



FRIEND IN NEED -ASSOCIATION UN AMI

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ON BEING A GUARDIAN ANGEL OF FRIEND IN NEED

Thank you for being a 'Guardian Angel' of Friend-in-Need Trust.

Being a guardian angel means that you (or your group) will be donating the sum of 100Euros or equivalent amount of dollars or 6000 Rs per year for 3 years, by the 31st of August of the year. We are starting this system this year.

If you are outside of India, you can make the donation through the pay-pal system on the website – go to

<http://www.friend-in-need.org/eng/joinus-donation.htm>

If you are not comfortable with pay-pal, let me know, we'll figure out another way. You will get a receipt from us for the same.

What does this mean for you and us ?

- It means that you are helping to run an organization – by financially supporting our basic staff of 1 person in the village and three part time persons taking care of the projects in the village, research and external relations, translations from Tamil into English, internet research, administration and logistics.
- I spend between 1-2 hours every night on the project and most of spare time during weekends managing and coordinating our projects, but I don't need to be paid because I'm a full time academic.
- By ensuring that I am able to pay for this basic staff to keep the organization afloat, you are helping us focus on our main job – which is figuring out good ways to bring about complete sanitation coverage and putting in place efficient decentralized systems of garbage management in rural India – taking the village of Kameshwaram as an experimental site and actually installing these infrastructures there.

- This way you are also enabling the internships of students, and collaboration between urban Indian, rural Indian and foreign students, forging consciousness, creativity and ability to work in teams - in future leaders of the world.
- Finally this means you are indirectly helping to clean up other developing countries as well, because we intend to diffuse our results to student organizations, NGOs and public agencies in other African and South-Asian countries.
- We have a long way to go but we can't move without your support. So thanks a lot and very sincerely too.

What do get for your support ?

- You receive our news-letters, you can choose the duration you want ! (see questionnaire on next-page)
- You can participate in project formulation, implementation or monitoring if you want to.
- You can 'guide' students along with me on the fields through phone-calls and emails.
- You and your family can join me on my field trips. I'll let you know way in advance if you are interested. You might be joined by the families of other guardian-angels too. We can design an academic-cum-tourist trip with other angels for you if you want. You can see the work of other NGOs as well.
- You can ask me details of any aspect of the project, you can give your suggestions.
- Basically, you become a part of this adventure and your role is up to you to carve out. It can be limited to financial support or it can be a lot more. It's up to you to decide what you would like to do.

I thank you again most sincerely. You are helping to clean up the world. Enjoy the 'warm-glow' effect of being part of this process!

Sincerely,

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