



## Winds of change

In the last six months the GVC have been successful in empowering two women through employment and opportunity.

Shoba and Neelam are mums who had previously been wholly dependent on their husbands for financial support. They are now both employed and able to contribute to the family's budget. Shoba, who is the 'cleaner' at the GVC Learning Centre, has for the first time in her life, opened a 'savings account' into which she deposits a monthly sum from her wages. She tells me that she does not worry about where the next meal will come from. More recently, Neelam's husband was ill and unable to work and Neelam's income ensured that the family did not have to go without food during that short period. Both Shoba and Neelam are keen to join the GVC 'Basic education for Women' program which is projected to be delivered at the new premises in 2013.

I welcome new volunteers to the GVC in Victoria, Phil Gomizel, Samantha Gomizel, Bavika Sheth, Mikta Jaswal and Shambleen Qamar. I look forward to working with you all and hope your experience will be a one to remember.

*Evelyn Pereira é Robertson*  
Chairperson

Shoba at work at the GVC Learning Centre



Neelam at the GVC Building site

## Volunteer with us

Throughout my travels, I have been fortunate enough to visit schools and orphanages in different countries and capacities. I can honestly say that my time at GVC, although amongst the



A memorable time with Rohit Mapshekar one of the children at the GVC Centre in Goa

shortest, was also the most rewarding. I could preach the virtues of volunteering and list the reasons you should have a stint at GVC, emphasising the fact you'll get a warm, fuzzy feeling because it's just as rewarding for you as it is for the children. But I won't...well, not quite anyway.

The fact is Goa has something for everyone; exotic cocktails on the beach, historic religious monuments, adventure sports, markets, an abundance of fresh fruit and seafood, etc, etc. So, in effect, you can have your cake (or curry) and eat it too.

Go on that well deserved holiday, volunteer at GVC and enjoy yourself at the same time. Working at the GVC's Learning Centre will undoubtedly be the highlight of your trip and create lifelong memories.

Visit the GVC website and start by volunteering with the GVC in Tasmania or Victoria and then you can see how our efforts in Australia make a difference on the ground in Goa.

*Erin Howard*  
Tasmania

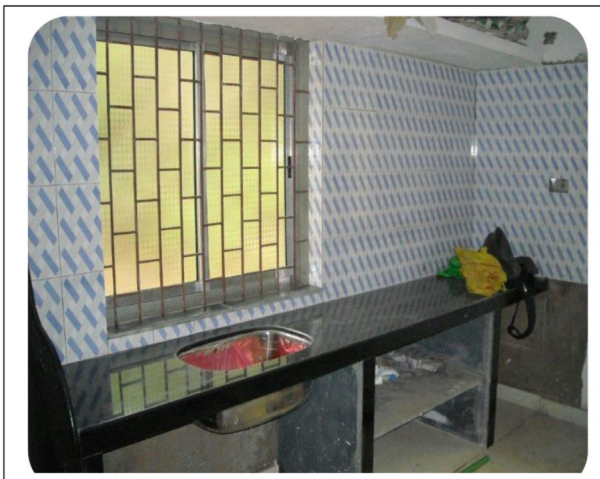
## Building Centre Update

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GVC's new learning centre is nearing completion! The existing centre currently operates from a small renovated house, which is limiting the delivery of GVC's learning programs due to the building size and amenity issues. Without a larger facility, our efforts in providing assistance to the growing number of children on our waiting list continue to be constrained.

The new centre will enable us to better deliver our current range of education programs. It will also ensure that we can continue to meet the needs of the local community by increasing the intake of underprivileged children and expand our range of learning programs.

Painting of the new building and internal fit-out work will be completed over the next few months as we work around the Monsoon season in Goa, which started in June.



## How can you help?

We require your continued support over the coming months to raise the funds for the fit out of the learning centre. Items that we will require include desks, chairs, electrical goods (fans, fridge and computer equipment), cooking appliances, a resource library, whiteboard and other miscellaneous items.

