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Assam Foundation of North America

Happy New Year and Happy Bhogali Bihu to all from AFNA family!

AFNA wishes that the New Year started well for everyone with lots of excitement and hope for the coming year. We hope that our Assamese communities around North America had fun Bhogali Bihu celebrations keeping our traditions alive among the new generations with any Assamese connection. We want to thank you all for your continued support for AFNA this holiday season. We are happy to report that our Calendar campaign for this year is going very well. AFNA thanks everyone for your contributions to our annual fundraising during the holiday season. Our volunteers have worked tirelessly to reach out to our continued donors, supporters and new volunteers all around the world. We had a great start to the year 2017 and we want to thank our active and dedicated volunteers for your continued hard work. AFNA invites everyone to get involved more actively this year with our projects and fundraising campaigns. We are actively looking for new volunteers to be involved with the newsletter team, our technology team and as stewards for some of our projects. If you have a few hours a month that you would be happy to devote to helping someone in need please reach out to our base team at info@assamfoundation.net.

Dallas young Assamese rings New Year's Eve for children's Cause

Children are born with an innate sense of charity and compassion; they naturally look for ways to make a contribution and help others. While celebrating and ushering in the New Year of 2017, the young Assamese of Dallas made an appeal to the audience gathered for the community celebration to support the various charitable causes of Assam Foundation of North America (AFNA). Urvi, Anuska, Nistha, Diya, Shanku, Anvi, Riddhi and Hiya spoke about the various projects including Parijat Academy - the school which started with 8 children many of whom were rescued from working as day laborers at stone quarries today is a thriving stronghold of 500 hundred children. They also talked about Snehalaya where dozens of the children lost in the Guwahati Railway station are provided a home like atmosphere. There was also mention about AKADAMICS- an AFNA program that awards educational scholarships and also mentors needy students from poor family backgrounds.



The young Assamese urged the audience to buy the yearly AFNA Calendar, the profits of which will go to the common cause of giving, empowering and creating opportunities for needy children back home. The appeal was well received as participants donated generously. The children in Dallas with their heartfelt appeal on New Year's Eve have helped in making a small difference with a strong message, which has been felt and appreciated by many.

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A gifted voice and a success story of Tapoban

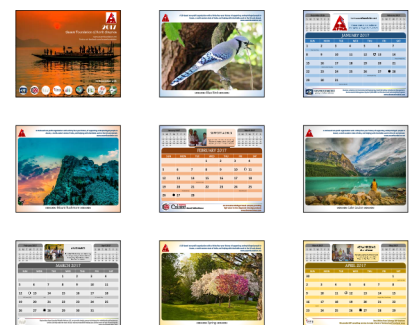
A Specially Abled Child is always special. Child artist Purnima and Sumi have proven it again with intense and touching live performances in one of the Assamese popular TV Channel. A gifted voice and consistent improvement already got attention of larger audience and finally received accolades from the living legend like Dipali Borthakur and Neelpaban Baruah which made it even more special for the two gifted girls. Both Sumi and Purnima are studying and receiving vocal training as residential students at Tapoban, Pathsala. It is an unmatched achievement for Tapoban and a collaborative effort of teachers, instructors, staff and dedicated volunteers who offer tireless and selfless service to transform the lives of the specially-need students. For the last five years AFNA is working, as a collaborator with TAPOBAN to support some of these students through Support -A-Child (SAC) program. AFNA is very proud to celebrate the successes of Purnima and Sumi. AFNA hopes to continue working with Tapoban through our SAC program and hope to reach out to more students like Purnima and Sumi.



If you haven't ordered your beautiful 2017 AFNA calendar yet, but if you like a copy, we have a few more left. Contact either your local AFNA volunteer or simply order at

<https://goo.gl/forms/q3xF7qCtUKvt1iS73>

Order your copy before they are all gone! Our volunteers will make sure you get your copy in January.



AFNA is planning to hold more in person local get together of our volunteers throughout the year 2017 in different locations in North America, in addition to meeting at Assam Convention, 2017. This is to generate new ideas and engagement among our hard working volunteers and help build our AFNA community stronger as a foundation and serve our projects better. The first meeting will take place in San Francisco Bay Area, California in the 1st week of March, 2017. If you are in this area and would like to join the get together please email info@assamfoundation.net and we will send you more information. Stay tuned for more information on this new step.

AFNA Income Statement – October-December (Q4), 2016

Account Name	Amount	Notes
<u>Income</u>		
Contributions Income	\$16,266.40	Support A Disabled Worker, Atma Nirbhar, Snehalaya, , Support A Child, General Fund, WBMM, AKADAMICS, Calendar Campaign
Amazon Smile	\$38.96	
Matching Corporate Grants	\$3,788.26	Support A Child, General Fund, AKADAMICS
Membership	\$125.00	
Total Income	\$20,218.62	
<u>Expense</u>		
Outgoing Donations	\$7,210.29	Fertile Ground, AKADAMICS
Project Expense	\$1,355.70	Calendar Campaign, Essay Contest
Assam Convention	\$306.60	AC2016 Marketing Materials Printing
Salary Expense	\$0.00	
Operating Expense	\$0.00	
PayPal Fees	\$0.00	
Bank Fees	\$624.64	Aplos Fees (Annual), Wire Transfer Fees
Total - Operating Expense	\$624.64	
Total Expense	\$9,497.23	
Net Income (Loss)	\$10,721.39	



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