



Providing hope and inspiration for the children of Goa, India

**Global Vaddo Charity**

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## From the Chair

I am delighted to report that the GVC Learning Centre continues to grow in a several areas of community service.

We have had a 30% increase in the number of children beneficiaries under the GVC Learning Program since June 2013. Children who have passed through the lower and upper KG Program at the Centre and now attending mainstream school (St. Ann's) are all performing well, achieving 80-90% in their annual reports. Whilst we are providing education to the children, it is heartening to see the change it has brought about within their families. Parents meetings are held on a monthly basis, where topics on child performance, hygiene, discipline, responsibility, healthcare, child protection and budgeting are discussed.

The GVC Food Program commenced in February and families in need are provided assistance with basic food such as rice, flour, sugar, oil and milk. On a smaller scale, a Health Care Program for children has also been introduced and children lacking in iron and other vitamins are being provided with supplements and tonics.

Issues of safety and child protection have grown significantly as evident in the international news coverage of child sexual abuse and rape cases of young girls in India. In the month of May, an orphanage run by an international charity in the local community in Tivim has been shut down. A young 15year old girl has been raped and the assailant is at large. This has raised concerns for us and the safety of our little children as they travel to and from school and after school tuitions. In this regard, we are purchasing a small vehicle to enable us to transport children travelling long and lonely distances to and from the centre.

I wish to express my deep gratitude to Francis D'Mello and Peter Vanderzaag of 3fold Resources for their generosity in funding the purchase of the vehicle.

**Evelyn Pereira é Robertson**  
Chairperson



## From the Victoria Fundraising Committee

The Melbourne committee held its first fundraising event for the year, a Trivia Night on 30th May 2014, at the Edinburgh Gardens Community Room in Fitzroy North. Close to 100 attendees enjoyed an evening of food, drink, camaraderie and friendly competition, all for our common cause.

The evening began at 7pm, with 10 teams vying for first place. The attendees participated enthusiastically in the trivia rounds and spot games, and bid generously during the auction, helping us raise the sum of \$3,850 towards providing education opportunities for the children of GVC.

The feedback from the evening was extremely positive, with attendees saying, "It was a great way to spend a Friday night!" and "So well organized! Great food and a lot of fun." The committee was thrilled to be able to meet old and new friends of the GVC, in person. With increased support comes increased hope for the children we support.

Thanks to GVC's generous sponsors, we will be holding an additional online auction for a stay at Melbourne's Metropole Apartments, as well as three photography sessions with Melbourne-based, Essential Photography.

The fundraising committee has now set its sights on the Melbourne Marathon on Sunday, 12th October 2014, where members of the board, the fundraising committee and our volunteers will band together to run for the GVC cause.



With GVC's unique fundraising ethos, where all monies raised go directly to the children, every dollar truly counts. Our Child Sponsorship Program is our way of ensuring that children below poverty line gain access to their basic right; a good education. For as little as \$35 a month, we can change these lives and help them break generations-old cycles of poverty. Click on the above link, or visit [www.gvc.org.au](http://www.gvc.org.au) to know more.

In the second half of 2014, we hope to hold more events for our supporters and pour our collective energies towards making a real difference. We could not do this without your invaluable support, and for this, we are ever grateful.

### *"No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted"*

With our changing economic times, everyone is asking for help in some form, and GVC, being a small, relatively unknown charity, has more challenges than most.

Charitable giving is the act of giving money, goods or time to the unfortunate, either directly or by means of a charitable trust or other worthy cause. International charities, like GVC, serve an important purpose by reaching out to those who are in need of assistance in areas where there are little or no resources available. These charities provide aid either by educating, setting up programs or providing necessary supplies.

GVC is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of children. GVC creates a positive learning environment for children so that they can develop the skills and knowledge required to experience a life free from the issues of poverty. We are very fortunate in the respect that we do not have any administration costs and all monies go directly to the GVC Charitable Trust in improving their lives.

We are very privileged to have wonderful committees who work tirelessly in both Tasmania and Victoria to fundraise for GVC by holding a variety of events throughout the year.

In the coming months, the Tasmanian GVC Fundraising Committee is planning to hold more activities, including:

- another Movie Night at the State Cinema in North Hobart on Thursday 12 June 2014;
- an Indian Restaurant fundraising dinner on Sunday Friday 15 August 2014; and
- a Winery Bus Tour – Saturday 18 October 2014

*"It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing.  
It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in the giving"*  
Blessed Mother Teresa

Dianne Lloyd  
Member

# Victoria Fundraising Committee Profiles

## My name is:

Aarathi Muralidhar

## What I do outside of GVC:

Currently, working at the NAB in the field of Risk Management, where I'm responsible to influence behaviours, provide insights and advice into managing operational risks within the bank. Building relationships to be a trusted advisor and partnering with leaders to solve business problems is what I find the most rewarding part of my job! The reason I go to work every day is the people; I value collaboration and believe great teams accomplish great things!



## My hobbies are:

Spending time with my family and friends, typically over a few drinks after work or a movie marathon. I love cooking and trying new cuisines and techniques which is usually at the expense of my family. I'm a passionate hiker with my most recent hike being over the Salkanty pass in Peru.

## The one super power you would like:

Unlimited Endurance" - with this power, I'd hike for days, tidy up the house and be charged to get into the swing of things with ease!



## My name is:

Janneke Koenen

## What I do outside of GVC:

I'm a Research Assistant at the Centre for Citizenship and Globalisation (part-time). I'm a mother of two; a four-year old and a two-year old.

## My hobbies are:

Baking; photography; going to the movies; riding the bike and going for walks/runs with the kids.

## The one super power you would like:

To control the weather!

## My name is:

Sheetal Menezes

## What I do outside of GVC:

I run a content writing firm where I am chief content writer, coffee girl, and slave.

## My hobbies are:

Hiking, writing and painting. I enjoy all creative pursuits and currently have my sights set on a woodworking course.

## The one super power you would like:

To be able to teleport!

Though I'd happily settle for the 'super power' of being able to function well with less than 8 hours of sleep.



## Make a Difference with the GVC

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Account number: 170394196

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