

From the Desk of Director-Development Office

Shanti Seva Mandal Ashram School is in rural Maharashtra, in Manor. The school was founded forty years ago. Today it has over 500 day students and 300 residential students on its roll. We are dedicated to making a difference to this remote community in Manor by providing quality education as a primary tool towards improving the lives of children.

It has been a challenge from the beginning to keep the school functional due to it's sparse, arid topography of the region. Scarcity of water, minimal electricity and an impoverished population make it very difficult for us to run the residential school with even adequate amenities. We are now looking at developing a sustainable solution which will go a long way towards maintaining the facilities into the future.

This in turn will ensure students do not drop off from their studies mid way through their education and encourage more students to join, thus keeping a high student retention and lower the dropout rate.

Our plan is to create simple, eco-friendly solutions such as sustainable rain-water harvesting, solar panels to power our lack of electricity to have better lighting and alternative energy for new technologies, that will result in safety of our students, especially at night for the girls boarders and more hygienic sanitation.

Funds raised with your donation will enable these basic necessities to be installed, and will make a huge difference to the lives of the students in these difficult times. I am grateful for the opportunity of this project which empowers our youth with ideas of conservation as well helping them to take the community forward.

Without the generosity of the participating artists we would not have been able to organise this fundraising event.

I believe in the goodness of people to make things happen much like we trust you to make this a successful fundraiser.

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