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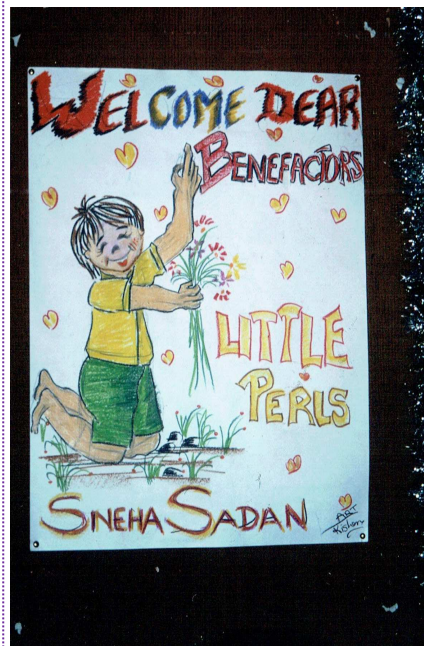
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50 years of age : time for a medical check-up ?

The year of our 50th anniversary is ending with more news about the many and nice events organised throughout France. We lived through this celebration in union with all managers and children in India. Over so many years, many things have changed but the continuous commitment to the values of sharing and brotherhood explains the longevity of AFEA.

Let us imagine that, having reached this maturity, AFEA would consent to a medical examination. It could well end up with a double diagnosis :

- the heart ? 50 years yes but ... a 20 years old heart, or even a child's heart ready to beat for a long time !

- the blood flow ? a slight tendency to bleeding : year after year, the number of donors is reduced as the newcomers do not compensate for those who leave us for whatever reason.

Then, what sort of treatment would be advisable ?

Some more « blood donations » - from existing or new members - would be most welcome ! Many of you joined the "AFEA family" a long time ago (some even for two generations !), others came more recently. Be all thanked for your motivation and generosity, they are a major encouragement to pursue our nice mission in favour of the children in India.

May our 50th anniversary bring us a new impetus in continuing the story inherited from our predecessors : here is our wish for 2018. We appeal to your generosity, and moreover to your commitment: godmothers, godfathers and donors ... it's your move ! **up to you !** Thus, all together, we would give body to the statement according to which

"the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing" (E.Burke)

Jean-Michel COUTEAU - Président



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1967/2017 AFEA is 50 years old (next part)



AFA is managed by President SUQUET who launches - in the May 1973 issue of the bulletin - a pressing appeal to members so that they work together and organise events to promote the association and its mission : press articles, meetings with display of slides showing the life in the homes ... Results are encouraging, new members appear thus allowing to satisfy increasing needs in India.

In 1975, Germaine Moreau becomes Vice-President and AFAS, for Indian administrative reasons, changes its name to AFEA.

Father Fonseca, Director of Snehasadan, is invited in France. In Paris and Nantes, meetings take place and new donors are welcome.



Germaine MOREAU and children



Meeting of the AFEA management team :
From left to right : Mrs Noel, Mr Joël Riom,
Father Placido Fonseca, Bernadette Maret and Simone Driot

Rules are introduced on various subjects, specially about sponsorship which is increasingly successful with exchange of letters between children and their godmother/godfather (communication is sometimes difficult as some children are reluctant to write to their sponsors who do not always respond).



Drawing of a child for his godmother



Letter received from a godmother



in 1980, AFEA is modernised. Simone Driot, archivist, develops informative boards with photos of the homes, for use by members in various exhibitions. Thus the action of AFEA is progressing throughout France. Information provided in the bulletins is essential. The modest issues are an essential tool of communication. Funds are collected from members, donors (such as company foundations, committees, clubs, ...) , donations for personal events (anniversaries, weddings ...) and sometimes legacies.



Display of photos and information about AFEA

Needs of Snehasadan are increasing : homes damaged by the monsoon, projects, home for holidays, technical school for training of the children ...



The technical school and The holiday home in Lonavala (house n° 14)

AFEA AFEA must respond and does it, increasingly. After Nantes and Paris, the city of LYON - thanks to Bernadette MARET - becomes another pillar. Fluent in English, she visits often Mumbai to exchange with the house-parents and managers. She creates around her a growing network of members.



Visit in India by AFEA Board members (3d row)





OUR VISIT TO INDIA by Anne-Marie and Pascal LODE (members),
Muriel and André BONET (General Secretary and
Treasurer)
(photos Pascal et André)



Home 14 « Lonavala »: Located on the hills 80 km from Mumbai, the home which opened in 1980 is also a holiday center for the children from all the Snehasadan houses. The building stands in the middle of a garden. It is managed by a couple of parents - former children of a home - and young “holiday makers” come supervised by Snehasadan managers. The children are happy to take care of many animals : peacocks, pigs, sheep, chicken ...



