveri: I am funding a water cooler and water purifier for the FSH, so the students can have a clean supply of drinking water available. They are also in the process of installing a solar water heater and solar panels for electricity.

Did the project meet your expectations?

Kaveri: Yes, so far. I haven't personally visited the FSH. But in terms of being on budget and finishing on time, it did meet the targets.

In summary, Kaveri wanted to give back to India, her motherland, from where she got so much, her education, opportunity to come to the US and make a good life for herself and her family. The best way to give she felt, was to give a gift of education to the underprivileged children, so they have the means to uplift themselves. This is a gift to benefit the future generations and is long lasting.



AIM for Seva, a registered public charitable trust, ensures that children go to school and stay in school. Through our successful model of Free Student Hostels we have been able to educate and empower the lives of over 30,000 children from rural India since our inception in 2000.

Spread across 16 states in India, we have 97 Free Student Hostels which provide complete care to children during the critical phase of their mental and physical growth, from Class 4 to Class 12. Nurturing environment, value education, academic coaching, nutrition, health and hygiene awareness, and much more that contribute to student's growth.

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AIM for Seva, is presenting a National Film Award winner for best playback singer, **Mahesh Kale** on Dec 30th at California Theater, San Jose. The event is to appreciate all the donors for their generosity and concern for the kids in rural India. Please be part of this great movement and visit <http://www.aimforseva.org> to learn and donate. Please accept this scintillating performance from Mahesh Kale as a thank you for your contribution to AIM for Seva.