

ANNUAL REPORT 2005- 2006
IMPOSSIBLE IS NOTHING



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From the Directors desk...

The year 2005-06 at Dream A Dream can be best described as "Impossible is Nothing". We received a major setback at the beginning of the year as 3 of our core staff members had to leave. It was at this time, the true strength of our volunteers came to the forefront as many volunteers pitched in time, effort and resources to help us overcome this setback. We began the process of rebuilding the team and by July'06 we had a new team and we were on course again.

The year when we introduced the Dream Catchers programme. A ground-breaking community service based project involving children from vulnerable backgrounds in community service. During the course of our interactions with children, the question that always propped in our minds was, "Will the children we work with grow up to become responsible, sensitive and contributing members of the society? And how do we ensure that?" Hence, we came up with Dream Catchers.

Dream Cinema, in partnership with Collective Chaos was another new addition to the programmes kitty, where we showcased Local and International Children's movies to children and engaged in discussions post the movie.

While, programmes increased and improved from strength to strength; our volunteer management efforts also received a new impetus with the formation of the Volunteer Management Team and creating a position of a full-time volunteer manager. Volunteer training, workshops and discussion forums to sensitize and build volunteer skills became a norm.

Makkala Jagriti, a community based learning center for children from slum communities came in as a new partner and within a year, we were able to offer the children creative art programmes, drama, dream cinema, dream catchers, dream computer programme and dream adventure programme.

The Mumbai Marathon was the highlight of the year as we saw tremendous support come in from volunteers who collectively raised Rs. 8,50,000=00 for Dream A Dream. We closed the year at about Rs. 20,00,000=00 a slight drop from the previous year. Donor reporting was critically affected this year and many donor reports were left pending towards the end of the year. This is one crucial area where we hope to build our competency in the coming year.

One critical highlight of the year was the Restructuring of the Board. Dream A Dream till this year had largely the founding board. As in any organization evolution process, we felt it was time to make way for the new order and with the help of an external facilitator, we initiated a Board restructuring process. We got on 5 new board members keeping in mind the current organizational needs and the future in mind. On behalf of Dream A Dream, a very special thank you goes out to Brinda Jacob, Neha Arya and Vivek PR whose tremendous contribution and dedication ensured Dream A Dream had reached the heights it is today.

The New Year beckons and is full of promise as we see some of our children take the first small steps outside our support systems and into an independent living environment. We are both worried and excited and are working towards helping them in this crucial transition period.

Vishal Talreja
Director

Musings

2005-06 has been a year of reckoning in the life cycle of Dream A Dream. A year that has defined and redefined the *Dream* and the path to its fulfilment.

For any service to reach its ultimate crescendo, a focus on quality is a must. In 2005-06, we reviewed our current initiatives and modified them to suit our larger goals. There was a conscious realization and attempt to introduce new programmes for our children which would encourage them to look inwards and toward the world around them: building their personality along with a social awareness and feeling of responsibility.

A unique theme of "**Cooperation not Competition**" was explored in a field as competitive as Sports. Our first ever Sports Day event was organized in February 2006 which had inclusive games with children from different NGOs, both the sexes and across age groups participating in team-based games. All children went home with rewards. An attempt to re-conceptualize "winning and achievement" in the minds of the children. A theme that is going to be latent in all our programmes for years to come.

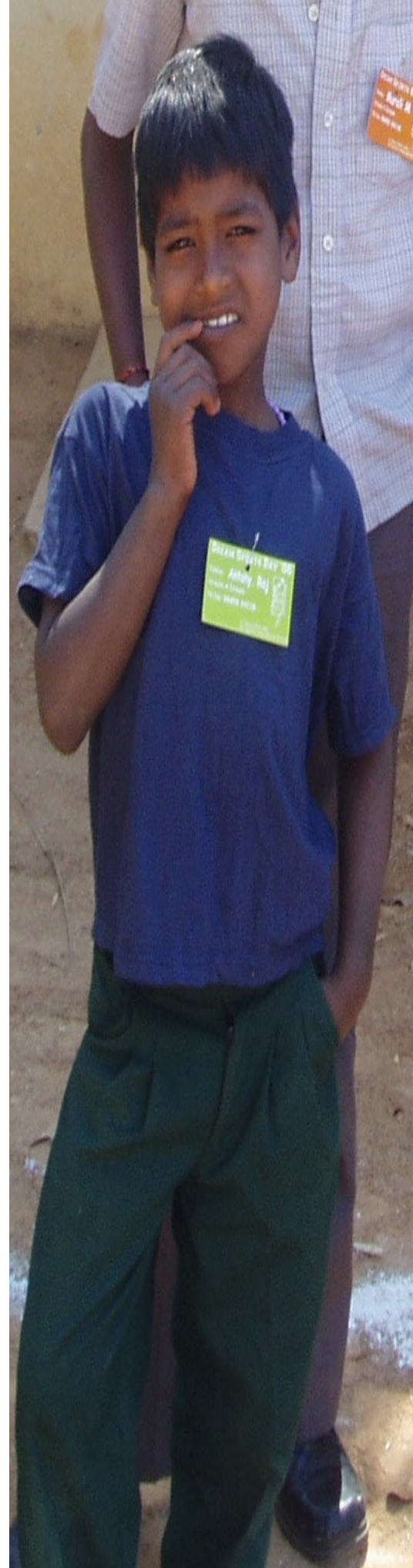
"**The Caterpillar and the Butterfly**", a symbolic dance performance by the children (HIV positive) from a partner NGO who went through a movement therapy programme for ten months helping them deal with their inner turmoil. A performance which celebrated life and left us emotional, teary-eyed and with a determination to cling stronger to our *Dreams* and work toward their fulfilment. We were all alive.

New children, new partners, the making of a Strategic Plan, the establishment of a core team, new enthusiastic and ever growing streams of volunteers, 2005-06 is etched in our memories as eventful and bustling with excitement all year long.

Nostalgia sweeps me as I bid adieu, to a year that defined my *Dreams* for me and those of hundreds of children. And I promise I will continue to *Dream*.

"We must never stop dreaming. Dreams provide nourishment for the soul, just as a meal does for the body." - **Paulo Coelho**

Ekta Hattangady
Programme Manager,
August 2005 – June 2006



Empowering Children by developing life skills

This year we worked with a total number of 350 children. We continued our work with the existing partners such as Ananya Trust, BOSCO Mane, Vishwas, Sukrupa and Freedom Foundation. We added two new partners to our stable – Makkala Jagriti, a community based learning centre for children from slum communities and Ninos - a special name we gave to a community centre for children of construction workers run by Ms. Jenny Pinto.

The children we work with are our inspiration. In their smiles we find motivation, in their eyes we see hope, in their deft hands we see their potential to shape the world, their expressions reinstate our faith in the spirit of freedom, in their courage we learn lessons and in their laughter we find reassurance that the world is still full of beauty and joy. Their growth, development and progress through the year was pure magic!!