Please visit our website at [www.gvc.org.au](http://www.gvc.org.au) and donate to any of the items in the list. We would be very grateful for every dollar donated.

*Rod Jones*  
*Project Manager*

## Education Committee

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The GVC Learning Centre closed for summer holidays in early April. Children sat tests to assess their suitability to be registered for entrance exams at St. Ann's School. Five of our children did well in both their tests at the GVC and their entrance exams at St. Ann's and have gained admission for the new academic year in 2012. Michelle Dias, Ria Ferrao, Rohit Mapshekar, Sudha Hoshmani and Suhani Harmalkar have joined five other GVC children studying at St. Ann's.

The GVC Learning Centre opened on 4 June 2012 with a class of 20 children. Priya Ne Panikar left us due to a family emergency and Monica D'Souza temporarily filled in the position. Thanks to Priya for her services during her time at the GVC and to Monica for doing a sterling job in stepping in temporarily and maintaining a seamless transition until the end of the school year. Rita Cardoz-Estibero has now taken up the reigns at the GVC Learning Centre bringing 25 years of pre-school teaching experience both in India and internationally.

In line with our projected move to the new premises in 2013, children on our wait-list will all receive admission to the Centre in June 2013.

The move to the new learning centre is sometime away but in planning we are aware that this will mean an increased need for stationary and general educational supplies. If you are able to donate towards this in kind or financially, please write to us at [contact@gvc.org.au](mailto:contact@gvc.org.au)

*Ginelle Jones*  
*Lead - Education Committee*

# A refreshing approach to Fundraising

The Global Vaddo Charity [GVC] has impressed the local community with its grassroots approach to fundraising following their recent Trivia Night at the Palate Restaurant Bar in Prahran, Melbourne.

Held on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> April, the event proved to be a hit with over 60 attendees filling the venue to capacity and \$1750.00 being raised for the underprivileged of Goa, India.

Founder Evelyn Robertson asserts 'We are a grassroots charity and 100% of donations go directly to the operations of the charity'.

Prizes from Rug's Galore earrings from Brighton Diamond jewellers were up for grabs in the night's raffle. Also, an array of Loreal, Maybelline and Revlon cosmetics, were up for sale contributing to the night's proceeds.

The Palate Restaurant Bar contributed to the charity's efforts, donating a percentage of every pizza and drink sold on the night.

Hoshang Fernandes, an attendee of the event, felt the cause was a worthwhile one. 'It really shows us how lucky we are to live in this country. I think we often take so many of the opportunities available to us for granted.'

Rounds of Trivia included General Knowledge, Facts about India, the Olympics and Music.



'It's all about balancing the need to raise revenue with having fun,' says board member of the GVC, Ginelle Jones. 'The charity is always looking for new avenues of fundraising.'



Another GVC board member, Horatio Cardoz, said that while a lot of the event's planning was done 'at the last minute', 'all went well and everyone had a good time'. 'I think we've really motivated people to get behind the charity and give more.'

Nikita Rodrigues  
1<sup>st</sup> Year Student of Public Relations  
Deakin University

## Volunteering with the GVC

At the GVC we are always looking for fun, positive, passionate and motivated people to join our team. We have plenty of openings in Hobart and Melbourne. If you think you have what it takes to make a difference in the lives of the underprivileged, drop us a line at [contact@gvc.org.au](mailto:contact@gvc.org.au) with a few details of where you would like to volunteer!

### Current Openings

- Fundraising Committee Member (2) Hobart
  - Assist in setup operations of fundraising events to meet annual targets
- Public Relations Lead Melbourne
  - Raise profile and awareness of GVC in Australia

**Horatio Cardoz**  
**Lead - Web Administration**

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### **Donate**

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

Account name	Global Vaddo Charitable Trust - India Relief Fund
Bank	National Australia Bank
BSB	087 007
Account number	170394196