



# Kadwa Patel Samaj Of North America Patidar Cultural Association of USA

[www.kpsna.org](http://www.kpsna.org)      [www.pcaofusa.org](http://www.pcaofusa.org)



Dear KPSNA Members, Donors, Supporters, and Friends:

On behalf of the KPSNA and PCA Committees, it is our pleasure to present to you the Annual Report of Charitable Activities undertaken by KPSNA and PCA of USA.

As most of you may have heard at the convention and throughout the last year, we have reached 1 million dollars in total donations in a short span of 5 years. It is through the generosity of donors and families like you that we were able to accomplish such major milestone.

Since there are no administrative expenses we continue to assure that 100% of your charitable contributions given are reaching the worthy causes.

## STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT

*The mission of the project is to support poor students from villages to pursue higher education, thus preventing child labor. Following is the brief summary of the project from its inception.*

- *Current Revised Student Selection criteria's include; children of: widow, widower or divorcees, landless laborers or laborers with minimal land, significant family illness or catastrophe, families with severe economic hardships, families with income below poverty line (BPL), and students with disability and economic hardship.*
- *We are constantly in the process of assessing the impact of scholarship project and striving to improve and revise student selection process.*
- *We are collaborating with Umiya Parivar and ensuring a fair, unbiased, transparent, accountable system of scholarship distribution.*
- *Thus far we have allocated scholarships to over 4,000 needy students.*
- *For less than a dollar a day you have changed someone's life & improved community's future.*

## SAFE DRINKING WATER PROJECT

*Project vision is simple and ambitious: Making clean, safe drinking water a reality for all living in Saurashtra villages and towns through partnership between village, technology provider and KPSNA as coordinator.*

*Waterborne diseases contribute 75% of all deaths below 5 years of age, three million working days are lost each year to water-borne diseases at a cost of \$600 million, about 21% of communicable diseases are water borne killing more people every year than all forms of violence, including war.*

*Thus far, Reverse Osmosis systems of water filtration plants are operational in 23 Villages*

## ANEMIA DETECTION, TREATMENT & EDUCATION PROJECT

*Anemia affects 85% of our community in India and is a major cause of significant morbidity and mortality at all ages specifically women and children. Most important cause if Iron deficiency indirectly is result of lack of clean water, sanitation and inadequate hygiene. Anemia can be easily detected and treated effectively with minimal resources. We have begun population screening at all our educational institutions. We screened more than 6,000 students and 40,000 women. Treatment and education was given to those who have low hemoglobin counts.*

## SANITATION PROJECT

*About 5-6% of our community members do not have toilets in their homes. An economical model was designed to build a toilet with bathroom. These units can be sponsored for \$150. The estimated need of such units for our community is 6,500 and a pilot project has already began.*

## RAINWATER HARVESTING FOR IRRIGATION & DRINKING WATER

- *Build a series of small check dams to replenish underground water table.*
- *Pilot project in Ajab yielded \$100 return on \$1 spent.*
- *This increases agricultural productivity and benefits continue for years to come.*
- *Build a roof top water tank to harvest rain water for drinking.*



## Kadwa Patel Samaj Of North America Patidar Cultural Association of USA

[www.kpsna.org](http://www.kpsna.org)      [www.pcaofusa.org](http://www.pcaofusa.org)



We have also identified some initiatives to begin here. Some of these projects involve creating new programs and events. In others, we will support large events and participate across the county under one united KPSNA banner. This is a good opportunity for us to use our organization to give support to the country where we have prospered. These activities will also help young people account for their required community service, but more importantly, make a difference to those in need. We are in the need for national and local coordinators for all projects so please volunteer your time! Below are some of the future projects that we are moving forward:

WALK-A THONS: Arrange a national day to walk in local communities to benefit local hospitals or cancer foundations. KPSNA will provide guidance and local chapters will arrange for local walks.

HEALTH AWARENESS: Promote Health awareness in the community mainly to follow national guidelines for disease prevention. We will start with electronic newsletters covering various topics. Also informative literature will be distributed in events held locally. Webinars will be held where experts will discuss health topics and archive them for later viewing.

CLOTHES AND FOOD DRIVE: Donate used goods in India and US. Clothes and other non-perishable and duty-free items can be donated to India. Food and other items can be donated in the US.

ENGLISH AS FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Encourage our members to volunteer in adult literacy programs to help Gujarati speaking immigrants learn the English language.

SCHOLARSHIP LISTS: Create an accessible list of available scholarships and other financial aids for college bound kids.

VOLUNTER IN SHELTERS & ORGANIZATIONS: Volunteer in Habitat for Humanity or Homeless Shelters/Soup Kitchens locally. KPSNA will provide guidance and local chapters will arrange for these. Target mostly youth but anyone from community is welcome. Start with one day nationally per year and may extend to 2-3 days per year. Provide T shirts to promote KPSNA and our unity. A national coordinator and local coordinators is needed for this.

EXPERT ADVISORY PANELS: Create panels of experts in various fields like business, engineers, medical, computers etc who will guide community members in need of their guidance.

We urge you all to continue your generous support for these noble charitable activities to help our community members.

The following is the financial summary of charitable activities up to 12/31/2010.

Dec 2005 – Dec 31st 2010		
	Donations Collected	Funds Distributed
<b>Building Education Fund</b>	\$286,399.00	\$286,408.00
<b>Social Fund</b>	\$2,651.00	\$2,651.00
<b>Scholarship Fund</b>	\$594,660.00	\$471,469.00
<b>HealthCare Fund</b>	\$5,501.00	\$5,001.00
<b>Clean Water Fund</b>	\$117,200.00	\$85,500.00
<b>Other Contributions</b>	\$46,785.01	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,053,196.01</b>	<b>\$851,029.00</b>

Additionally, KPSNA members have donated about \$ 500,000 directly to various causes

As always, we will be more than happy to answer any questions that you might have regarding these. Please visit our website, [www.kpsna.org](http://www.kpsna.org) for further information.

Sincerely,

KPSNA & PCA Committees