Manjunath, 15 years

"Dream A Dream is an organisation that works for children. I am currently part of their Table Tennis programme. This year I thoroughly enjoyed the outdoor adventure programme to Honnemardu. Participating in the story writing contest at Monsoon Miracles, their Inter NGO talent platform was extremely exciting. I hope that Dream A Dream starts a Dance programme since I love to dance. When I grow a little older, I want to join Dream A Dream and help children."

Sharath, 10 years

"At the adventure programme I learnt how to swim and cook. I even picked up the twigs myself to start a fire for my team. I can't believe I swam to an island along with my friends though I had just learnt how to swim. I also enjoyed being part of the Drama programme, when I grow up I wish to be an actor and do stunts and acrobatics in films."

Usha, 9 years

"Through the abacus programme I learnt how to add, subtract and learn multiplication tables much faster. After our performance during the Drama programme, I was so happy that my friends and I appeared in an article in the newspaper. There was also a photograph of all of us in our colourful costumes."

Banappa, 13 years

"I love sports and games and enjoy table tennis matches against my friends. I hope to improve the delivery of my shots by being regular at the Table Tennis programme."

Dream A Dream in partnership with basic support providing institutions aims to maximize the impact of positive intervention on a vulnerable child. This is possible (as shown above) at one end of the spectrum by empowering these children to be able to make their own conscious choices. At the other end, the impact will be greater, if the mainstream community is sensitized and made to realize that every individual is unique irrespective of his or her socio-economic, physical, mental or psychological background and that uniqueness needs to be appreciated. Thus, leading to an empowered future for all.

Do children from vulnerable communities have the ability to cope with real life situations especially after they have been living in the protected and supported environment of an institution? Do they have the necessary life skills? Do they have access to the opportunities that will make them well-rounded confident individuals? In most cases, they don't. The children who do successfully integrate into the mainstream do so on their own inherent willpower. However, not all children may possess the confidence and determination to take on life as confident adults. This may disillusion them destroying their self-esteem and dignity for ever and forcing them back into the unprotected environment of the street.

In such a scenario, Dream A Dream is focused entirely on meeting the development needs of children from vulnerable communities. **A focus on development needs is creating an additional level in the above triangle that will help increase the number of children that will successfully integrate into the mainstream.**

Life skills are defined by the World Health Organization (WHO) as 'abilities for adaptive and positive behaviour that enable individuals to deal with the demands and challenges of everyday life' (WHO, 1993). Some of these skills are mentioned below:

- Decision-making and problem solving.
- Creative thinking and critical thinking.
- Communication and interpersonal skills.
- Self-awareness and empathy.
- Coping with emotions and stress.

Life Skills help children develop self-awareness and self-esteem: increasing understanding of personal strengths, interests, personal priorities and goals.

If critical life-skills are built in the children during their formative years at an Institution before they become adults, the children will be in a position to take conscious, confident decisions about their life. However, Dream A Dream also believes that in case of children these skills need to be provided in a non-threatening, unobtrusive, fun-filled atmosphere and these skills need to be internalized through effective mediums

The mediums that are used to impart and internalize life-skills in children form the core of all our programmes

Dream Adventure Programme

Hamsa Kumar who is all of 16 may initially come across as a quiet, disinterested youngster to an untrained eye but one will be surprised to see some of his leadership skills! He studies at Ananya, a non-formal education school on the outskirts of Bangalore and came to Dream A Dream as a gawky 13-yr old boy: seemed a little unsure, yet his eyes gleamed with some kind of fierce curiosity. Today, 3 years into his journey with Dream A Dream, Hamsa has evolved into a fine young leader. He participates in the Dream Adventure Programme and it is pure inspiration to see him take responsibility as a leader in all aspects of the camp. Incidentally, he is also a Goal-Keeper in the Hockey Team, participates in the Dream Cinema project and the Dream Catchers programme.

A democratic leader and one to lead by example, Hamsa is a fine example of what a little mentoring and stimulus can do a child. Strong, resilient and dependable whenever it comes to completing the tasks he undertakes, he is a living embodiment of what Dream A Dream strives to achieve with the children we work with. About 118 children like Hamsa participated in the engaging and high impact Dream Adventure Programme last year.

The Dream Adventure Programme is offered in partnership with **The Adventurers – A Wilderness School**. Nature, we believe, is the best teacher that children can have. Through activities such as trekking, water sports, camping on an island, nature walks and protecting the environment, we hope to instil life-skills such as problem solving, decision making, creative thinking, interpersonal skills and survival skills among children. In two years, over 250 children have participated in these camps.

Dream Cinema

15 year old Shobhana is a coy and affectionate girl. She goes to Ananya and is also part of the Dream Hockey Programme. In 2005, she became a part of Dream Cinema. Shobhana was always hesitant to voice her thoughts, but after having been part of this programme and the subsequent dialogues related to the films and real life situations, we have seen her become more confident and eager to analyse the world around her. Additionally, the programme has helped her build her creative thinking, critical thinking and communication skills.

Dream Cinema was introduced in 2005 in partnership with Collective Chaos, a voluntary network bringing high-quality International cinema to audiences in Bangalore. Dream Cinema exposes children from vulnerable backgrounds to the medium of cinema from around the world dealing with various social issues. In 2005-2006, 5 movies were screened and the themes varied from familial relationships, to World War II. The movies included Children of Heaven, Spirited Away; Life is Beautiful, Dreams and The Bicycle Thief

among others. About 75 Children from Ananya, Bosco, Makkala Jagriti and Sukrupa were part of this programme.

Dream Hockey Programme

Tall and lanky Prasanna was known for his fierce temper and defiance of all authority. But now he is affectionately known as "Dependable Prasanna". The reason: He single-handedly managed the entire Hockey Summer Camp with over 40 children, their equipment, nutrition and finances. One to abstain from forming relationships is now seen coming to Dream A Dream office after a Hockey Session for a friendly chat with the staff. This Summer whether any of his friends came or not...he was dedicatedly there for Hockey Practice. From mere time-pass, he has learned to love the game. Surely, Prasanna has come a long way in his journey at Dream A Dream which started 3 years back. Prasanna is from Ananya and also participated in Dream Cinema and Dream Adventure Programme in 2005-2006 among others.

In partnership with **Dhanraj Ballal Hockey Academy** in Bangalore, Dream A Dream has been running the Dream Hockey Programme for 3 years now with 22 children from Ananya, Sukrupa and BOSCO Mane. The children receive professional coaching in Hockey from Shanmugam, Former National Player under the aegis of the academy.

Dream Table Tennis Programme

Durga, 13, feisty, moody and with a temper to reckon has been part of the TT programme for a year now. Known to want her way each time, it has been a treat to see her grasp with ease the 3 most important aspects of any sport: Skill, grace and Sportspersons spirit. She just smiles when she misses a shot while you can see the determination light up her eyes as if saying "I will get you next time". Durga is quieter now, into adolescence (the nose-stud marks her coming of age), is still a champ when it comes to Table Tennis. The only second girl to make it to the senior batch, kudos to our girl-woman.

