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In Loving Memory of Arun Manilal Gandhi

April 14, 1934 ... May 2, 2023

His final request was simple
Carry on with the work
Honor the children
Shine the light of Ahimsa

Gandhi Worldwide Education Institute

Ahimsa Peace Institute

North Las Vegas, Nevada

ECOSOC Consultative Status since 2015

www.gandhiforchildren.org

GWEI – AHIMSA PEACE INSTITUTE

Annual Report 2023

Gandhi Worldwide Education Institute (GWEI)

dba Ahimsa Peace Institute (API)

North Las Vegas, Nevada

Founded in Nevada May 15, 2023

ECOSOC Consultative Status since July 23, 2015

Letter From the President

Lynnea Bylund

2023 was a year of profound transition, expansion, and renewed purpose for Gandhi Worldwide Education Institute and the Ahimsa Peace Institute. With the passing of Arun Manilal Gandhi, our beloved mentor and the guiding force of GWEI's mission, we stepped into a deeper stewardship of his legacy. Before his passing, Arun personally entrusted me with carrying on the work and safeguarding gandhiforchildren.org. His final request has become our call to compassionate action.

This inaugural year of our Nevada reorganization marks the beginning of a new chapter for our educational programs, humanitarian partnerships, and global peace initiatives. We honor Arun's life and continue the work with humility, joy, and unwavering commitment to nonviolence.

Thank you for walking this path of service with us.

With Ahimsa,

Lynnea Bylund

President, GWEI – Ahimsa Peace Institute

2023 Organizational Milestones

GWEI Nevada Established and Ahimsa Peace Institute Filed as DBA

On May 15, 2023, GWEI was formally registered in Nevada as a domestic nonprofit corporation, followed by Nevada business licensing, EIN issuance, and all state charitable registrations. The Ahimsa Peace Institute was filed as the operating DBA to expand our peacebuilding and educational mission throughout North America and internationally.

Honoring the Life of Arun Manilal Gandhi

April 14, 1934 – May 2, 2023

Arun Gandhi, fifth grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, passed away in Kolhapur, India at age eighty-nine. Arun founded Gandhi Worldwide Education Institute (GWEI) in 1999 and closed before his passing. Arun remained an active moral voice for nonviolence and restorative justice until his final days.

Before his passing, Arun asked Lynnea to continue the work and entrusted the website URL to her care. His final wish guides our mission today.

In 2023, GWEI-d/b/a/ Ahimsa Peace Institute (API) dedicated all educational programs to his memory including the Season for Nonviolence, the Daily Acts of Ahimsa Calendar, and continued our support of the children of Avani, the Residential Girls School, and the Avani Women's initiatives.

Program and Mission Highlights

Film and Media Achievements

Exclusive North America Distribution Agreement

GWEI – API signed an exclusive North American media rights agreement for **“Ahimsa – Gandhi: The Power of the Powerless”**, directed by Ramesh Sharma. This milestone enables school screenings, NGO partnerships, and public education across the United States and Canada.

Nevada Debut Screening at UNLV

The film premiered in Nevada at the University of Nevada Las Vegas with community leaders, educators, students, and peacebuilders in attendance.

Message From Rajmohan Gandhi

Professor Rajmohan Gandhi addressed the beloved Las Vegas community through a recorded message, affirming that Gandhi's legacy of nonviolence belongs to all humanity rather than solely to his descendants. His words strengthened the foundation of API's mission and stewardship.

United Nations Engagement

2023 Quadrennial ECOSOC Report Filed

GWEI – API successfully submitted its 2023 Quadrennial Report to the United Nations Economic and Social Council, reaffirming our ongoing participation and active contributions since 2015.

UN Recognition and Continued Consultative Status

The UN acknowledged our Nevada reorganization and confirmed GWEI – API's continuing ECOSOC consultative standing for another four-year cycle.

Programs and Initiatives Launched in 2023

Season for Nonviolence 2024 Created in Arun's Honor

The 2024 Season for Nonviolence program was developed and released in Arun Gandhi's name. This is the first Season published since his passing and honors his lifelong commitment to applied nonviolence.

Daily Acts of Ahimsa 2024 Calendar Released

API launched the Daily Acts of Ahimsa Calendar as a gift to the global community. The calendar features three hundred sixty five daily peace actions to inspire kindness, responsibility, and compassion.

API Merchandise Store Launched

For the first time, API introduced branded merchandise including apparel and accessories to help uplift our mission and support programs for children and youth.

Humanitarian Partnerships Strengthened

AVANI Residential Girls School – Kolhapur, India

We continued our support of AVANI's safe housing, vocational training, and life skills programs for girls overcoming poverty and vulnerability.

New Board Member

Anuradha Bhosale, President of AVANI, officially joined the GWEI – API Board of Directors in 2023.

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Gandhi Legacy Tour of India

API continued its educational outreach through the Gandhi Legacy Tour book, film discussions, and cultural exchange materials. Every sale of the book supports underserved children and carries forward Arun Gandhi's original vision for the tour.

Technology and Capacity Building

Google for Nonprofits Grant Awarded

API was awarded a **Google Ads Nonprofit Grant of ten thousand dollars per month**, enabling outreach, educational campaigns, and global visibility for our message of nonviolence.

Additional Technology Grants

- YouTube Nonprofit Program
- Google Meets
- Google Workspace
- Microsoft Nonprofit Cloud
- Canva Nonprofit Program

These resources strengthened API's communication, transparency, and digital education infrastructure.

Governance and Leadership

Board of Directors Reconstituted

In 2023, GWEI – API established a new international Board of Directors that reflects our global mission and expanding partnerships.

2023 Board of Directors

- **Lynnea Bylund**, President and Treasurer
- **Ramesh Sharma**, Filmmaker, India
- **Anuradha Bhosale**, AVANI, India
- Administrative and advisory teams also support accounting, grant compliance, and UN engagement.

Financial Summary for 2023

Gross Revenue

Fifteen thousand four hundred seven dollars

Program Expenses (COGS)

Fourteen thousand eight hundred thirty-five dollars

Remaining Net for Mission Delivery

Five hundred seventy-two dollars

Fiscal Year

Start January one

End December thirty-one

Independent transparency ratings received from Candid GuideStar include Silver 2023.

Looking Forward to 2024 and Beyond

As we carry Arun Gandhi's light forward, GWEI – Ahimsa Peace Institute remains committed to:

- Advancing nonviolence education in schools, communities, and international forums
- Expanding partnerships with AVANI and NIC Brazil
- Growing the Season for Nonviolence and Daily Acts of Ahimsa
- Preparing youth programs and cultural exchanges
- Contributing to United Nations social development efforts
- Ensuring responsible stewardship of all resources entrusted to us

Together we walk the path of Ahimsa.

Together we build peace.

Together we honor Arun Gandhi's final request.