Entrance of the Lonavala home –



the mother in the kitchen –



children and animals

Home 15 « Asmita » (house where the girls become what they really are)

Opened on Jan. 28th 1990, the home is made of 3 small flats located on the ground floor of a building in Borivali / north of Andheri. About ten girls live there, managed by Sisters of the Holy Mary of Angels. Formerly, the girls were teenagers without education who had a very difficult childhood. They were trained as housekeeper, office staff, hairdresser or dressmaker. But today the girls continue higher studies in marketing schools, universities or nurse schools. They need autonomy in their different schedules and thus they do not disturb younger girls in other homes.



The building of home 15 - some of the girls



Home 16 « Gorai »

Standing next to the sea in Gorai (north-west of Mumbai) the home opened on Aug. 9th 2000 for young girls. The small house with a garden is managed by Sisters of the Holy Spirit. 18 girls live there in this mainly Christian village.



*Entrance of
the Gorai home*

- some of the girls



NAVAYOTHI MAROL (Mumbai)

The Marol home in Mumbai shelters 30 girls, most of them sponsored by AFEA godmothers/godfathers. Many of their mothers live in prostitution areas. Sr Elsy manages the house which is also the Head Office of the Sisters congregation.



*The Marol
home, head
office of the
congregation*

*the girls of
the home*

SHANTI BHAVAN

We visited Sr Raj who manages a small rented home in Bhayander Thane, not far from Mumbai. Father Thomas was present and also Andrew who help her a lot. She is also supported by two ladies who cook for the 16 children. However, we AFEA can only help her very exceptionally.



*Sister RAJ GILL
Père THOMAS
Andrew*

The children



We want to express our warm congratulations and wishes to Sarah and Amin who got married in Barcelona and then in Mumbai.

At Mumbai, Amin created a “library-café” to help street children.

In his book entitled “ *Life is life – I am because of you* ” he gave his story of a difficult childhood until he arrived in Snehasadan.

The book is for sale by AFEA : a nice Christmas gift !

A two pages article about Amin was edited in the “La Croix” newspaper dated Oct. 6th 2017.



NEWS FROM ARULOLI (PONDICHERY)

Month of July was a time of initiation for the children’s studies like project preparation, learning new subjects, involving in the school competitions. Most of our children participated and some of them won the prizes. The teachers in the school encourage our home children in their studies and other extra-curricular activities.

Selvi. Yashini received a special gift for winning the first prize in the District level competition (for reciting the “THIRUKKURAL “- which emphasizes the spiritual and moral values of life and is a part of their curriculum in Tamil Nadu). Some other children - Ishwariya Ravi, Kalaivani and Sneha Ravi - also received prizes in the writing competitions.

Several events were celebrated with special programmes by the children, prizes, sweets, grand meals for the independence day (Aug. 15th), the anniversary of the opening of the home (Aug. 22nd) and the Teacher’s day (Sept. 5th) . Thereafter came the period of exams (Sept. 11th to 20th).

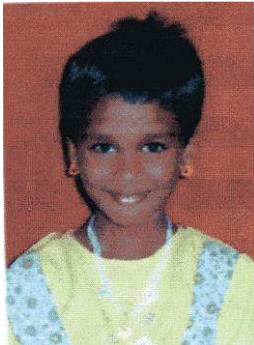
We were delighted to welcome members of the Anthuvan’s family, who offered the land on which the home was built : on Sept. 1st Mrs. Theresa (Mr. Bernard Anthuvan’s sister) for their mother’s first death anniversary day and the next day Mr. Anand (his son) who came from Pondichery





NICE SUCCESS STORY OF A GODDAUGHTER

Pooja Theresa Wadkar



Pooja, orphan, came to Snehasadan when she was 6 years old, sent by the “Missionaries of Charity (Mother Theresa)”. She was a very fragile young girl. Initially she lived in home 16 in Gorai. As another Pooja was already there, she was named “Pooja Theresa” and later, after entering school, she took the name of “Wadkar”. After one year, she moved to house 9 in Mumbai. Today, she continues higher studies and works also as a teacher, which allows her to provide educational support to younger girls in the home. She is a very nice girl.



NEWS FROM FRANCE

NANTES

Plusieurs vide-greniers :

Several sales were successfully organised by our regional team. We thank all donors who offered quality items from their cellar, cupboard or attic



IMPORTANT INFORMATION :

to celebrate our 50th anniversary, two concerts will be performed by the Perverie college Choir on Dec. 16th. You and your friends are welcome !



