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Dear Friends of Eco Foundation:

This is our annual status report and a fund-raising appeal for the coming year.

Thanks to your past support, Eco Foundation is now entering its fifth year of existence!

I want to briefly report to you our major activities during the past year.

1. The five major cash donations we have received during this period are in the amounts of approximately \$5,000, \$4,500, \$2,300, \$2,300 and \$1,000. There were several smaller donations in the \$30-\$300 range.
2. Major projects we have supported (or continuing to support) this year are –
  - a. \$4,000 to the corpus fund for the creation of Sir T. S. Venkataraman Memorial Scholarships.
  - b. \$1,000 to the corpus fund for the creation of Prof. Walter J. Karplus Memorial Scholarship and Vemuri Sitaramamma and Someswararao Memorial Scholarships.
  - c. \$1,000 to Narayan Ashram, Koloshi Village, Maharashtra. – To support a Tropical Plant Nursery Project and a Forest Restoration Project. This project is being carried out under the supervision of Dr. Sharad Kulkarni and Dr. Narayan Desai.
  - d. \$1,000 to School of Pharmacy at Andhra University, Visakhapatnam.
  - e. \$800 to (late) Sri Eluripati Anantharamayya to support his Anantha Saahiti, a literary project.
  - f. \$2,300 to Santi Asramam, via Sankhavaram village, East Godavari District, AP, to provide free boarding and lodging for rural elementary school and high school children from the surrounding villages. This project is being carried out under the supervision of Swamini Mataji Jnaneswari.
  - g. \$500 to Santhi Asramam to support the planting of 500 coconut trees on the Asramam grounds. This project is being carried out under the supervision of

Swamini Mataji Jnaneswari. The revenue from this coconut grove is expected to support the school program cited above.

- h. \$2,300 to support the construction of a school in Repalle, AP. This project is being carried out under the supervision of Arya Vaishya Sangahm of Repalle.
  - i. \$500 to support the Telugu Digitization project spearheaded by Dr. Kalasapudi Srinivasa Rao.
  - j. As an experiment, we have taken up the project of pledging to finance the entire educational costs (tuition, books and some minor expenses) of three high school / college age children from Tuni and Visakhapatnam. At this time it is costing us \$80 to support each student for one year. If you wish, you can “adopt” a child and see through his/her educational progress. We will provide you with periodical updates on your student’s progress.
3. Our major fund-raising activities include:
- a. Solicitation of contributions from mail campaigns like this.
  - b. Proceeds from the sale of the book, English-Telugu and Telugu-English Dictionary and Thesaurus compiled by Prof. Rao Vemuri. If you have not yet purchased a copy, please order one from us. It is only \$30.00. We will pay the postage on pre-paid orders if the delivery address is in the 48 contiguous United States.
  - c. Proceeds from the sale of the book, jIvanadi (The Living River) by Prof. Rao Vemuri. This book, written in lucid Telugu, answers most of the questions you ever wanted to ask about blood. This 116-page book is offered at \$5/.
  - d. Proceeds from the “Donate Your Car” campaign. Think of it like this. Our cars pollute our air. We will compensate for this by planting trees and restoring forests. If you have an old clunker of car, in any condition, please donate it to Eco Foundation. The procedure is very simple. You just send me e-mail and I will ask you for some information about you and the location of the car for pickup. Then we will take care of the rest of the paperwork with no hassle for you. We will give you a receipt for your income tax purposes. (This program is only valid in the U. S.)

Wish you all happy holidays and a prosperous new year!

Sincerely,

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