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of Lifeline Express

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To all at the Lifeline Express,
Community Health Initiative
and Head Office

We celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Lifeline Express. It is a symbol of hope for the hundreds that have been disabled. As we touch this bench mark, one reflects on the great work that is being done by our team in close co-operation with each other and in many cases with personal inconvenience. This dedication is not only recognised in India but all over the world and success of the Lifeline Express has spawned our Community Health Initiative in Thane District where also great strides have been made.

On this occasion I send each and every member of the Impact family and its leadership my warmest good wishes for their health and efforts and wish them well as they move forward in the service of the poor of our country. You have my assurance of my fullest support and it has been a privilege working with you all.

Ramesh Sarin
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Today the Lifeline Express is a dream come true. Five railway coaches converted into a surgical hospital to travel to remote districts transforming lives and prolonging lifelines against avoidable disability. In this mission, over 600,000 disabled Indians have been treated for orthopaedic, hearing, visual impairments, dental care, epilepsy and correction of cleft lips, free of cost, with donated skills of 100,000 medical and other personnel from India and abroad.

WELCOME TO THE BOARD



Mrs. Usha Thorat, retired Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, on the Boards of Bank of Baroda, Indian Overseas Bank and the Securities Trading Corporation of India and also on several committees of the Reserve Bank of India.

We welcome Mrs. Thorat to the Impact Family.

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF IMPACT ORGANISATIONS (IFIO)



6th IFIO Meet held at Chiang Mai, Thailand, 5 to 8 February, 2011.



Mr. Ramesh Sarin Chairman, Impact India, addressing the delegates

Impact India Foundation was represented by Chairman, Mr. Ramesh Sarin, CEO Mrs. Zelma Lazarus and GM - Spl. Projects Mrs. Neelam Kshirsagar. IFIO agreed on priorities to guide all efforts to fulfil Impact's mission of prevention of disability.

LIFELINE EXPRESS (LLE)

Lifeline Express Project at Vasind, Maharashtra

Impact India's LIFELINE EXPRESS has completed its 125th project at Vasind, Maharashtra, sponsored by 'White Ladies Health-Share Project, U.K. JSW Steel were the local sponsors who went out of their way to assist Impact India in every way possible.

The LLE is now at Jagdalpur bringing in its 21st glorious year of service to the disabled poor in rural India.

Impact takes this opportunity to thank our sponsors, surgeons, doctors, volunteers, not forgetting Impact's wonderful team on the LLE, for their support, without which this service would not have been possible

American School of Bombay



A group of 4th and 5th graders of the American School of Bombay visited Impact office and interviewed our CEO, Mrs. Zelma Lazarus. An exhibition was held at the school and Mrs. Lazarus felicitated as a "Person whose actions have impacted our world".

Visitors Remarks

Dr. Vineeta Singh, University of California, San Francisco -

I am in awe of the great service that the LLE is providing to the underprivileged.

Jisha Krishnan, Senior Correspondent, "The Week" -

It has been a wonderfully enriching experience. The work being done on the LLE is incredible and so are the people. For it's impossible to do such amazing work consistently without having a dedicated team of workers.

Ameey Mansabdar, Photographer "The Week" -

I am very fortunate that I got a chance to be with the LLE team. It was a very wonderful time I spent, learnt and got to know the importance of this train.

Dr. Christian Moses, Manager Programs, The Smile Train -

Overawed and deeply impressed. Great work. Would love to be on the train when it visits Orissa.

Carolynn Cameron, Director, Global Talent Management R&D Johnson & Johnson, USA -

Exceptional place and gift - a wonderful privilege to have found you and experience such generosity of spirit.

Rotarian Virendra Sanghavi, Secretary & President Elect 2011-12 -

It was a wonderful experience to see so many committed persons serve poor humanity in best possible manner. We would be very happy to get associated with your activities, post-operative care activities in particular. We wish all success to this great unique venture.

Alison Sanza, Professor from Australia



Alison Sanza visited Impact India and presented a quilt prepared by school children from Australia.

Alison was very impressed by the way the LLE functioned - communities coming together to help the poor in a country and people's concern about the poor disabled.

Impact Foundation, Bangladesh



Dr. Pradip K. Sen Gupta, Senior Programme Adviser, Impact Foundation, Bangladesh (IFB) visited Impact India Foundation (IIF) on April 28, 2011, and presented IFB's activities including its impressive work in three hospitals in Bangladesh.

IIF and IFB explored possible benefits from an exchange of resources - bringing the LLE to Bangladesh and the Jibon Tari to India, preferably West Bengal.

COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVE (CHI)

Solar Lighting



Impact India co-ordinated the efforts of the Rotary Clubs of Bombay in Borivali East, Dahisar, Bandra and Sion to provide solar power to 140 homes and 9 street lamps in Karoli and neighbouring villages, Mokhada, Maharashtra.

Impact India partners with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd.



Ground water recharge plan was completed by Impact India with Natural Solutions at Dapti village.

At the inauguration of the project, a Dapti village elder stated that for 50 long years they had to walk 14 kms to beg for water from the next village. With a voice choked with emotion, he said "I look on HPCL and Impact India as my "mai-baap" (parents) as they are responsible for bringing water to our village."

Mr. A. Surya Rao, DGM CSR, HPCL stated ..I will return next year, if there is water then it is good, if not we will have to try something else.

Joseph St. Anne



Impact India thanks Joseph St. Anne, Creative Director, Multimedia Expressions, who spared his valuable time to travel to the CHI and train the staff in photography. Joseph's inputs have helped the CHI staff to capture lifelike scenes which are of great visual help both in India and abroad to enhance project reports to sponsors.

Photographs taken by Vinod Shinda and Manoj Prajapat were adjudged award winning photographs of CHI.

Thank you Joseph for your kind assistance.

Gift from Ms. Daphne Astor, UK



Ms. Daphne Astor, U.K., donated Rs.43,013/- (GBP 641) to Palsundhe Ashramshala in Mokhada, which was utilized for a drinking water system and sports equipment for boys and girls.

Toy Bank donates to children



Shweta Chari, Founder, CEO for Toybank - Giving back the Right to Childhood - donated 95 toy sets to Daggadipada Ashramshala (village residential school) for tribal children on June 18, 2011. This is the first of many instalments of 'Fun to Learn' toys which promote the development of skills in English, Maths and other subjects.

Jean Francois de Lavison of Ahimsa Partners

Jean Francois de Lavison of Ahimsa Partners, France, aims at improving access to healthcare. After his visit to the CHI he wrote: "Thanks a lot for such a great experience. Congratulations for the work you have achieved, we have so many things to do to change the situation. I want to do it with you."

Johnson & Johnson

Johnson & Johnson has donated towards the building of toilet blocks in 1 ashramshala and the installation of drinking water purification systems for 3 Ashramshalas. About 1800 children will benefit.

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