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**“If we are to teach real peace in this world, we shall have to begin with the children.” -MK Gandhi**

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### **A Message from Arun Gandhi & GWEI**



Welcome to our newly revitalized Dreamcatcher, the official quarterly newsletter of the Gandhi Worldwide Education Institute. Much has been happening of late: new plans for the growing Kolhapur school project, the Sunanda Gandhi Memorial School (formerly the Avani Residential School); a new content rich Wordpress web site and blog; and our new social media presence on Facebook and Twitter already have thousands of followers, indicating that the time is right for our unique child-embetterment projects to gain your much needed support.

Do enjoy our latest newsletter installment and then please do give to us generously. Gandhi Worldwide desperately needs your support, now more than ever, as our vision begins to take shape.

Thank you and Namaste!

- Arun Gandhi / President

### **Gandhi Institute Featured on BBC News**



Dr. Arun Gandhi, President of the Gandhi Worldwide Education Institute ('GWEI') announced that his organization's efforts to combat forced child labor and trafficking is a featured examination on BBC World News – the Fast Track series.

Part of a week-long exploration of organizations involved in a commonality of efforts to improve the plight of children, fight poverty and malnutrition, and to promote a greater well-being around the world, the Gandhi segment will include footage taken in India in December 2009 with Dr. Arun Gandhi and Tushar Gandhi (grandson and great grandson, respectively, of M.K. Gandhi) examining the GWEI's efforts in rescuing, educating and feeding children living in the slums of Kolhapur, 200 miles south of Bombay. *“There are many evils still rampant in our 21st Century world, not the least of which are the three malignant sisters of child malnutrition, child trafficking and forced labor, and continued lack of child education. As planetary awareness builds around these issues we hope to see these destroyers of childhood promise eradicated,”* says Dr. Gandhi.

The BBC GWEI video segment may be viewed at - <http://bbc.in/BBCGANDHI>



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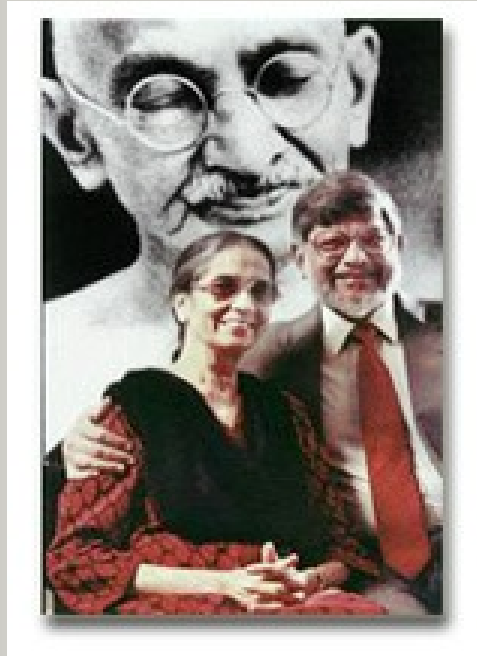
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## Sunanda and Me - A 50 year partnership

by Arun Gandhi



Spontaneity was always the hallmark of my life with Sunanda who died on February 21, 2007, just months short of our 50th wedding anniversary. We did not believe in planning. We simply saw a situation and plunged into it.

I fell in love with her at first sight in a hospital in Mumbai where she was nursing me after an appendectomy. We got married in a middle school hall and spent the first night in a class room because I did not have money to go to a hotel. Our honeymoon was a pilgrimage with my mother and half a dozen relatives escorting us to all the Gandhi monuments to pay our respects to my ancestors.

For the first year and a half we lived like nomads – renting an apartment for three months at a time.

For the first ten years we struggled through economic difficulties and joked about the first week of the month being “paper week”, the second “silver week”, the third “copper week” and the fourth “pauper week.” It meant that in the first week we flaunted paper money, the second silver coins, the third week copper coins and the fourth we had nothing.