Durga is from Ananya and participated in Dream Adventure Programme, Creative Art Programme and Dream Fundays among others in 2005-2006.

In partnership with **Winners Choice Sports Foundation run by Mr. Vasanth Bharadwaj (Former International Player)** in Bangalore, Dream A Dream has been running the Table Tennis programme for 3 years now. 26 children from Ananya, Vishwas and Bosco Mane are undergoing professional coaching with Mr. Prabhod under the aegis of the academy.

Dream Quiz Programme

10-yr-old Usha has a beatific smile and nonchalant spring in her step. She is the most enthusiastic child in the Dream Quiz Programme. A great listener with a passion to learn more and more, one can see her note down diligently all that is discussed in the session. It is of no surprise to anyone, that she retains the most and can use the knowledge again! A born quizzier this one! Usha lives at Vishwas, a home for orphan children. She has also participated in Dream Adventure Programme, Dream Table Tennis Programme, Dream Abacus Programme and the Dream Drama Programme in 2005-2006 among others.

The Dream Quiz Programme was the brainchild of a group of volunteers from GE India who have been dedicatedly running this programme for almost 2 years now with Vishwas. They had also organized a quiz competition at GE called "Kaun Banega Dream GE-nius" along children from other NGOs and Hippocampus.

Dream Catchers

The objective of the programme is to use community service as a medium to sensitize children to various issues in society and empower them by providing them an opportunity to serve impact and influence positive change.

Children coming from vulnerable communities often lack awareness about themselves and society in general, which contributes to their limited perspectives about life and is an obstacle in integrating them with the mainstream. These children often believe that they are the under-served community and hence the society needs to provide

for them and take care of them. This is a dis-empowering mindset and we want to change that through this programme.

Dream A Dream strongly believes that Community Service is an important tool for creating awareness and sensitivity among children, especially children from vulnerable backgrounds. By this, their view of society will be broadened and they can get a new perspective about society. The opportunity is given to them to make a positive change in these areas. By doing this the child will feel empowered, because it is shown that he or she too has the power to make a positive change in someone's life, *or make a difference*. By working on various projects together with other children, the child will also develop team skills. Also, the child will have space to bring in own initiatives, which will help develop leadership skills. All these learned skills will help the child in integrating with the mainstream.

The Dream Catchers programme was launched by Dream A Dream in 2005 and in the pilot phase children were engaged with Karunashraya, a hospice for terminally ill cancer patients. The idea was to work with the care-givers there and engage them in fun, interactive activities with children at Dream A Dream. Children from Makkala Jagriti, Sukrupa and Ananya were involved in creative art programmes, games, pottery and cultural activities with the care-givers at Karunashraya. A group of children from Ananya were also involved with cleaning up a public park in Bangalore along with volunteers. A little over 100 children were involved in this programme.

Dream Computer Programme

"What is a computer?" and promptly volunteers got the answer *"computer is an electronic device!"*

"Can you point to computer in this room?" almost everyone instantly pointed to the computers in room.

"Can you tell me where computer is used?" and to our amazement we get answers like *"It can be used to write a letter and then read it later, "To play games", "To listen to music and watch movies", "work in banks and office"*

One of the kids asked a volunteer, *"Are we going to do anything on computer today?"*

A typical computer session at Dream A Dream with 10 children and atleast 5-6 volunteers is filled with amazement, curiosity and high-energy irrespective of age.

The Computer programme which was started with small beginnings in 2004 with help from Girish Krishnamurthy (Hewlett Packard), Dr. Rajkumar Rao (Educationist), Mr. Raviraj (KAPS IT Solutions) and Shashank Gupta (Volunteer) today has become one of the most interesting, high-impact and scalable programme. The programme designed into three levels of 12 hours each with 10 children learning basics of computer, computer applications such as Paint, Word, Excel and the Internet reached out to 70 children from partner NGOs Ananya and Makkala Jagriti.

Dream Abacus Programme

A programme brought into Dream A Dream by a well-wisher. The programme aimed to build mathematics skills, concentration, attention span and self-confidence of the children using the Abacus as a tool. Dream A Dream ran the programme for 10 children from Vishwas for a period of 4 months and put them through a Level 1 learning course. Unfortunately, the programme was discontinued due to the unavailability of the resource person.

The Caterpillar & The Butterfly Project

This programme continuing from last year, involved the children at Freedom foundation and was conducted and facilitated by danseuse Brinda Jacob (Founder & Trustee, Dream A Dream).

Music and Dance have been considered from time immemorial as the best form of self-expression. Whether it is the rustling of the leaves when the zephyrs gently blow or the lashing of the waves that dance on the shore, everywhere we find music and dance

bringing us closer to the oneness of the universe. We at Dream a Dream wanted the kids to feel this magic, help them discard their inhibitions, help them explore their freedom of self expression, and draw strength from music, energy, rhythm and rhyme! This initiative began in October 2004 with support from Charities Aid Foundation, India (CAF).

This programme is two pronged: On one hand Brinda Jacob conducted dance sessions involving exercises and activities to help children explore the contemporary dance form. On the other hand every weekend, therapy sessions were scheduled with support from therapist Tripura Kashyap where the children were given a chance to explore their joys, hopes, fears, dreams and aspirations, likes, dislikes among others to help them discover themselves through the medium of dance movements and art.

Amidst the tapping feet, swinging heads, waving hands, pirouettes and swirls, smiles and gleaming eyes began to emerge beautiful butterflies, metamorphosing from within their cocoons, prancing and dancing while the world watched in awe!

The project came to a culmination with a splendid performance by the children on 15th October, 2005. Well-wishers, donors and volunteers were invited for this performance.

Dream Fundays

This year offered an interesting mix of different fundays from visits to parks, movies shows, plays, art, craft and puppetry workshops, and field trips to a museum and bird sanctuary to celebrations of festivals with a sense of togetherness among the children and volunteers alike.

