

We are...

...an assortment of regular folk who believe in we can make a difference to the vast humanity that we seem to have left behind! The focus of our efforts is poverty alleviation in rural India. We work with Indian social change organizations to implement projects in the areas of literacy, health care, rural credit, vocational training, women's empowerment and child welfare. Our primary role is monetary, raising funds in the US and providing an efficient channel that reaches directly into the rural heartlands. Our project review and support process is meticulous and involves stringent evaluations, open discussions, site visits and regular feedback. We make every dollar count!

Quick Facts about AID

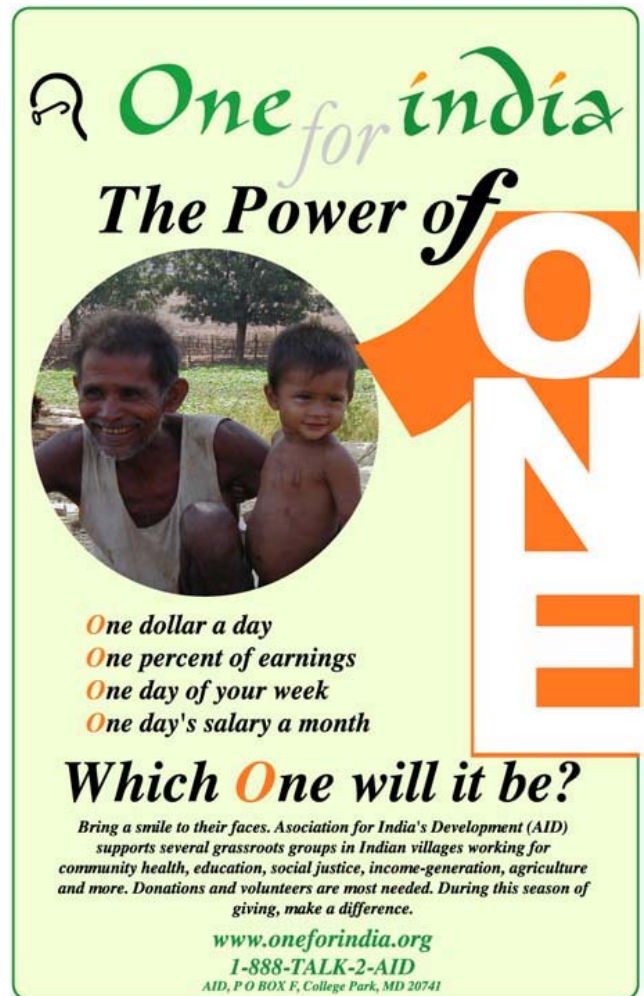
Founded in 1991 at The University of Maryland, College Park. There are 37 chapters worldwide with more than 300 active volunteers. We have almost a 100 projects across 15 states in India. Locally we have three active chapters, in Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill. We have raised over \$45k in support of AID projects from the triangle community.

Please visit: <http://www.aidindia.org>

Our weekly Community Service Hours serve as the primary forum for discussing the regular activities of AID, which include fund-raising, publicity and project reviews. In addition, we organize events that help in publicity and help us raise funds.

The Power of a Dollar

January brings to a close the "One for India – Making everyone count" campaign. And what a grand close it will be! The power of *One*, the idea that even one dollar can make a difference has so far yielded over \$6000 in the triangle and \$38,000 nation-wide. The campaign will conclude with a cultural fundraiser program 'One For India Nite' at the Hindu Bhavan auditorium on January 25th, the eve of India's Republic day. While talented desi bands play foot tapping numbers, the audience will be treated to food from the triangles finest Indian restaurants. The event will also showcase a snapshot of AID's work in India. The program has received an amazing level of support from



One for india
The Power of
ONE

One dollar a day
One percent of earnings
One day of your week
One day's salary a month

Which One will it be?

Bring a smile to their faces. Association for India's Development (AID) supports several grassroots groups in Indian villages working for community health, education, social justice, income-generation, agriculture and more. Donations and volunteers are most needed. During this season of giving, make a difference.

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the triangle's business community and social organizations. For more information about this program or information about the "One for India" campaign, please contact Ravi Devarasetty at (919)- 637-1167.