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## The Power of Engaged Philanthropy: Seeing for Oneself

By Lydia Dean | GoPhilanthropy

“Lydia Didi!!” (Lydia sister) Come and see our play!” screeches one of the beaming AVANI students in Kolhapur, India. But the play I am about to witness is nothing like one I would attend for my own children in Rochester, NY. The scenes of this play, taking place under the hot sun 200 miles south of Mumbai, represent harsh snapshots, re-enactments of experiences these children faced daily trapped in a cycle of poverty, exploitation, and child labor.

I recognize many of their faces from my visit last December, the older ones looking more and more like men and women. Our GoPhilanthropic group traveled with Arun and Tushar Gandhi to learn firsthand about their multi-pronged vision and plan for combatting child labor in the region. Working alongside AVANI, the Mahatma Gandhi Foundation and the Gandhi Worldwide Education Institute have plans to build a Memorial School, a learning and vocational facility for exploited children and their parents. But in addition to setting foot on the verdant rolling hills that will be the site of the new school, our group wanted to fully understand the mix of variables that created the context for child labor. The experience last year had me wanting to know more, to commit on a deeper level, so I return.



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## Jaipur's Dream for the Future

By Jean Williams



Eleven-year-old Jaipur knows more about AIDS than most anyone her age. Even though she does not have the disease nor does she carry the virus, she has felt the emotional pain as if she were afflicted. Seven years ago, AIDS took the life of her father.

Her mother tested positive prior to his death but medication has sustained her life thus far. Jaipur's friendly, responsive smile changes as she begins to relate the memories of her early years. She states, "my worst recall is watching my father dying as I stood by helplessly. To this day I continue to have nightmares of that scene as if, maybe in my dream, I could somehow save him."

For centuries, the Indian civilization has continued to value a very rigid social order of life within the family unit and maintains the same sense of adherence to the broader categorization of the caste system.

As difficult as it was for such a small child as Jaipur to lose her dad, just imagine how profound Jaipur must have felt being denied the usual safety net of her father's extended family. Unfortunately, this is often the case of a child being orphaned due to a parent's death of AIDS.

The surviving family members may choose not to be associated with the children of the deceased even if the children in question are grandchildren. Instead, some families choose to abide by society's norms by turning their backs as the children are being banished from the community.

Even on a larger scale, it is considered shameful (even for children) if the family structure is dissolved for any reason, e.g., divorce, parental death or abandonment. The added dimension of a family member dying from AIDS may further stigmatize the children of an afflicted parent since the death could be viewed as a sign of bad karma.

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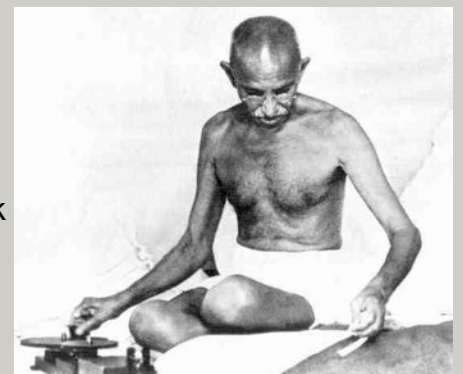
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### How does Gandhi Worldwide help?

M.K. Gandhi's philosophy of "Sarvodaya"— the Welfare of All Citizens — and his belief in the importance of education in the context of community is the basis for the Institute's plan for schools where at-risk children are housed and fed and educated with a focus on vocational training for both children and parents.



## **Lydia Dean: The Power of Engaged Philanthropy (cont.)**

This principle of “understanding first” and “philanthropy second” represents the core mission of GoPhilanthropic – a socially-conscious P2P (people to people) organization I founded devoted to connecting individual and small groups with inspiring grassroots projects worldwide. This active and engaged form of philanthropy provides an experiential component to giving, ultimately providing a more educated vantage point from which to offer support. The act of going in person and exchanging, not just by writing a check, but in offering something of ourselves, our attention and our genuine understanding of the work that is being accomplished, is a powerful alternative to traditional philanthropy.