SL. No.	The Activity	Date	Participant Partner NGOs
1	SportzVillage - A day of football, cricket and pure fun for the children	22.5.05	Vishwas, Sukrupa
2	Puppet show	2.7.05	Bosco
3	Visit to Planetarium	3.7.5	Vishwas
4	Panchatantra Play	7.7.05	Bosco, Ananya
5	Puppet show	9.7.05	Makkala Jagriti
6	Painting Workshop	10.7.05	Sukrupa
7	Independence Day kids carnival with children from Hippocampus	14.8.05	Ananya & Hippocampus
8	Ultimate Frisbee with International Volunteer Paul	26.7.05	Ananya
9	Anjana's Birthday party	13.8.05	Freedom Foundation
10	Visit to Planetarium	21.8.05	Makkala Jagriti
11	Pottery Workshop	18.9.05	Sukrupa
12	Screening of Iqbal Movie sponsored by Pepsi	25.9.05	Bosco Mane, Ananya
13	Madagascar Movie Screening	1.10.05	CBS (Vijinapura, JJR Nagar, Yarabnagar)
14	Trip to Thuralli Hills	2.10.05	EOTO
15	Trip Thuralli Hills	9.10.05	EOTO
16	Lunch and Festivities sponsored by KFC during their yearly celebrations	1.10.05	Ananya
17	The Caterpillar & The Butterfly Performance	15.10.05	Freedom Foundation
18	Diwali celebration @ Support soft	22.10.05	Sukrupa

19	Visit to a Visweswariah Museum	3.11.05	Makkala Jagriti
20	Visit to Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary sponsored by Pure Water House Ltd.	13.11.05	Bosco Mane
21	Screening of Madagascar Movie sponsored by American Express Bank Employees	27.11.05	Makkala Jagriti
22	Visit to Banerghatta National Park sponsored by GE Volunteers	4.12.05	Vishwas
23	Christmas party by Chrysalis Performing Arts	17.12.05	Aanaya, Ninos, Makkala Jagriti.
24	Participation in Lipton Bangalore International Marathon	18.12.05	Vishwas, Makkala Jagriti
25	Painting Workshop	18.12.05	Bosco
26	Ultimate Frisbee by International volunteer Paul	12.1.06	Ananya
27	Visit to Cubbon Park for a day of fun and games	19.2.06	Ninos
28	Celebrating the Festival of colours - Holi	12.3.06	Freedom Foundation
29	Celebrating the Festival of colours - Holi	14.3.06	Ananya

Monsoon Miracles

A very special project was "Monsoon Miracles", an inter-NGO talent platform where over 150 children took part and showcased their talents and got an opportunity to recognize their potential. The event was sponsored by Softjin Pvt. Ltd. and GE Elfun

"Thank you for the Monsoon Miracles. Your hard work made the day enjoyable while enhancing the talents of [the] kids. Thanks to all of you." – Father Cyriac, Bosco Mane

"Three cheers and an excellent idea! It was indeed a great pleasure to have been part of the Monsoon Miracles. It meant a lot for all the children and staff in Makkala Jagriti. We enjoyed the event and went back home with enriched experience. Thank you all for great work and let us be in touch." – Joy Srinivasan, Makkala Jagriti

Dream Sports Day

"Co-operation, Not Competition", The Dream Sports Day, in February 2006 aimed at bringing together children from our entire partner NGOs gang on a single platform which emphasized co-operation, team-work and "a sense of winning for all" using the medium of sports. The event was sponsored by Project Lotus @ Broadcom, Britannia, Misys Software, Kapil Gupta and Rushina Ansari

Unique Features:

1. All children got prizes, no game had singling out of few winners
2. Games that required children to work in teams
3. Games where children did not become "out", but became "conductors"
4. Games where boys and girls played together, and since there were co-operative and inclusive games, no physical differences became barriers to integrated sports
5. Younger and older children participated together in a single game



CHILDREN AT DREAM A DREAM



Sensitizing the Community through Active Volunteering

This year, our volunteer database was like a magical black hat, just one swerve of the wand and out came Volunteer after Volunteer that truly added a whole new dimension to the ordinary dictionary meaning of the word. At Dream A Dream volunteering now means dedication, co-operation, sincerity, enthusiasm, fun and the ability to dream of a world full of possibilities, against all odds.

With a host of long term programmes, numerous volunteers got an opportunity to work with the children during a regular interval and actually got to touch the otherwise intangible impact their work had on the children. The short term programmes, fun days and other activities provided an appropriate platform for our volunteers to interact and work with the kids. The support from the volunteers has been so consistent that in our organic framework, they are the spine of the organization.

"I volunteered at the summer camp at Sukrupa and the one at Freedom Foundation. I was also part of the team that visited Karunashrya with kids from Vishwas. When I joined D-a-D, my main intention in doing so was to be of some use and help to underprivileged children. I thought I would use my knowledge, education and experience to help these children lead a better life and face life confidently. I was in for a surprise when I met the kids at Vishwas, Sukrupa & Freedom Foundation. After spending time with them, I felt I have nothing much to offer them because these children are brave, confident and live life to the fullest inspite of their hardships. Instead, I ended up learning much more from them. These kids have taught me to lead a better life and not run away from my problems." - **Kavita Madan**

"I have been involved with Dream A Dream for more than a year and in particular with the "Dream Computer Program". We were given the opportunity to design the course structure, content and proceedings of all the sessions. I remember our first programme ran for more than 5 weeks. After the first 2 weeks I was eagerly waiting for the weekend to come -I got attached to the kids so much. All we did was simply invest a little of our time and energy into this wonderful learning experience that taught me to be more patient than before. When I see how much the kids have learnt, I strongly feel we did make a difference, but there is still a long way to go and we are ready!" - **Vijay K Yenne**

Apart from providing interactive platforms for volunteers to meet the children, we also have a volunteer-led Volunteer management Team that conducted sensitization workshops and training programmes for volunteers:

Volunteer-Child Interaction, 31st July, 2005 & 5th March 2006

The Child and the Volunteer are two critical pillars of Dream A Dream. In each and every programme the aim is to create a platform for healthy interaction between the child and the volunteer.

This brings into focus the entire Volunteer – Child Interaction dynamics into focus. Hence, this discussion forum. The objective of the workshop was to help us become a little more aware of our responsibilities as a Volunteer and how we can create a positive impact on the children we work with. 11 volunteers attended the first session and 21 attended the second session conducted by Vishal Talreja

Dream Games Workshop, 28th August, 2005 and 18th September, 2005

Through this simple workshop, the volunteers were taught how to improve their rapport with the children, make their interaction enjoyable, inculcate team spirit and co-operation and hold their attention by incorporating fun and games into the children's programmes. 15-20 volunteers attended each session conducted by volunteers such as Krishna & Vishal

Child Rights Workshop, 4th September, 2005

This workshop was conducted by a volunteer, Srivalli Velan who underwent the training workshop on Child's Rights with trainer Catherine Slugett last year. The discussions and debates left the participants informed and sensitized.

Workshop on Strategies to Deal with Child Behaviour, 11th December, 2005

This was conducted by Ms. Meena Jain and covered activities dealing with physical, social and emotional needs of children from a psychological perspective. The participants were taught to look beyond a child's action and understand the reason behind it. 22 volunteers attended the session.

Learn Simple Kannada workshop, January, 2006

An Interactive workshop conducted by volunteers Srikrishna and Somanath for volunteers who wanted to learn from quick and simple Kannada terms to enhance their interactions with the children. 19 volunteers participated in the workshop.

Play for Peace Games Workshop, 4th & 5th February, 2006

The major objectives of the training workshop were to introduce the concept of non-competitive, co-operative games to volunteers of Dream a Dream.