Project News

In the wake of the twin tragedies in Gujarat, AID has been involved with several initiatives to rebuild the lives of affected people. This month AID-Raleigh approved \$6500 for a community development project in Kasai ki Chali, a riot affected area of Ahemdabad. The project was initiated as an independent effort by two individuals Ajay Raina and Leya Mathew from Mumbai. The two main components of the project are:

1. A non-formal school for the children of the chali that will provide them with a creative space and a milieu

conducive to their positive overall development free of hatred and resentment.

2. A sewing and handmade paper workshop for women of the chali, that will serve as a livelihood generation program.

The remuneration from the sale of goods produced in the workshop will help sustain the school in the long term. Funds from AID will be used for operational expenses for a year. The daily affairs of the school and the workshop will be managed by senior members of the Chali. Ajay and Leya expect that the project will help rekindle a community spirit that was fractured by the turn of events.

The project went through a two month review process which included a site visit by an AID volunteer, Mokshay Madhiman from Brown University. For more information on the Project, please contact Radha Patel at rad_ncsu@yahoo.com.

Latest News at AID

- AID-Raleigh approved \$6500 towards a Gujarat riot relief project in Ahemdabad.
- AID-Raleigh raised \$600 through AID 2003 calendar sales. Contact us and order your copy of the calendar today!
- AID took part in the Cary Diwali Function. We set up an information stall, signed up volunteers, and took orders for calendars.
- AID-Duke screened "Kutty" a Tamil movie on child labor on Nov 14, 2002.
- AID-Raleigh revamped its website, adding more information on current and past projects.
- Pallav and Vijay, volunteers from AID, Raleigh spoke on Geet Bazaar, 88.1FM about AID activities.

Upcoming Local Events

Jan 25, 6:00 PM, One for India Night, at the Hindu Bhawan. Come and enjoy an evening of great music and quality desi khana from the triangle's finest Indian restaurants. For more information contact Ravi Devarasetty at **(919) 637-1167** or email ravi@ee.vt.edu.

Feb 4-14, "Visible Work, Invisible Women", a photo exhibition by P Sainath, Asia's leading development journalist, at NC State and Duke. The photographs bring together glimpses of the lives of rural Indian women, their struggle and their work, which remains largely unrecognized. For more information contact Amit Basole at basole@neuro.duke.edu.

"When Women Unite", part of AID-Duke's "Educational Film Series." The first movie in this series is based on the women organizing themselves against the production and sale of illicit alcohol in Andhra Pradesh. For show times and location please contact Harinath Chakrapani at harinath@chem.duke.edu.

The AID team wishes you all a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year

Ways to Help

- **Join us** - We would love to have committed individuals like you join our team. Rural India needs your support!
- **Donate** by credit card, cash or checks. For more information please visit our website
- **Volunteer at events** – AID organizes and coordinates several events throughout the year. We are in constant need of volunteers to help us make these events a success.
- **Buy Kroger Certificates** - These certificates are equivalent to cash and are redeemable at any Kroger store in the US. Five percent of your bill will be contributed towards AID at no extra cost to you.
- **Penny Drive** - Contribute a little change to someone's life. Contact us to get a Penny collection box for your home or office.
- **Visit/Intern at an AID project** – Visit or join an AID project as an intern. This is a great opportunity for an enriching experience.

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Our meetings

AID-Duke meets every Saturday at 4 PM in the Bryan Center cultural lounge (Duke University, Durham).

AID-Raleigh meets every Wednesday at 7:30 PM in the Talley Students Center (NC State University, Raleigh)

AID-UNC meets every Thursday evening in the DEY Hall (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

All are welcome to attend any of our chapter meetings.

Editorial

We thank all our donors, patrons and sponsors for their continued support and assistance. Please visit our website: <http://www.aidindia.org/rtp> for more information on our activities and on how you can be a part of AID. This edition of the newsletter was produced by Deepak Suryanarayanan (deepaksury@yahoo.com), Mayank Shekhar (mshekhar@nc.rr.com) and Radha Patel (rad_ncsu@yahoo.com).