I glance at Sunil, one of the eldest at AVANI, who served as a child laborer for a brick manufacturer carrying one thousand bricks daily, six days a week, from a kiln to a truck. Rising at 4 am without breakfast, Sunil would walk to

the job site where he worked in the hot sun for 9 hours. This would earn him 35 cents a day and provide two meals for his parents per day, his father being too handicapped to work. Sunil developed a flat head over the years as well as horrific headaches as a result of putting such heavy pressure on his head every day. Now at AVANI, Sunil dreams of becoming a teacher. The children have put their heart and soul into the performance, sweating under the boiling sun—their pride visible as they stand, shoulders back and straight after the final act. Anuradha Bhonsle, AVANI’s school director and regional women’s and child’s right activist, ends the performance by speaking directly to the children. Her loud and passionate voice bounces off the small school building walls, her arms motioning widely in the air. “We must not see ourselves as victims. It is society’s mentality that is responsible for this, the whole system is responsible. The parents, the government, industry – we are all responsible and we all must change,”

she yells. For over a decade Anuradha has fought to end the scourge of child labor. I would learn over the coming days that the ugly sequence of poverty and child exploitation that AVANI and GWEI have committed themselves to wrestling—are a multi-layered blend of issues involving caste, a male dominated culture and tradition, and a lack of women’s access to information on their rights. It wasn’t simply about whistle-blowing. The key to a better future would involve a monumental push to educate at all levels—the industry owners who employed the children, the government officials who were lax in upholding the laws that prevented child labor, and last but not least...

.... educating the parents who often times forced their children to work. Anuradha explains to me during our bumpy rides out to the villages that much of the problem boiled down to a lack of women’s empowerment.

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## **Jaipur’s Dream for the Future (cont.)**

The family is considered “normal” only if they follow the given social order.

It is apparent from the discussions with Jaipur that she is living with the backlash of these social norms. She has no one to come to her rescue except the staff of Avani School, but she has good command of the English language and is sought out for speaking parts during all Avani’s programs. Due to her joy for learning, she and I have added English reading lessons each morning before she goes to school.

She is a very resilient child and radiates warmth to all around her. The odds of similar circumstances affecting AIDS-orphaned children in India is staggering with over two million children in this category. But playing the numbers game is counterproductive and perhaps even callous since these young people’s lives are also at stake just as their parents suffered.

India’s AIDS-orphaned children are being denied their hopes, aspirations, and rights due to their community’s devotion to a social order based on illogical customs and fear. Jaipur wants to be a pediatrician when she grows up. We have discussed the number of years she must devote to studying but each conversation ends without Jaipur hesitating and explaining, “I’ll do it”. I believe in her dream but she needs all of our readers’ concern and support.

## From America to Kolhapur: The journey Mahatma Gandhi inspired

GWEI Directors Anuradha Bhosale, Jean Williams, and Scott Kafora were just featured in the DNA Mumbai news!



### From America to Kolhapur: The journey Mahatma Gandhi inspired

By Mohsin Mulla | DNA News

Over 60 years after he died, father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi continues to find followers globally. Inspired by Gandhian philosophy, an American architect-cum-photojournalist is helping to set up a school for children rescued from child labour in Kolhapur.

Scott Kafora, 43, works as a troubleshooter for the Mumbai-based Mahatma Gandhi Foundation (MGF) run by Gandhi's great grandson, Tushar. The MGF, along with local child-rights NGO Anna Vastra Nivara (Avani), has decided to establish a boarding school on a five-acre plot near Vashi village in Kolhapur at a cost of Rs2 crore.

Despite his architecture credentials, Kafora has decided not to design the school, as he does not want 'any western influence' on the project; he has assigned the task to a local architect. "I'm a licensed troubleshooter and will ensure the project sustains," he says while speaking to DNA..



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### Sunanda and Me (cont.)

It taught us the value of being together, loving each other, working as partners and nurturing compassion for others. In spite of our woes we looked at those below us to give a helping hand.

Over the years we rescued and found homes for more than 128 "unwanted" children – born to mothers out of wedlock. We worked for the poor in the city and in the villages and devised programs based on self-help rather than hand-outs. But the incident that opened my eyes to the devastating effects of poverty was when a little malnourished

child, around five years old, tugged at my trouser leg in a suburban train in Mumbai. I was returning home from my work, it was just before the rush hour so the train was not overly crowded.