The second objective was to train volunteers in the games, and enable them to use the games in various programmes conducted by Dream a Dream. The discussion on how to apply the training in Dream a Dream programmes paved way to suggestions that will be used by volunteers going for various programmes.

It is an established fact that Dream a Dream programmes have recreation as the underlying theme in all its programmes. While working with children, it is imperative to create an atmosphere where they can shed their inhibitions, be their own person and accept each other as their companions. Play creates that feeling. Play for Peace, through the unique theme of non-competitive games eliminates the need for fiery competition or unnecessary violence in games, thereby creating a peaceful and harmonious atmosphere. 35 volunteers participated in the programme.

International Volunteers

The winds from the west brought with them a batch of International volunteers who brought with them diverse cultural perspectives, skills, talents and knowledge. The Indicorp volunteer Sindya Narayanaswamy decided to continue to work with Dream A Dream after the completion of her internship. Sindya conceptualised and implemented the highly successful Monsoon Miracles while continuing to be involved with a variety of other programmes at Dream A Dream.

We had an AIESEC Intern from Netherlands last year, Willemijn. Willemijn spent 4-months with Dream A Dream handling two projects - 1) Researching and creating a comprehensive database of Vocational training, Professional training and Job Opportunities available for young people from vulnerable backgrounds. 2) She worked on the pilot of the Dream Catchers programme with guidance from the Programme Manager and created a concept note for future execution of the programme.

Resource Mobilization

Over the years Dream a Dream, out of its idea tank, has brought out new and innovative methods to raise funds trying its best to involve the community and promote awareness at the same time. This year Fundraising was all about keeping it simple.

The Lipton Bangalore International Marathon, 15th May, 2005

Over 580 participants ran for Dream a Dream in Bangalore and helped us raise over 2 Lakhs. Companies such as Cognizant, Aditi Technologies, Sonata Software, Hewlett Packard and others were active participants in support of Dream A Dream in addition to over 80 volunteers. Shashank Gupta was the highest pledge raising volunteer raising almost Rs. 1,00,000=00 through his efforts.

Can't pay! Won't Pay!, 26th & 27th May, 2005

Dream A Dream raised over Rs. 22,000/- from the proceeds of the play "Can't Pay! Won't Pay!" - An English play written by Dario F, directed by Srikrishna S (A Dream A Dream Volunteer). The play was sponsored by Club Mahindra Holidays, Daimler Chrysler, Chandra Hardware Agencies and Mr. Lohit Shourie.

Hutch Delhi Half Marathon, 16th October, 2005

The Hutch Delhi Half Marathon was held on Sunday, 16th October 2005 and 3 people ran in support of Dream A Dream. Sumit Dhingra, Aparna Mathur and Himanshu. Approximately, Rs. 25,000/- was raised for the organization.

"Hope Dream & Halloween", 27th October 2005

ASHA Bangalore & Dream a Dream in association with TAIKA, a lounge bar in Bangalore hosted, "HOPE, DREAM & HALLOWEEN" - A unique Halloween Night for the cause of children on Thursday, 27th October 2005. We raised approximately Rs. 90,000/- from invitations for the evening which was shared by both the organizations.

Cul-AH! 2006, 5th, 6th & 7th January, 2006

Mount Carmel College, a premier college in Bangalore hosted its annual Cultural Fest called Cul-Ah! on 5th, 6th & 7th January 2006. Dream A Dream not only got a chance to showcase its work through a presentation and speech by Vishal Talreja, Managing Trustee but also had a stall during the three day festival. The festival generated tremendous awareness for Dream A Dream among young people who could become volunteers.

The student union were able to contribute a generous Rs. 40,000/- to Dream A dream through the fest. This was heartening for us more so since it came through the efforts and initiative of young students.

Standard Chartered International Mumbai Marathon

27,000 people ran for numerous causes on the streets of Mumbai and among them were 50 people who were a part of the Dream A Dream, Makkala Jagriti, Ananya and Bosco partnership. "Partners in Dreams" is how 4 Partner NGOs complemented each other and came together to raise funds from Asia's largest fundraising event. Twelve spirited children, a full marathoner, three half marathoners, and over 30 volunteers were a part of this enthusiastic troupe! This was the third Mumbai Marathon that Dream A Dream has been part of this year and we raised close to Rs. 8,50,000=00. Special mention has to be made of Mahesh Srinivas, Chirag Keswani, Chandramouli, Nagesh Karuturi, Krishnamoorthy, Srikrishna, Shashank Gupta, Sunilkumar, Deepak Arya, Saurabh Chaturvedi, Ekta Hattangady, Sreenivasa Sekhar Josyula, Vishal Talreja, Tarence Dsouza, Samir Mehta, Ramanujam Pobbishetty, Rahat Nathani and Willemijn who raised substantial funds for Dream A Dream from the Marathon.

Corporate Support

It was arguably a better year with corporate support for Dream A Dream. GE continued to support us through the involvement of its employees in some of our programmes such as the Dream Quiz Programme, Dream Fundays, Monsoon Miracles and Dream Sports Day. We also received considerable support from companies such as Britannia, Misys Software, Project Lotus @ Broadcom, Sonata Software, The Practice, Weekender, Penguins India, BBN Group, Cosmo Spa and Lounges Pvt. Ltd., IBM India Ltd., American Express Bank,

Pure Water House, Radio City, Softjin and ING Vysya Bank in both monetary terms and inkind support.

"Dream a Dream has been a great learning experience and has helped me become the person I am today. It feels great to be one of the founding members of such an organization. I look back with pride over how the last year has passed. Dream a Dream has achieved tremendous growth over the last 5 1/2 years. And it is amazing to see where we have reached today. This is the right time, to hand over the responsibilities of the board to a group of more experienced people. I can only contribute to a certain level. Dream a Dream still has a long way to go. I am waiting for the day when The Dream Home takes a concrete shape, and I am sure that won't be very long."

~ Neha Arya, Co-Founder & Board Member



Financial Information and Analysis

FORM NO. 10 B
(See Rule 17B)

AUDIT REPORT UNDER SECTION 12 A (b) OF THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 IN THE CASE OF CHARITABLE OR RELIGIOUS TRUSTS OR INSTITUTIONS.

We have examined the Balance Sheet of **DREAM A DREAM**, BANGALORE as at 31st March 2006 and the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date which are in agreement with the books of accounts maintained by the said trust.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of the audit. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the above named trust so far as it appears from our examination of books and proper returns adequate for the purposes of audit have been received by us.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to information given to us, the said accounts give a true and fair view:-

- i) In the case of the Balance Sheet of the state of affairs of the above named trust as at 31st March 2006.
- ii) In the case of Income and Expenditure Account, of the surplus for the year ended as on that date.

The prescribed particulars are annexed hereto.

**For Satish & Ravi Associates,
Chartered Accountants,**

(SATISH MAKHIJA)
Bangalore

27.10.2006

Partner.

