

Annual report 'Stichting (Foundation) Toe to Heart The Netherlands 2016.

1. Objective Toe to Heart the Netherlands.

The foundation 'Toe to Heart Nederland' has been created on 24 August 2006 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, to support Toe to Heart Trust Bangalore in India, which was founded on 8 August 2004.

'Toe to Heart Nederland' offers children, residing in a back warded neighborhood in Bangalore India support by providing them of the necessary social/ human and physical capital which every person needs. From this vision Toe to Heart targets to pay from a study fund the school fees with additional costs for books, uniforms and out-of-school care. The daily after school care and social accompaniment of the children by Thomas van Berckel and Lalitha Jayaraj, the founders of Toe to Heart, takes place at their residence.

2. Board

The board of Foundation Toe to Heart Nederland consists in 2016 out of:

- Bea van Els, president
- Liset de Leeuw, and her successor Ans Heesterbeek, secretary
- Barbara Kleijnen, and her successor Astrid Groenewegen, treasurer
- Hannie van Haaren , member
- Renée van den Berg, member

After Barbara Kleijnen and Liset de Leeuw both indicated in 2015 the desire to lay down their positions, three persons: Astrid Groenewegen, Renée van den Berg and Ans Heesterbeek have joined the board. After the handover of their responsibilities in the best possible way Barbara Kleijnen and Liset de Leeuw have left the board.

3. Sad news at Toe to Heart

The year 2016 was overshadowed by the death of Nandhita, one of the children of the foundation. She was only sixteen years old and her death came very unexpected, even while in a small circle was known that she was sick. This occurrence had a lot of impact on the whole Toe to Heart-family: Lalitha, Thomas, Eva and all children of Toe to Heart, as well as the board members in as well India as the Netherlands and the donors are all very shocked.

There was more sad news: because of health reasons the parents of Thomas had to leave their house permanently and had to be admitted in a nursing home. Mr. K. van Berckel passed away finally in September 2016. Difficult times for the whole family Van Berckel.

4. Activity report

The year 2016 has been a very active year.

At the first place a lot of energy has been put in getting new funds/ donors to meet our targets, financing the education and social 'safety net' for the kids in Bangalore. For this a lot of funds, companies and private persons have been approached. During the year this has not given a lot of results but at the end of the year two new donors have been found who want to support structurally , at least for a couple of years, financially the education and after school care of two children. A fantastic and very satisfying result.

Apart from this most of the the exiting donors have been very faithful and they guarantee us a 'basic income' every year. We are very grateful for that. To be able to guarantee the continuity of education and 'safety net' as much as possible TTH aims for stability in the financial support. Meanwhile we feel ourselves assured of a number of donors and donations, which guarantee the continuity the aid for a number of children. of course there are also children for which this is (still) not the case, so a yearly supplement of new structural donors and/ or 'one time' donation remains necessary.

We are very happy with the occasional donations of a church in Poeldijk, of a DJ, and with the profits of (by board members) organized events like a line-dance-class and a bridge-drive. Toe to Heart has also (free of costs) signed up at the organization Sponsorkliks, through which people who shop online, donate (also free of costs) a small percentage of the purchase sum to Toe to Heart.

We aimed to collect € 15.000 euro additional before April 2016, this because of the 10 year jubilee of TTH-India (in 2014) and TTH-NL in 2016; unfortunately this didn't work out that well. But still € 3.000 extra was raised because of this fundraiser; of course still a beautiful amount but less then was hoped for.

Agreed is that more actively will be searched, also for potential donors in India and the Dutch community in Bangalore should not be forgotten then. Here is a task for Thomas, who has to initiate these activities.

Apart from the fundraising we also have put a lot of energy in the renewal of the TTH-website (www.toetoheart.org). We have the opinion that the site has become much more beautiful, clear and informative and expect that it will help tremendously while fundraising. Thanks a lot to all who have worked on this in one way or another!

In August 2016 Toe to Heart India existed 12 years and at the same time Thomas and Lalitha also celebrated their 12,5-year marriage anniversary. At this occasion almost all the children (now youngsters) which have ever received support, in the past or still now, have presented themselves (again) in Thomas en Lalitha's house.

As usual we have made and circulated a Summer news letter and a Winter news letter and next to those also an extra news letter in August – because of the celebrations in August and to make people aware of the 'Sponsor Kliks Activity'.

Donors have been personally thanked for their financial help.

In 2016 the board of the foundation 'Toe to Heart Nederland' has assembled six times.

Apart from those meetings the presence of Thomas in the Netherlands in January 2016 gave opportunity for discussions between the boards of TTH-India (Thomas van Berckel) and TTH-the Netherlands (Bea van Els, Barbara Kleijnen, Liset de Leeuwkerk).

5. Toe to Heart-children

All children have passed to the next year.

Soniya has finished in April 2016 her education (at the Indo Asian College, PU2) via Toe to Heart with good result; she studies now at her own expense in the second year of 'Degree Commerce' and works next to that three evenings in the week to ensure income.

In 2016 Suman and Thirtamalai have started to participate with 'after school care'. For Suman also the study costs from study year 2016/2017 will be compensated. For Thirtamalai this will happen from half way the study year 2015/2016. Since end 2016 a couple of children are on the waiting list.

The present group (per 31-12-2016) consists out of Monica, Mangala, Sweety, Raj, Suman, Thirtamalai, Manasa, Solukshona and Sandhya. if the financial situation permits more children will be able to participate in the project.

6. Financial report

TTH is end 2016 in a healthy financial position as a result of the contributions of a circle of fixed donors and because a lot of energy is put in searching new structural donors which assure children financially that they can continue their education by committing for a longer term.

At this moment not for all children a personal donor/personal budget could be realized.

For the whole financial report of 2016 we like to refer you to the annual account 2016 on our website.

Bea van Els, president TTH NL

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