***"I realized there is just so much one can do and that Sunanda and I were already doing much to make a difference."***

The boy held a tin can full of home-made candy and was imploring me to buy some. I was intrigued by the fact that anyone would send a little child out into the world, negotiating the horrendous big city traffic, hopping in and out of suburban trains without a ticket and being smart enough to avoid railway officials and the police. I asked him to get off with me at my station and talked to

him about his life.

He was the youngest of four children and they lived in the slum made famous by the Bollywood movie "Slum-dog Millionaire".

His mother made candies every evening and sent him out with a full can every morning to sell them and bring the money home. The injunction was simple – No money, no food. Everyone in that family had to earn their bread. This

young boy still had half a can full of candy and had not eaten much since he left home in the morning. When he was very hungry he spent time scrounging in the garbage for something that would assuage his hunger.

I helped him out that day but the memory of this young boy has remained embedded in my heart and mind ever since. I know there are hundreds of millions like him around the world and many million even in India which boasts of a booming economy and a phenomenal growth of billionaires. But half of the 1.2 billion people still live on less than a dollar a day and are so inexorably trapped in the vortex of poverty that they have no escape.

I realized that there is just so much that one can do and that Sunanda and I were already doing much to make a difference.

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## Lydia Dean: The Power of Engaged Philanthropy (cont.)

In order to end child labor we would have to reach the women, the mothers. So many remained imprisoned by ignorance, locked in a world where their options for survival meant sending their kids to work. There were laws that protected, supported, and provided them financial assistance, but few knew they existed. Anuradha has become a determined change-agent, set on informing first, then empowering.

She now had a network of 1600 women who are actively building better lives for their families. The school the Gandhi's are working towards would then provide various learning opportunities needed to begin to climb the first rung out of poverty. Progress would require a delicate dance between activism, empowerment and education. After the play Anuradha takes me by the arm to show me the progress they have made at the school since my last visit. Our group had pooled some funds to support various needs.

"See the water tanks," she says as she guides me around the garden corner, pointing to massive black catchment tanks. "And here is the other one," she says excitedly. "We had no way to keep the grains dry during the monsoon season. We had so little to begin with and then there was waste. Now everything is dry," she smiles. I peek into the bins, holding rice, grains, dried lentil and chick peas.

Stepping over lines of children eating their lunches cross legged on the floor, we continue into a small room no bigger than a closet. She shows me a wall lined with lockers "Remember how we told you we needed a place for the kids to put their individual things? Well look – now it is all organized and each child has a private place to store things. This may seem like a small detail but to a child who does not have much to call their own, it's a precious gift." "And that's not it Lydia. You must come," she says. Bringing me to the front of the house she points to a small solar panel propped on the roof. "Now we have lights at night," she beams, "and the children can study after dark." I am floored at how far the funds went. More importantly though, I begin to grasp the true value of these simple basics.

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## From America to Kolhapur (cont.)

Additionally, he teaches children hygiene, computers and English. Ask him how he – who worked in lucrative fields like architecture, industrial engineering and business management – landed up in Kolhapur, and he answers, "The hectic pace of my profession took a toll on my health. I wanted to change my life's course. I sold my property in 2004 and set out on a journey."



***Assisting Kafora is another American, Jean Williams, a former professor of sociology and psychology from the Tennessee Technological University who has also joined the MGF and Avani. She will look after the curriculum of the school and establish the business process and plan. "I have been in touch with Arun Gandhi for the past five years. I resigned from my job because it can continue without me" she said.***

This spiritual quest took Kafora to 32 countries before he arrived in India. In 2007, he came in contact with Gandhi's grandson, Arun, and has been associated with the MGF since. While the film Gandhi introduced him to the Mahatma's life in 1982, "I came to understand Gandhi through discussions with Arun and Tushar," he says.

In Kolhapur, Kafora leads a Spartan life in a rented room with three shirts and a few pairs of jeans. He does not watch television or use a mobile phone. His camera and laptop, which contains 420 e-books, complete the list of his few possessions.

"It's a simple, non-materialistic life," he says, in keeping with the Gandhian lifestyle. "I just have to pay for power, rent, water and food." Kafora hasn't charged the MGF a single rupee but has spent out of his pocket to buy computers and a printer, says Anuradha Bhosale, Avani founder.