Place:

Date:

COMPUTATION OF INCOME OF DREAM A DREAM

STATUS : CHARITABLE TRUST
P.A.N. : AAATD3096K

PREVIOUS YEAR : 2005 - 2006
ASSESSMENT YEAR : 2006 - 2007

PARTICULARS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
I. INCOME FROM OTHER SOURCES :		
Voluntary Contributions received	1,591,600.00	
Bank Interest Received	14,944.00	
Receipts from Donation Boxes	8,628.25	
Sale of Merchandise	146,835.00	
Sale of Old Newspapers	10,929.00	
	<hr/>	
	A	1,772,936.25
15% of the above	B	265,940.44

Amount to be spent in the current year	A-B	1,506,995.81
Less: Amount spent during the year on charitable activities		1,512,804.46
EXCESS AMOUNT SPENT		<u><u>(5,808.65)</u></u>

Since the amount spent is more than 85% the entire income is exempt.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.3.2006

PARTICULARS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
I SOURCES OF FUNDS:		
General Fund:		
Opening balance	1,550,566.83	
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>260,131.79</u>	
	1,810,698.62	
Add: Donations towards Corpus	<u>319,179.00</u>	
		<u>2,129,877.62</u>
		<u><u>2,129,877.62</u></u>
II APPLICATION OF FUNDS:		
Fixed Assets:		
Office Furniture	1,113.95	
Add: Additions	<u>4,820.00</u>	
	5,933.95	
Less Depreciation	<u>352.20</u>	
		5,581.75
Computers	2.00	
Add: Additions	<u>8,500.00</u>	
	8,502.00	
Less Depreciation	<u>5,100.00</u>	
		3,402.00
INVESTMENTS :		
Fixed Deposits with Indus Ind Bank		800,000.00
Current Assets, Loans & Advances :		
Current Assets:		
1) Cash in Hand	12,603.45	
2) ICICI Bank	462,559.07	
3) Canara Bank	723,877.35	
4) Rental Deposit	55,000.00	
5) Telephone Deposit	3,000.00	
6) Closing Stock Of Merchandise	<u>66,170.00</u>	
	1,323,209.87	
Less: Current Liabilities:		

1) TDS Payable	<u>2,316.00</u>	<u>1,320,893.87</u>
		<u>2,129,877.62</u>

As per our report of even date
attached,

**For Satish & Ravi Associates,
Chartered Accountants,**

**(SATISH MAKHIJA)
Partner**

Place : Bangalore
Date : 27.10.2006

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD 1.4.2005 TO 31.3.2006

PARTICULARS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
I. RECEIPTS		
Opening Balance :		
- Cash in hand	6,657.84	
- ICICI Bank A/c	281,034.07	
- Canara Bank A/c	<u>349,129.85</u>	
		636,821.76
Revenue Receipt:		
Donations Received	1,591,600.00	
Interest Received	14,944.00	
Receipts from Donation Boxes	8,628.25	
Sale of Merchandise	146,835.00	
Sale of Old Newspapers	<u>10,929.00</u>	
		1,772,936.25
Capital Receipt:		
Corpus Fund Donation		<u>319,179.00</u>
		<u>2,728,937.01</u>

II. PAYMENTS:

WORKSHOPS & PROGRAMMES:

- Caterpillar & Butterfly Work shop	88,594.00
- Child Education Program	12,772.30
- Documentation	3,175.00
- Dream Abacus Program	3,622.00
- Dream Catchers	8,139.00
- Dream Computer Programme	12,224.50
- Dream Celebration	3,718.00
- Dream Cinema	4,422.00
- Dream Drama Program	24,726.00
- Dream Fundays	47,193.98
- Dream Hockey Program	68,099.50
- Dream Outdoor Program	128,779.75

- Dream Sports Day	27,191.75	
- Dream T T Program	76,023.00	
- Dream Tsunami Relief Work	40,948.50	
- Food & Provisions	5,874.00	
- Local Conveyance	20,921.00	
- Miscellaneous Expenses	2,790.00	
- NGO Partners Meet	304.00	
- Office Rent - Programmes	33,000.00	
- Salaries - Programmes	238,631.50	
- Special Events	17,712.50	
- Staff Training Expenses	29,280.00	
- Telephone Expenses	22,110.00	
- Volunteers Workshop	6,141.00	
	<hr/>	926,393.28
Administrative Expenses:		
Auditors Fees	5,510.00	
Bank Charges	1,635.00	
Books & Periodicals	3,975.00	
Computer Maintenance	10,900.00	
Electricity Charges	4,066.00	
Web site hosting charges	15,000.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	4,976.04	
Office Rent	33,000.00	
Office Stationery & Supplies	19,376.88	
Postage & Couriers	6,045.00	
Printing & Photocopying	12,288.72	
Repairs and Maintenance	330.00	
Salaries	63,075.00	
Telephone Expenses	15,134.60	
Travel Expenses	12,558.00	
	<hr/>	207,870.24
Capital Expenditure :		
Computer	8,500.00	
Office Furniture	4,820.00	
	<hr/>	13,320.00
Fund Raising Expenses:		
Bangalore Marathon	23,282.00	
Design & Publicity	6,000.00	
Dream Halloween Night	5,835.00	
Dream Merchandise	152,141.00	
Salaries	52,796.50	
Harvey Play	48,288.00	
Give India	4,000.00	
Mumbai Marathon	26,814.12	
Telephone	18,928.00	
	<hr/>	338,084.62
Indirect Expense:		
Misappropriation of Cash	8,500.00	
Printing of Greeting Cards	224.00	
Purchase of T Shirts	34,180.00	
	<hr/>	42,904.00
Others:		
Tax Deducted at Source Remitted		1,325.00

Closing Balance :

ICICI Bank	462,559.07	
Canara Bank	723,877.35	
Cash in Hand	12,603.45	1,199,039.87
		<u>2,728,937.01</u>

As per our report of even date attached
For Satish & Ravi Associates,
Chartered Accountants,

(SATISH MAKHIJA)
Partner

Place : Bangalore
Date : 27.10.2006

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.3.2006

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Mumbai Marathon	26,814.12	
Telephone	18,928.00	
	<u>18,928.00</u>	
	338,084.62	
Add: Opening Stock of Dream Merchandise	56,834.00	
Less: Closing stock of Dream Merchandise	66,170.00	
	<u>66,170.00</u>	328,748.62

Indirect Expense:

Misappropriation of Cash	8,500.00	
Printing of Greeting Cards	224.00	
Purchase of T Shirts	34,180.00	
	<u>34,180.00</u>	42,904.00

Depreciation:

- CD Writer	507.52	
- Computer Hardware	928.60	
- Computer	5,100.00	
- Furniture	352.20	
	<u>352.20</u>	
		6,888.32
Total of expenses		<u>1,512,804.46</u>

Excess of Income over Expenditure 260,131.79

As per our report of even date
attached,

**For Satish & Ravi Associates,
Chartered Accountants,**

Place : Bangalore
Date : 27.10.2006

**(SATISH MAKHIJA)
Partner**

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS:

A. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES :

1. METHOD OF ACCOUNTING:

- a) The accounts of the trust have been prepared under historical Cost Convention basis and using the ***cash method of accounting*** unless otherwise stated hereinafter.
- b) Accounting policies, not specifically referred to, are consistent with the generally accepted accounting policies.