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MARNE REGION

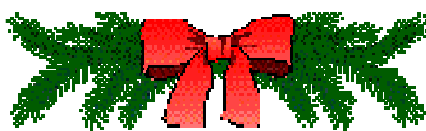
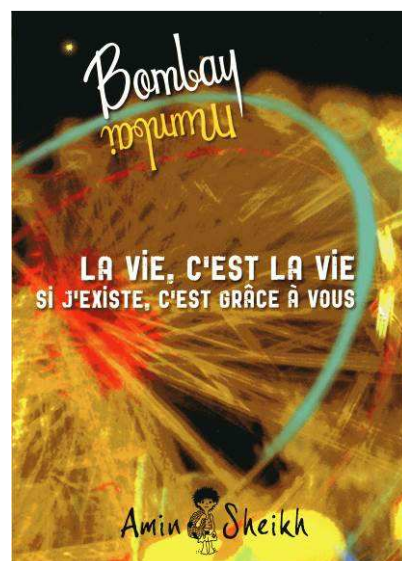
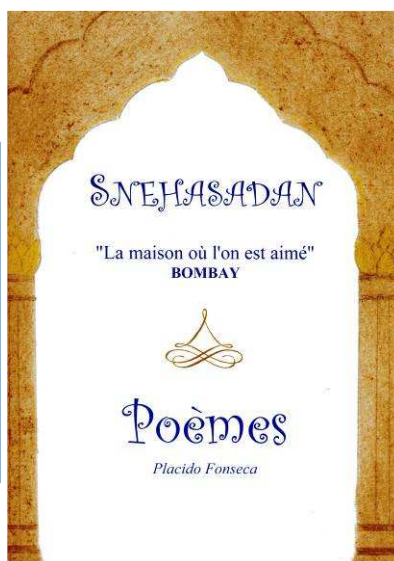
Many thanks to our regional representative Ghislaine Chapon who also contributed to raise funds for us.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS

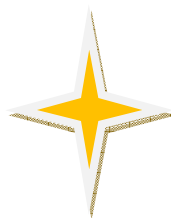
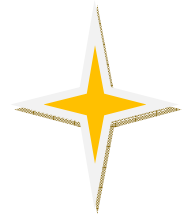
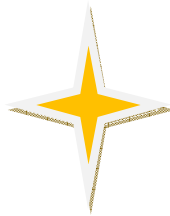
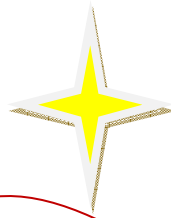
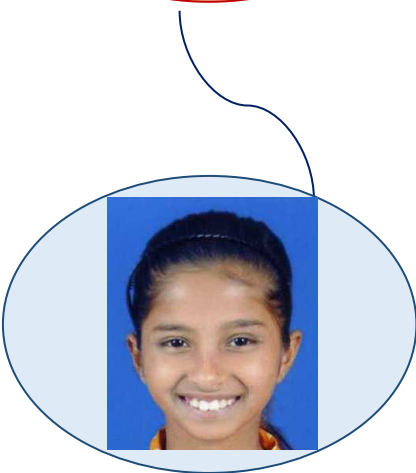
We offer for sale interesting books :

Father Fonseca's booklet and Amin's book. A nice opportunity to seize !



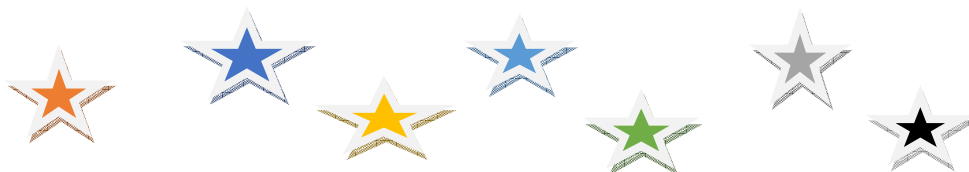
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Bulletin de parrainage : formulaire à retourner à AFEA, 17 rue Voltaire – 44000 NANTES

Si vous souhaitez régler par prélèvement automatique, merci de le signaler au secrétariat de l'AFEA qui vous adressera un formulaire à remplir

- ☐ Pour parrainer un enfant : 23 euros par mois (8€ par mois après déduction fiscale)
- ☐ **Pour parrainer un enfant et aider son foyer : 35 euros par mois (12€ par mois après déduction fiscale)**
- ☐ Pour aider un foyer ou une réalisation précise : somme à votre convenance.....
- ☐ Pour soutenir et recevoir notre bulletin : 30 euros par an

En retour vous recevrez : le bulletin de l'association, par mail ou par voie postale, un reçu permettant une déduction fiscale de 66%, et pour ceux qui parrainent, un courrier de leur filleul

NOM.....PRENOM.....AGE.....

SITUATION FAMILIALE.....PROFESSION.....

ADRESSE.....

.....TEL.....E-Mail.....

Informé par.....Date.....signature.....

PS : nous sommes habilités pour recevoir des legs