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### Sunanda and Me (cont.)

But I could not erase the memory of this child. Fate brought Sunanda and me to the United States in 1987 and although we had all the opportunities to put the miserable memories of poverty and destitution behind us, we just could not do it. Then, suddenly in 2007 Sunanda died and it seemed like I was just one half of myself. I felt lost and abandoned with little desire to live.

When my friends in the United States heard of the tragedy in my life they all wanted in some way to show their love for Sunanda. Spontaneously, I said, just send me whatever cash you would like to give and I will find a way to help the poor children of India. In less than two weeks I had more than \$40,000.

My daughter Archana, son Tushar and I decided why not enlarge the scope of this spontaneous idea and see where we go from here. This gave rise to the Gandhi Worldwide Education Institute with the mission to help children break the cycle of poverty through education.

We studied many models and realized that picking a child from an impoverished home and giving that child education will not help the family. In 9 cases out of 10 that one fortunate child becomes so ashamed of the poverty the family lives in that they break away and start life for themselves in a city.

Rescuing one child only breaks up the family. To avoid this we have developed a program based on Gandhi's concept of "Basic Education" which will attempt to lift the whole family out of poverty with a combination of academic and vocational training and sustainable employment for the parents.

#### **Anuradha Bhonsle Founder of AVANI**

Over the years I had come in touch with Ms. Anuradha Bhonsle, a compassionate social worker in the town of Kolhapur, a few hundred miles south of Mumbai in western India. She has spent more than a decade rescuing exploited children and trying to rehabilitate the families. She had little financial support and yet has been

working doggedly to bring solace to as many families as she can.

Impressed by her dedication and commitment we decided to collaborate with her instead of inventing another wheel. Elsewhere in this issue you will read of the progress this project has made and what others feel about the idea.

What started out as being a modest memorial to my deceased wife has grown so enormous that my spontaneous feeling is that this whole campus be dedicated to the deceased members of the Gandhi family and each facility be named after an individual. I am inclined to call the center we are about to build in a village near Kolhapur – The Gandhi Center of Kolhapur – but, of course, the Board knows nothing about this. Just one of my spontaneous ideas which will now go up to the Board for their decision.

I find spontaneity makes life more exciting!!

## More News - Read full articles at [GandhiForChildren.org](http://GandhiForChildren.org)



### WikiLeaks Reveals U.S. Funded Child Sex Slavery

The 'infamous' WikiLeaks has released a cable from Afghanistan revealing that U.S. government security contractor DynCorp threw parties for Afghan security recruits featuring trafficked boys as the entertainment. Bacha bazi is the Afghan tradition of "boy play" where young boys are dressed in women's clothing, dance for leering men, and then sold for sex to the highest bidder. DynCorp was previously accused of child sex trafficking while serving as a security contractor in war-torn Bosnia.

### The Story of Gandhi's 'Invisible Hands'

It was during a campaign for the rights of the Indian community in South Africa that Gandhi first came to rely on the support of a cohort of eccentric and talented men and women. Most of these collaborators—who were of both Indian and European backgrounds—were volunteers, and were housed at Gandhi's two experimental communities in South Africa, the Phoenix Settlement and Tolstoy Farm. These institutions, loosely based on ancient Indian religious communities called ashrams, became the headquarters for Gandhi's activism, which was based on his philosophy of Satyagraha, or "truth force."



### Arun Gandhi Speaks at MLK Awards

The worldwide impact of Mohandas K. Gandhi's philosophy of peace is often discussed, but his grandson encouraged a gathering in Normal on Saturday not to ignore individual responsibility in promoting a nonviolent world. Speaking at the 35th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Awards Luncheon, Arun Gandhi passed on wisdom he learned from his grandfather, whom he lived with as a teenager.

### Anuradha Koirala Named 'CNN Hero' for Anti-Child Trafficking

Meet Anuradha Koirala, a crusader known for her anti-child trafficking drive through the non-profit organization Maiti Nepal and often labelled the 'Terminator' by child traffickers. Maiti has saved more than 12,000 girls from sex slavery and prevented 45,000 children from being trafficked at the India-Nepal border. For her untiring efforts, September 5th is designated anti-trafficking day in Nepal.