2. FIXED ASSETS :

- a) Fixed Assets are stated at historical cost less depreciation.

3. DEPRECIATION :

- a) The Trust provides depreciation on fixed assets on Written down Value Method, at the rates prescribed by the Income Tax Act.

4. INVESTMENTS: Investments are stated at cost.

5. OTHERS:

- 1) **COMPUTERS:** Computers shown in the Balance Sheet have been received as donation. Hence they have been shown at a nominal value of Rs. 1/- each. The organization has received two Computers during the year.

- 2) **MERCANDISE:** The closing stock of Merchandise is valued at cost.

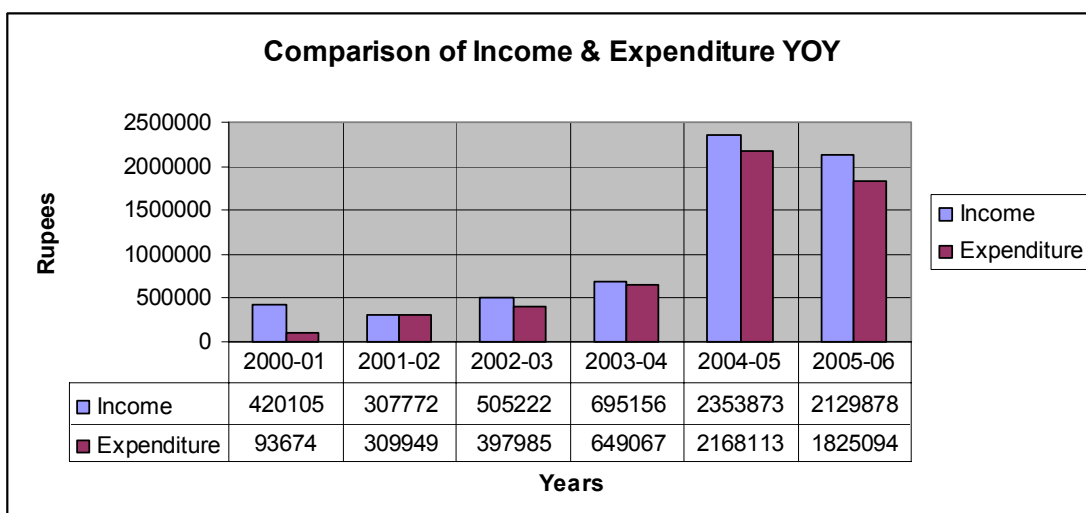
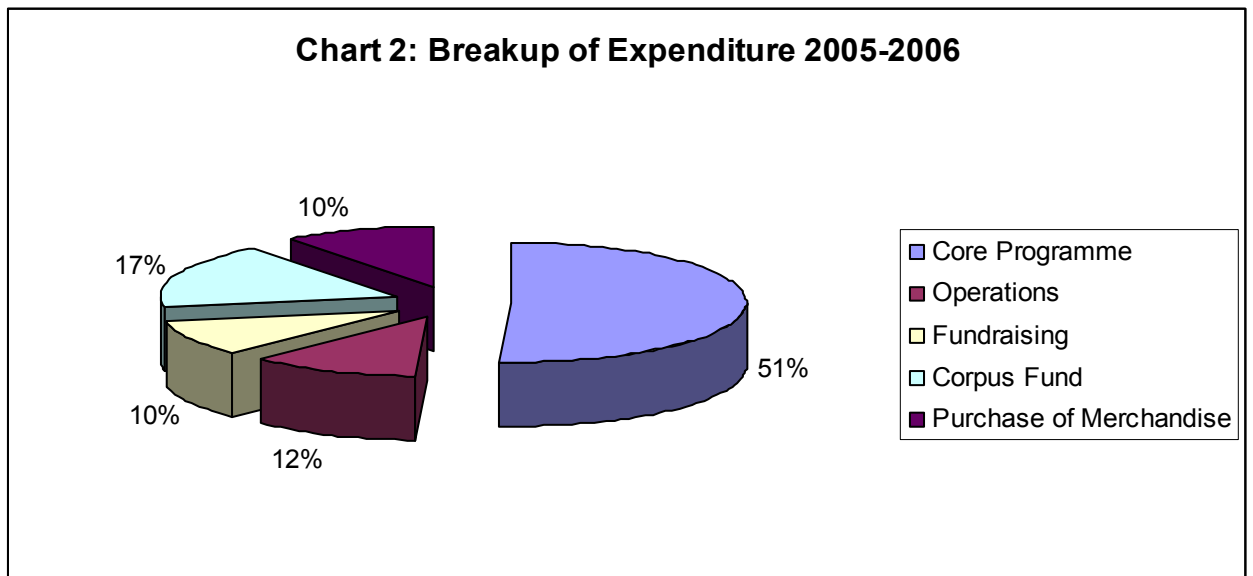
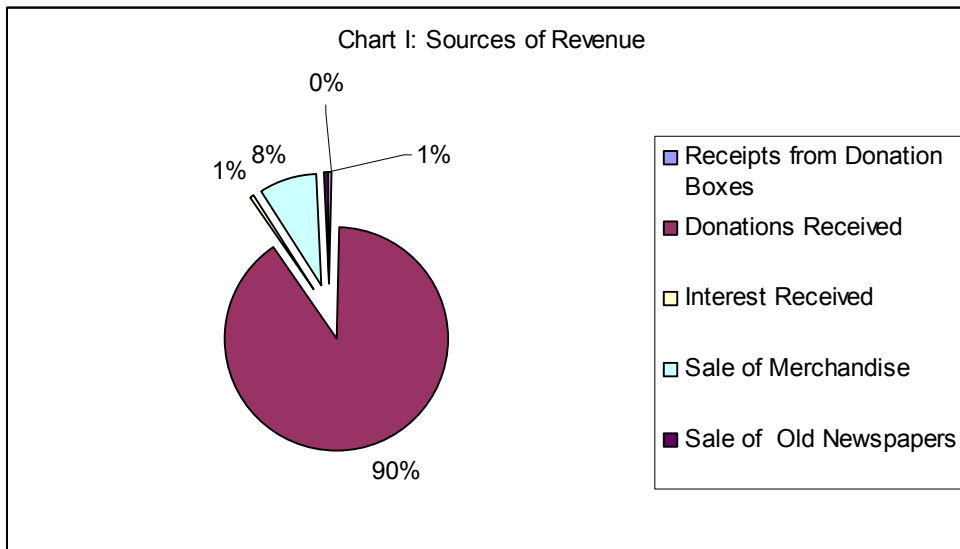
**For Satish & Ravi Associates,
Chartered Accountants,**

**(SATISH MAKHIJA)
Partner**

Place: Bangalore
Date : 27-10-2006

Analysis of Financial Information

Chart 1 (See below) indicates the key sources of Income at Dream A Dream. 90% of the funds have been direct donations from Individuals and companies. This also includes sponsorship of projects, events and funds raised through the Marathon.



