

**To: All**  
**From: Rita/Meera**  
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**Subject: Aanandi 3 Update - 6**

**Building Work As It Moves:**



On the 13<sup>th</sup> the tie beams for the ground level was cast in concrete and shortly after the casting of pillars began and is being completed.

Always a major casting work is also a time to have a little celebration of eating simple, nutritious food together with the

labourers/workers. The responsible engineers, and the contractors, also came to ensure the supervision of the work as well as well as spend a little time in joining the workers for the meal. Beaten rice, TC grown vegetable curry, relish, fresh cucumber & radish, and yogurt with sweet jilebi was served. Later we convened for a meeting to assess A3 fund-raising so far, payments due to the contractors, and organizing work as it moves. We emphasized the point that although the formal opening would be around September, we will need to complete and run Aanandi 3 from March 2017. The contractors Rajan and Ashtaman seem to think that this will be possible if finances flow!



**Funding for Aanandi 3:**

Early in the month, our ED Sadhana, gave us the good news that the Flora Family Foundation (FFF) made a gift of \$ 10,000.00 to Tewa, which can be used for the Aanandi 3. Thank you so very much FFF! Likewise with the sending of each update there is a reaching out from concerned friends who are finding ways to help morally and tangibly. In this way, Tracy, Louise, and Susanne have been in the loop. Likewise, Marlene called me from Belgium to say that she is dedicating her 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations to the building of Aanandi 3 by requesting her friends not to bring her a gift, but rather to make a contribution to the A3 building fund! We will celebrate Marlene's birthday when it comes, but now we will also celebrate the community that is being held together by these loving and caring thoughts – thank you very much

Marlene! US \$ 1000 arrived from Martha Easter-Wells/USA – connected to us early via Tracy! Thank you very much Martha!

**Local Fundraising:**



Newly promoted Tewa Deputy Director, Urmila organized a select group of fundraising volunteers over 3 years so that I could brief them on the progress of Aanandi 3 and also solicit their support. Half the participants are in the picture (L).

Our past president at Tewa, Maggie Shah made a gift of Rs. 500,000 honouring her new grand daughter \* **Reya Vijaya Shah** \* in line with her previous gifts for her three other grandchildren. We have informed Maggie about the Aanandi 3 campaign gift size and have requested her for a matching gift to meet the campaign goal. We hope Maggie will consider our request for she has generously practiced her philanthropic giving in Tewa over 20 years as one of its founding members.

The A3-FR Committee met recently to review, think-through, and strategize. All felt that these are one of the most challenging times for fundraising in Nepal, but all felt that we needed to do our bits in informing possible donors in an ongoing way and left with more clarity and renewed energy. Our present fundraising status for A3 is:

Dedicated Funds for the Building of Aanandi3			
As of July, 2016			
International Donors	Pledges in US \$	Received in US \$	Expenditures so far in US\$
Michael Cooke & Juliet Huntley with friends		1,000	Cement, iron rods, bricks, labour for the boundary walls, guard house, and the Aanandi 3 foundation work so far.

Marta Drury		1,000 (sent for SC)	So we have only paid approximately half of the costs to the construction company.
Her Karl Mueller Und		982.50 (sent for SC)	
Anonymous		5,000	
Louise Davis		25,000	
Gaea Foundation		10,000	
Tewa Tea		3,809.52	
Barbara Ras		100	
Flora Foundation	10,000		
Anonymous	5,000		
Martha Easter-Wells		950	
Total from Int'l donors	15,000	47,842.02	
<b>Nepali Donors</b>	<b>Pledges in US \$</b>	<b>Received in US \$</b>	
New Progressive Designer		234.52	
Rita Thapa		9,523.81	
Dr. Bhawani & Renata Narsigh Rana		9,523.81	
Deepak Dewan	2,533.33	323.81	
Dr. Suman & Riva Thapa	2,857.14		
Maggie Shah	4,762.00		
Total from Nepali donors	10,152.14	19,605.95	
TC saving from 2015		12,000	
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>25,152.14</b>	<b>79,447.97</b>	<b>82,371.00</b>

### Conclusions:



We will be fully booked at Tewa from the 8<sup>th</sup> of August. In the meantime, visitors are coming and appreciating the Tewa Center e.g. Tewa Chair of the Board, Nirmala KC brought in her Ph. D guide from Norway and other academicians colleagues to Tewa.

Deepak gave them a tour (L) and they were very impressed. It looks like the building of Aanandi 3 is well timed and inevitable for we have consistently heard of interests and positive feedback from all our visitors to the Tewa Center regarding its use.

**Please do pass on the word if you can!**