### The Tour with Heart – Experiencing Gandhi with the Gandhi Family

I certainly took the full plunge into international travel on the Gandhi Legacy Tour. India has an incredible array to offer from slums to million-dollar buildings, the urban hubbub to the rural farms. Almost a year later, I am still digesting the whole experience, drawing on it, reading related writings and seeking ways to build nonviolence into my daily life. It was one of the most powerful and enriching experiences of my life. I am still impacted by its power and I gratefully recognize that I have been magnificently changed for the rest of my life.

### Promoting Children's Rights with Sri Lanka 'Street Drama'

It was noon at a Sri Lanka bus terminal when 12-year-old Shanthy, clad in a brown gown and tenderly touching her 10-year-old brother's head, cried out, "My heart is heavy with sorrow," as crowds gathered around her. Shanthy is one of the actresses in a "street drama" in central Sri Lanka promoting awareness on child labor, child begging, domestic torture and children's rights.



## Meet The Board of Gandhi Worldwide

### **Anish Prasad – Chairman**

Anish is a Vice President at Oaktree Capital Management, L.P., managing the firm's Change Management function. Anish's experiences in designing new businesses and managing program offices for large, complex initiatives will be leveraged to support the successful design and implementation of Gandhian nonviolence educational programs associated with the Gandhi Worldwide Education Institute. Anish is great-great grandson to M.K Gandhi.

### **Archana Prasad**

Archana Prasad has worked at the Henrietta Public Library for the past 20 years. As a Gandhi family member Archana has shared her life lessons with area school children in the elementary through high school levels. Archana is great granddaughter to M.K. Gandhi

### **Arun Gandhi - President**

Arun Gandhi spent much of his adult life in India working as a journalist and promoting social and economic changes for the poor and the oppressed classes. Arun came to the US and in 1991, with his late wife Sunanda, started the M. K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence at the Christian Brothers University in Memphis Tennessee. Arun has taken the message of nonviolence, peace and child rights to millions of high school and University youth around the US and much of the Western World. Arun is the fifth grandson of M.K. Gandhi

### **Catherine Davis Pezdirtz**

Cathy is a retired executive of a spiritual publishing company. She is an author and freelance writer and a volunteer at a facility for mentally and physically challenged women. She is active in Soulforce, an organization devoted to fostering understanding and acceptance of the gay population by the church. Cathy has been a vital Board participant of Gandhi Worldwide since its inception.

### **Hal Edwards**

Hal is an ordained United Methodist clergy. He served as pastor in local churches located in North Carolina, Kentucky, Minnesota and southern California before he was invited to be President of Christian Laity of Chicago, an ecumenical organization that networked with diverse individuals and groups across greater Chicago for nearly three decades. Hal earned a doctorate in the mid-eighties, with a focus on Koinonia, the classical Greek word that defines human relationships by mutual trust and mutual benefits between individuals and groups. Following his involvement in the 1993 World Parliament of Religions he formed and directed CityQuest, an interfaith organization, until his retirement, some eleven years later. Since the death of his wife, Betsy, Hal has traveled to India and Egypt where he became personally involved with Arun Gandhi and his family. In addition to being a pastoral psychotherapist and spiritual director, he is involved with Contemplative Outreach, Ltd, a worldwide movement that teaches the ancient meditation method of centering prayer.

### **Jean Williams**

Jean has spent her adult life serving in various capacities in higher education with community colleges and universities. She was responsible for the strategic planning of Motlow College for many years. Additionally, she served as professor of sociology and psychology for the past 20 years where she was selected four times by students, peers, and the administration for the Faculty Excellence Award. She is a graduate of Vanderbilt University where she taught courses as a guest lecturer for many years. Jean served as President of the Board for Families in Crisis for nine consecutive years overseeing an annual budget of \$675,000 and a staff of eight people.

... **Meet The Board** (cont.)