Dream A Dream Fact Sheet

Identity:

- Dream A Dream is registered as a not-for-profit trust under the Indian Trusts Act. (Reg No.: 66/2000-2001 IV)
- Dream A Dream is registered U/S 12A of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and under section 80G, valid till March 31, 2005
- Registered Address: No. 2, High Street Cross, Cooke Town, Bangalore
- Mailing Address as on 31st March 2006: No. 5, 1st Floor, Nanjundappa Street, AT Halli, Shantinagar, Bangalore 560 027. Visitors are welcome to visit us

Name & Address of main bankers:

- Canara Bank, Langford Town, Bangalore. Account No. 19432
- ICICI Bank Ltd, Jayanagar, Bangalore. Account No. 005301021789

Name & Address of Auditors:

Sathish & Ravi Associates, 11/1, (New 67), Nandidurg Road, Bangalore 560 046

BOARD GOVERNANCE

Details of Board Members: (as on March 31, 2006)

Name	Age	Sex	Position on Board	Occupation	Area of Competency	Meetings Attended
Vishal Talreja	27	M	Managing Trustee	Managing Trustee, Dream A Dream	Management	4
Brinda S Jacob	29	F	Trustee	Choreographer & Dancer	Dance Therapy	4
Neha Arya	24	F	Trustee	Fundraising Consultant	Management, Strategic Consultancy	0
Vivek PR	24	M	Trustee	PR Consultant, The Practice	PR	2
Kartik Varma	29	M	Trustee	Service, Parryware	Sales, Marketing & HR	1
Umesh Malhotra	37	M	Trustee	Entrepreneur & Education, Hippocampus Reading Foundation	Management, Marketing & Education	2
Nandita Lakshmanan	37	F	Trustee	Entrepreneur & Consultant, The Practice	Public Relations and Management	2
Srikrishna S	25	M	Trustee	Engineer, Dell India	Volunteer Management, Resource Mobilization	2
Nagesh Karuturi	36	M	Trustee	Service, Country Manager, Hewlett Packard, Digital Publishing Solutions	Marketing, Sales and Management	1

- None of the Board Members are related to each other
- The Dream A Dream Board met four (4) times last year – 18th June 2005, 26th June 2005, 23rd October 2005, 11th February 2006
- 5 new people were invited to the Board in the last year after a Board Restructuring Exercise undertaken by the old board. The new board members are Kartik Varma, Umesh Malhotra, Nandita Lakshmanan, Srikrishna S and Nagesh Karuturi.

Accountability & Transparency

- Vishal Talreja, Managing Trustee has been paid a remuneration of Rs. 8000 p.m.
- The following reimbursements have been made to Board Members:
- Travelling Expenses (to attend Board Meetings) Rs. 0
- Travelling Expenses to Mr. Vishal Talreja during the year – Rs. 9600/-
- Mobile Bill Reimbursement to Mr. Vishal Talreja during the year – Rs. 12,000/-
- Professional fees paid to Ms. Brinda Jacob towards Caterpillar & Butterfly Dance Therapy Workshops Rs. 22,000/- (For April'05, May'05, June'05, July'05, August'05, September'05)
- No other reimbursements have been made to any board member, trustee or shareholder
- Remuneration of 3 highest paid staff members: Rs. 10,000 p.m; Rs. 8000 p.m; Rs. 7000 p.m;
- Remuneration of the lowest paid staff member: Rs. 2500 p.m

Remuneration to Board Members/Trustees/Shareholders:

- The Managing Trustee has been paid remuneration for working full-time with the organization.
- Ms. Brinda Jacob was paid Rs. 4000 per month (for 6 months) as professional fees for conducting a Dance Therapy workshop for children at Dream A Dream.
- No other remuneration, sitting fees or any other form of compensation has been paid in the last year, to any board member, trustee or shareholder.
- Reimbursements to Board Members/Trustees/Shareholders: Travelling expenses reimbursed to Vishal Talreja. No reimbursements have been made to any other Board Member.
- There has been **NO** International travel by any Board Member or Staff for the year 2005-2006

Management Team (As on 31st March 2006)

1. Vishal Talreja, Managing Trustee
2. Ekta Hattangady, Programme Manager
3. Christina Machado, Volunteer Manager
4. Kiran M Rao, Programme Coordinator
5. Manjari S Rao, Part-time Fundraiser
6. Sunilkumar, Administrative Support Staff
7. Kajal Uttmani, Administrative Manager

Breakup of Staff Salaries (as on 31st March 2006)

Name	Salary	Components	Job Description
Kajal Utmani	2500	Salary	Admin & Finance
Kiran Rao	4500	Salary + Travel (500)	Programme Coordinator
Manjari S Rao	3000	Stipend	Part-time Fundraiser
Ekta Hattangady	10800	Salary + Travel (800)	Programme Manager
Christina Machado	7500	Salary + Travel (500)	Volunteer Manager
Sunil Kumar	2500	Salary	Admin Support
Vishal Talreja	9800	Salary + Travel (800) + Mobile (1000)	Director

Note: Vishal Talreja, Director was elected as an Ashoka Fellow and will be getting a monthly stipend of Rs. 22,400/- for 3 years starting October 2005.

Staff details: (as on 31st March 2006)*

Gender	Paid full time	Paid part time	Paid consultants	Unpaid volunteers
Male	2	0	0	
Female	4	1	0	

* All Trustees are 'volunteers' giving their time pro bono. They are not included in the details above

Table 1: Distribution of staff according to Salary levels (as on March 31, 2006)

Slab of gross salary (in Rs.)	Male staff	Female staff	Total staff
<5000	1	3	4
5,000 - 10,000	1	2	3
Total	2	5	7

Contact Information

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"The new board at Dream a Dream which was formed last year is quite an interesting mix of people with different backgrounds/expertise and full of fresh ideas. The old board did a great job of creating and sustaining this wonderful organisation and we are now looking at enhancing our existing structure and taking Dream a Dream to the next level. All the board members work well as a team and there is always a feeling of "we want and we can do more for Dream a Dream". Personally for me it has been an enriching experience to learn about the organisation, share the dreams and work with some very accomplished people with great attitude for social change. In the coming months we will be trying to grow the board and work on some key policies and processes at Dream a Dream. We are also looking at some visioning exercises and scaling up few months down the line. Vishal is soon representing D-a-D at an international level, the move to a bigger office, more and more volunteers taking up responsibility of programs and events....all these indicate the growth and exciting times ahead of all of us. There will be plenty of challenges too but that just means we'll have more fun overcoming them. I say, let's dream on...."

~ Srikrishna S, Volunteer & Board Member