



# Global Vaddo Charity

*Providing hope and inspiration for the children of Goa, India*

*Newsletter....*

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I hope that you all had a relaxing, peaceful and happy Christmas and I wish you all happiness throughout 2009!

Firstly, on behalf of the GVC Board, I wish to thank you all for your ongoing support to the Global Vaddo Charity. I believe helping the poor and disadvantaged children of the world is one of the greatest challenges we face and every little bit of help that we receive from you, our supporters goes towards making things a bit better for the most vulnerable in our society.

Since our last bi-annual Newsletter in July 2008, there has been a lot happening at the GVC, both on the Goa front and in Australia. Last year the monsoon season in Goa between June and October was rather unexpected and such heavy rainfall had not been recorded for almost 50 years. As a consequence, our building contractor John Nazareth had to meet significant challenges in trying to progress work on the renovations of the GVC house. After a delay of close to six months, I am delighted to announce the successful completion of the renovations to the GVC house in Tivim. Thanks to John for the significant transformation as you can see from the picture below.



*Final touches to the GVC house in Tivim*

Thank you seems so little when Noel D'Souza (GVC representative in Goa, pictured below) has given so generously in his commitment and dedication to this project. His generosity is commendable and I am very grateful for his support without which this project would not have been possible.

*Evelyn Pereira é Robertson, Chairperson*



*Noel D'Souza in front of the GVC house*

## **GVC in action**

The GVC Board has decided to temporarily use the newly renovated GVC house to commence providing fundamental education/care to local underprivileged children in Tivim. The house will be used for an interim period until GVC's proposed learning centre facility is constructed. Advertisements have been placed in local newspapers to recruit teachers and volunteers. Evelyn Robertson will be travelling to Goa in February to finalise arrangements and to get the 'show on the road'!

On the Australian front, the Board has been busy with a number of strategic planning workshops being held between August and September. The strategic plan has been updated and is available on GVC's website.

## Laugh-Aid Comedy Night - Oh what a night!

In November, our dear friends at Ta-Daa Entertainment hosted the Laugh-aid comedy night fundraising for Global Vaddo Charity. Many of you may remember the splendid Quiz Night held at the Hobart Waterfront last year? ..... Well, that night was also hosted by Ta-Daa Entertainment. Ta-Daa Entertainment has provided their support through fundraising activities to the GVC last year, for which we are very grateful.

For those of you who were unable to attend, the night was simply brilliant. It was heart-warming to see such talent in Tasmania and from Interstate. There wasn't much time to catch your breath, as each comedian took the stage. The event was held at the 'Rosny Barn' which as I visited for the first time, is a historic site and a superb venue. I can personally vouch for the laughter pains in my tummy as I enjoyed the funniest night I have had in years.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO Jane Christie-Johnstone and Gavin Baskerville (Ta-Daa! Entertainment), what a great team they make and what a professional enterprise they operate. Without them, this night could not have been the success it was. Not only did the night raise in excess of \$1300 for the GVC Charity, we were privileged to experience comedy as it should be seen - live on stage!!

We would also like to thank all the comedians, Dave Thornton, Gavin Baskerville, Kevin Kopstein, Ryk Goddard, Mick Lowenstein, Tracey Cosgrove, Matt Burton, Tim Logan and Luke McGregor, what a remarkable sense of humour you all have! Thank you all for giving you time so generously for what is a great cause! Thank you also to Scott and Susan, Erin, Alice and Breanna who generously donated their time on the night.

We also thank the Clarence City Council for providing the Rosny Barn for this one night of enthralling entertainment.

For those of you who want to know more of the multi-talented team at Ta-Daa Entertainment and what they do, visit their website ([www.tadaa.com.au](http://www.tadaa.com.au)) and I am sure you will be pleasantly surprised.

## Goan Association Calgary donates

We extend our thanks and appreciation to the Goan Association Calgary in Canada, in particular Mervyn and Gerard who have thrown their support behind the GVC with a generous donation of \$1 000 Canadian Dollars.

*Get involved!*

### **In Australia**

In Australia, GVC has established a number of sub-committees in the following areas:

- education and training;
- fundraising; and
- audit and risk.

If you have the skills and interest in assisting in the above areas, please register your interest by sending the following details to [contact@gvc.org.au](mailto:contact@gvc.org.au).

### **Overseas**

GVC is currently compiling a register for volunteers in Goa, India, commencing in May 2009. In particular, if you have skills and an interest in teaching english, maths or computer studies, please register your interest by sending the following details to [contact@gvc.org.au](mailto:contact@gvc.org.au):

- your full contact details;
- what skills you have to offer;
- your availability; and
- what you would like to do.

### **Fundraising**

If you are interested in helping raise funds for GVC, please contact us with the following information:

- type of fundraising event/activity;
- date and time; and
- location.

### **Donate**

You can help us by making a donation via direct deposit to the following account:

Account name	Global Vaddo Charitable Trust
Bank	National Australia Bank
BSB	087 007
Account number	873 087 205