

ANNUAL SUMMARY

The Founder, VITAL

Welcome to the 2007/2008 Annual Report of VITAL. It was an exciting and busy year setting up the infrastructure of VITAL in the UK and the USA ie its identity, website, logo and brochure.

We aim to focus our full attention on raising money to help these innocent vulnerable children whose lives should be full of joy enriched by education helping them towards a sustainable future.

Thank you to all the people who helped make VITAL happen and to all the donors & supporters in helping us make a positive difference in the lives of thousands of children living in some of the worst slums in the world.

All we need is to look at the truth for while there are millions fo children living on the streest and slums, there are also millions of us. Together we can make a difference.

All the best

Yvonne Neuman
Founder

VITAL

Founded in November 2007, all the members of the Board made a visit to Kolkata in December, curtesy of Westrock Ltd., since 100% of all donations made to VITAL will go directly to the children.

The Trustees were introduced to the organizers of the 3 NGO's selected by VITAL. They met the children of the projects chosen by VITAL at the 4 Nabadisha schools in New Market, Tollygunge, Bowbazar & Taratala as well as the children of the sex workers in the education & protection program in Rambagan, the red light district.

The Trustees also joined a Night Watch round in the evening, another project VITAL funds that involves Night Patrols of troublesome areas which has led to the successful protection of many children, particularly those who were victims of child-trafficking.

In April 2008, Yvonne (Founder) and Aria, a volunteer, taught the children in the schools that VITAL supported.

SUPPORT

NEUMAN FOUNDATION

With the support of the Neuman Foundation, all administrative costs are covered so that **100% of donors' contributions** reach the children in need within the year it is donated.

The Neuman Foundation donated the funds to support the Child Education and Protection program in Rambagan along with the manufacture of VITAL merchandise (tshirts & shopping bags for sale)

CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP

WESTROCK LIMITED donated the funds to support two Nabadisha schools.

AFFINITY CONNECT provided the printing of the brochures at cost.

WHS EXETER supplied pens and pencils for the children.

VOLUNTEERING

Gifts in kind continue to be donated in voluntary worth receiving over 1000 hours of voluntary time equivalent to approximately £15,000 of which we are really appreciative.

RIAN HUGHES in designing the logo, brochure and merchandise.

TOM WHITE, CHRISTEL CORNILSEN, MICHELLE FRAEDRICK and TARMO ANNUS in designing the website.

ARJUNA NEUMAN in designing the brochure and contributing his photographs.

JULIE CINQOZ-SPENCER, ARAVINDA and MITHRA NEUMAN for their help and support in the successful operation of VITAL.

The value of their contribution is almost impossible to quantify.

EVENTS

VITAL raised funds from a team in the Locarno Triathlon. Enough was raised to support two Nabadisha schools & the Night Watch program for six months.

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTERS

Many of our donations are from individuals either on a one off or regular basis.

We are deeply indebted to all our supporters for their commitment and generosity. Whether trust or foundation, individual, company or volunteer, their help makes it possible for us to help realize the dreams of hundreds of children. Words cannot express our gratitude to you. To see their huge, innocent, heart warming smiles is the greatest reward we could ever receive.

VITAL AND BEYOND

Whilst we have made significant progress during 2007/2008, VITAL is extremely appreciative of the efforts of all its supporters and volunteers.

The next few years will present further challenges with the economic downturn. A reduction in disposable funds will likely impact on our ability to raise funds but with the support of the Neuman Foundation, projects will continue in perpetuity.