### **Tushar A. Gandhi**

In 1996 Tushar was appointed President of the Lok Seva Trust, a voluntary organization working with factory workers and the economically weaker sections of Mumbai, in the field of education, legal aid, and healthcare. In 2001, he was appointed president of Internet Users Community of India, Mumbai Chapter. Tushar was also invited to join the Advisory Committee on Cyber Crime to the Mumbai Police Cyber Crime Cell. He was appointed to a sub committee of the Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (National Museum) by the Prime Minister of India. Tushar is involved with the U.S. based peace organization 'Seeds for Peace,' which works with children and young leaders from regions of conflict. He is the author of Let's Kill Gandhi: A definitive study of the Hindu Fundamentalist plot to assassinate Gandhi. Tushar is great grandson to M.K. Gandhi.

### **Scott Kafora**

Scott's formal education is in architecture, graphic design and music, and he has used these classical skills to navigate his way through business management, operations, manufacturing, and logistical roles. He has served as industrial manager implementing standard operating procedures for business, manufacturing and warehousing operations. As a licensed troubleshooter, Scott managed the United States business operations of two international manufacturing and logistical transportation companies. He is dedicated to improving the lives of deprived children of the world.

### **Joanna Amaral**

Joanna has taught in public schools for two decades. She received her BA in elementary education in 1988 and an MA in educational leadership in 2001 from National Louis University, Evanston, IL. In the early 90's Joanna developed a curriculum and taught refugee children relocated in Chicago through the Heartland Alliance, a project was developed to support new families and offer early childhood schooling during their acclimation period. More recently, Joanna has worked with Northwestern University's Master of Science of Education program. Joanna is currently working with the Courage to Teach program, a program (based on the book by Parker Palmer) designed to enhance the personal and professional renewal of public school teachers.

### **Robert Shallenberg - Treasurer**

Bob is founder/CEO of Prism Retail Services since 1992. He is a former member of the board of directors for CityQuest, an interfaith movement with focus upon contemplative prayer, compassion and interfaith relationships. Bob is founder and board chairman of Journey Toward Wholeness, a not-for-profit counseling center.

### **Jill Heaviland**

Jill is a registered nurse in pediatrics, cardiac and OB/GYN. She is currently working in OB as a lactation consultant and enrolled in a Masters nursing program through Nazarene University. She is a graduate of Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center Nursing Program and a graduate of Chicago School of Massage Therapy (CSMT); Her profession experience focuses on health care, PRN, CSMT Student Clinic, Private Clients. Her therapeutic modalities include neuromuscular therapy, cervical and cranial stabilization and postural evaluation.

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**– Dr. Arun Gandhi**

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**Lynnea Bylund**

Lynnea is the founder of Catalyst House and has three decades of experience in administration, marketing and business development. She was a nationally recognized spokeswoman for the emerging alternative video and information delivery industries and the founder of two small business-based wireless trade associations and has lobbied on Capitol Hill and at the FCC where she has spoken out strongly against the cable TV monopoly, illegal spectrum warehousing and ill-conceived congressional schemes to auction our nation’s precious airwaves to the highest bidder. Ms. Bylund is a founder and former CEO of a Washington DC telecommunications consulting and management company with holdings in several operating and developmental wireless communications systems and companies. In 1995 Lynnea became the first female in the world to be awarded a Broadband PCS operating permit – she was one of only 17 winners, along with Sprint, AT&T, and Verizon in the biggest cash auction in world history, raising a whopping \$8 billion. Lynnea also spear-headed the successful effort to launch the first cable TV service in the South Pacific Islands.

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**Lydia Dean’s Engaged Philanthropy (cont.)**

We, in our worlds of have-everything, really have little appreciation of the profound significance of these luxuries—electricity for reading at night, dry rice, a place to put our few precious things , a system for collecting water... The days I spent in Kolhapur were deeply moving. As we so often see with our philanthropic travelers, the “donor” returns home humbled and inspired by those we have met – they are not so different from ourselves. We come home realizing that it is time to sit across global kitchen tables with cups of tea and listen to each other, working together to solve our problems.

For all those who are interested in he Gandhi Worldwide Education Institute’s mission to help the children and families caught in the cycle of poverty and child labor, I urge you to go and see for yourselves what it is all about—and to play an active role in being a part of the solutions.

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