



This edition covers the events and other updates of October 2003 and what is planned for November 2003.

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1. Update from national teams

Projects (vibha-projects@yahoo.com):

- Project reviews of Alamb and Verala are complete.
- Project reviews of Rachana and GORD underway.
- Projects disbursal and monitoring budget for Year 2004 created
- **Initial plans for a documentation team created.** Partha from Minneapolis will be the lead for this team.
- Project disbursements will be managed by Mathangi (Columbus) and Anand (Bay Area).

Help Them Grow program (Advait Kulkarni: advaitkulkarni@india.com): HTG/ADP Backend processing was moved to the new office in Bay Area. This was a rather time-consuming process and took a fair number of volunteer/office hours to pull off. First, Ashish Jain (NJ) set up the Computer in NJ so that we could download the ADP data into the new office. The Shreesh Rao (Atlanta) uploaded the Wachovia Bank software so that it could be installed. In the meanwhile, Meera Rao/Pratibha sent us the software from the NJ office to Bay Area. Finally Shreesh guided Meena and the first transaction was completed. **October ADP transaction gave Vibha \$6,696 in donations.**

November Activities/Deliverables:

1. Update Vibha address on ADP forms and website (Done: www.vibha.org/helpthemgrow).
2. Ongoing: Support office with monthly ADP transaction and changes. Also respond to patrons requests on ADP sent to info@vibha.org

Products (Gautam Savarkar: savarkar@qualcomm.com): Our first batch of greeting cards and calendars arrived into San Diego and the payment for the same was sent out. A basic website for the products (products.vibha.org) was set up so that ACs can



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select cards from that to order from the products team. Also **working on a shopping cart for online product sales.**

November Activities/Deliverables:

1. Create and upload a process for ACs to order products, account for products and update inventory status. This is key for success and scalability of products.
2. Ongoing: Support ACs by sending out products in a timely manner. The first lot has already gone out to a few ACs.

2. Update from Austin

The volunteers are concentrating on Walk day-of-the-event logistics for **Walk on November 9th.**

3. Update from Bay Area (Silicon Valley)

The team had a post-event review meeting for Walk 2003. The volunteers also organized and conducted, Vibha signature event in the Bay Area, Dandia 2003. **The multiple dandias (2 were held in September and 2 in October) were held on Oct 3 and 10th at Cubberly and were sold out.** About 500 tickets were sold for each day. The volunteer relations teams organized a Halloween Party to celebrate Walk/Dandia successes.

4. Update from Cleveland

The action center introduced Vibha to the Bharathi Cultural Society members during the Y G Mahendra Drama they hosted. We displayed our banner and set up a booth to distribute flyers. **The Bharathi Cultural Society of Cleveland is organizing a light music show on Dec 13th and all the proceeds of the event would benefit Vibha.** The team is planning to setup products booth during the event.

5. Update from Dallas

The volunteer organized the fourth walk for Dallas in the past five years (we missed last year). We raised about \$14,600 through pledges, sponsorships, and registration. The walk was very well organized, and we received good feedback from all the walkers. We also reached out to a lot of people, who had never been part of our events. One of the highlights of the walk was that about 8 new volunteers joined us

Our next event is Children's Day. This is a contest+talent-show event for children. We have a big sponsor for this event, and will be using this to reach out to children in the age group 4-15. This is the 6th time we will be having this event, and the Indian population here, has come to identify Vibha with the event.

6. Update from New Jersey



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During the month of October, the action center focussed on the post-cricket event tasks such as completing expenses, sending thank-you mails and event articles. Orders for Vibha cards and calendars were also placed with the national team. The A/C conducted its chapter meeting on Nov 2nd, where plans for the rest of Q4 were discussed. **The chapter plans to conduct a Bowlathon event on Dec 6th and focus on product sales and volunteer growth for the next two months.** Initial plans are also being drawn for 2004.

7. Update from Sacramento

Sacramento **volunteers held their signature event- Diwali Mela.** After a year's gap, the team got-together to put up a great show again. Financials are being finalized. The team also organized a Dandia in the last week of September. Both events were moderate success in terms of attendance, but has brought Vibha back to local patrons' recognition.

8. Update from San Francisco

The team co-hosted Kabhi Kushi, Kabhi Gham as part of a local film-festival. Around 500 people attended the show. The volunteer were also busy publicizing and planning the last Dandia of the SF-Bay Area, scheduled for Nov 8th.

9. Update from San Diego

Besides helping with product distribution, San Diego volunteers are **planning for a booth on November 13th** at the Qualcomm Arts and Crafts Faire