

SOFKIN Fundraiser – RHYTHM 2009 Recap...

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event and fundraiser. The show was a huge success thanks to our donors, sponsors, performers, volunteers and attendees. Over 600 were in attendance and the funds raised surpassed all of our goals and expectations!

sponsors **Vedicsoft Solutions** and **PamTen** and our bronze sponsors **Newyork Life** and **ICON Technologies**.

There were dazzling dance performances by prestigious dance schools in New Jersey such as **Indianica Academy**, **Kalanjali School Of Dance**, **Shyshya School Of Performing Arts**, **Lyssette School Of Dance**, **SOFKIN Youth Group**(skit & dances); We were also joined by **Jeffrey Iqbal** and **Rasika Shekhar**, contestants of Sa Re Ga Ma Pa USA 2008, whose melodious voices filled the audience with vigor and intensity that was echoed by their constant cheers. Dinner, sponsored by Chopstik Restaurant and Sapthagiri Restaurant, followed the program.

Special thanks to the guests of honor **Mr. Upendra Chivukula**, **Ms. Linda Greenstein**, **Mr. Ashok Chaudhary**, **Ms. Mala Bhattacharji** and **Mrs & Mr. Vikram Gulati** for taking time from their busy schedules to grace this occasion.

We are grateful to our **members and volunteers** for the energy, enthusiasm, dedication and their willingness to help in every possible way to make this event a grand success. The media coverage was sponsored by **DHOOM FM** and **TV Asia**.

All of the funds raised are being used to support the projects by taking in more children and more homes in the upcoming year.

We are confident that we will be able to achieve SOFKIN goals with your continued support and encouragement. [Click here](#) to view the event pictures.

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SOFKIN Homes

SOFKIN opened its own home called Dwarakamayi in Hyderabad almost two years ago. The home has been running smoothly and successfully thanks to our staff, donors and well-wishers. This past year, all of the children excelled both academically and outside of school. Several won awards and earned recognition at school for academic excellence, and even some for singing and dancing. One of the children even placed first in his entire class, and is an inspiration for the others who are determined to place the same in the upcoming year.

We have added seven more children to the home in the last few weeks. These children come from poor backgrounds with either one or no parent or families that can support their upbringing. By taking them into the home, we give them an opportunity to overcome their poverty and the conditions that hinder their ability to succeed. The home now has a total of sixteen children, and by next year may even expand into two homes.

In fact, the funds raised at Rhythm 2009 surpassed our expectations so much that we are now looking to support an additional home of the Maher project in Pune, India besides the two homes (Premasagar & Sadabahar) that SOFKIN is already sponsoring. We will give you more updates on these plans for expansion as they develop!

With the help of donations we receive from supporters such as you, we will be able to continue with our mission. **Thank You!**

“What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven in the lives of others”

“All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them...”

The SOFKIN homes foster many children and their educations. The home provides a safe environment for kids from the unnecessary struggles in life such as poverty, hunger and abuse. Even so, there are many kids in the world that shine even in the worst conditions. We should be inspired by these young people who believe in their future. Take Kenneth Chancey, 17, from Skid Row California for instance. He lives in a homeless shelter filled with stench, drug usage and violence. However he is still an honors student and the star running back of his school who hopes to attend Harvard University one day and graduate with a PhD in medicine.

Somehow this spirit and determination is strong with those kids living in lesser conditions. They use these his background. However, Chancey has sound reasoning behind his statements: "I have to dream because obviously my reality is horrible." Chancey not only has the dream but the determination to make the dream a reality. In order for determination to be present there needs to be motivation as well. Many children with determination will follow.

....don't stop dreaming!"

SOFKIN & MAHER Book Tour

During the months of May and June, Dr. Will Keepin, Cynthia Brix (authors), Sr. Lucy (Founder, Maher) and Chaya Pamula (Founder, SOFKIN & Trustee, MAHER) went on a book tour throughout the USA to promote the book, Women Healing Women: A Model of Hope for Oppressed Women Everywhere. The book was written by Dr. Keepin and Cynthia, and chronicles the development of the Maher project and has a chapter that discusses SOFKIN and its projects in India as well. The goal of the tour was not only to promote the book, but to spread awareness about the organizations, the cause and the overall need in not just India, but countries across the globe.



The tour was enormously successful and events were held at New York, New Jersey, Washington DC, Albuquerque, Denver, Seattle, San Francisco, and many other locations across the country. In Washington DC, the group met with members of the World Bank to discuss the need in countries like India and the work the organizations do to address it. In Albuquerque, New Mexico, they met with the renowned Father Richard Rohr, founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation, and conducted a live web-cast which touched the hearts of many as Sister Lucy and Chaya Pamula discussed their motivations and inspirations for founding the Maher and SOFKIN projects, respectively.

To access the web-cast, visit: <http://www.cacradicalgrace.org/conferences/webcast/>. To learn more about the book, or to purchase a copy, visit: www.women-healing-women.org/ or email: contact@sofkin.org

How to help...

Sponsor a Child

You can sponsor a child for \$50 per month. This will cover all expenses related to food, shelter, clothing, education and medical for a single child for a month. We expect at least a two year commitment from the sponsors and the sponsorship can be canceled anytime with four months prior notice.

Sponsor a Home

You can take up complete sponsorship for a SOFKIN home with 12 children and 2 house mothers for \$ 10,000 per year. This will cover expenses related to food, shelter, clothing, education, medical, rent, staff salaries and other expenses.

"You will find, as you look back on your life, that the moments stand out are the moments when you have done things for others"