



**Annual Progress Report
2020 General Body Meeting
June 27th, 2020**

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Secretary: Ranju Sarma

Treasurer: Anamitra Bhattacharyya

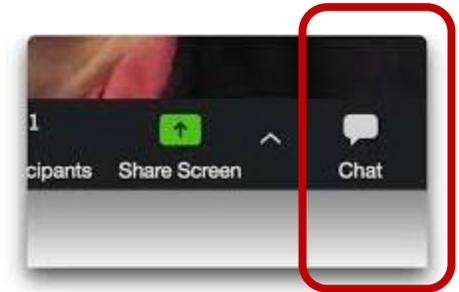
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WELCOME!!

IT'S A DIFFERENT WORLD

➡ A FEW VIRTUAL MEETING RULES

- ➡ If you have a question at any point, please use the chat line
- ➡ Other than the presenter, all lines will be on mute during the presentation
- ➡ We will take breaks for Q&A and open up the lines; please unmute to speak
- ➡ Please continue to view the chat line for important information along the way
- ➡ We will record the meeting for future reference
- ➡ We are all new to virtual meetings; so if we have any technical difficulties, please bear with us



WELCOME!!

WELCOME TO 2020 ANNUAL GBM

- A VERY SPECIAL WELCOME to our invited guests!!
 - Sangeet Natak Academy Winner Smti. Sudakshina Sarma & her son Rishiraj Sarma
 - Group Captain Atul Chandra Barua (Retd.), Founder & Chairman, Seneh
 - Ms. Jutika Devi, Chief Operating Officer, Seneh
 - Mr. Dharmaraj Kakri, Founder, RVC, Akajan, Dhemaji
 - Mr. Luit Goswami, Director, RVC, Akajan, Dhemaji
 - Dr. Alaka Sarma, Executive Director, AKSHAR Foundation
- Welcome Donors and Patrons!!
- Welcome AFNA Members and Volunteers!!
- Welcome to the AFNA Office Bearers and Board of Directors!!

AGENDA

2020 ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

- Marquee Musical Performance – Smti. Sudakshina Sarma and Rishiraj Sarma
- Felicitation of our Partners for COVID-19 Relief Efforts
- 2019-2020 Year in Review
 - Project, Operational and Financial Updates
- 2020-2021 Roadmap
- Nomination and Election of New Officers
 - New Communications Team & Constitution Amendments
- Kick-off to the Fundraising Campaign
- Closing Ceremony
- Vote of Thanks

THANK FOR GRACING THE MEETING !!

➤ Smti. Sudakshina Sarma:

- Jointly awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award with her husband Late Dilip Sarma for her work on Rupkonwar Jyotiprasad Agarwala
- Sarma family has been socially very active in teaching and educating Assamese music over the years
- They have deep roots in Assamese literature and music education

➤ Rishiraj Sarma:

- Lawyer by profession
- Singer and entertainer par excellence



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJD8PiVz4vY>

FELICITATION OF OUR PARTNERS

INVITED GUESTS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP

Gp. Capt. A.C. Barua (Retd.)
Founder



Luit Goswami
Director



Dr. Alaka Sarma
Executive Director



COVID-19 RELIEF

- **ASSAM: TOTAL – 1,215 families provided with 15-day ration-kit**
 - 547 families – Panikhati, Assam/ Meghalaya border, Kamalpur area, Goalpara
 - 568 families – Dhemaji Area
 - 100 Families – Noonmati, Guwahati
- **USA: TOTAL – 100,000 meals**
 - Distributed through FeedingAmerica.org



THANK YOU SENEH !!

Gp. Capt. A.C. Barua (Retd.)
Founder



Certificate of Appreciation

This certificate is proudly presented to

Bhavada Devi Memorial Philanthropic Trust (SENEH)

In recognition of the services provided
during the relief efforts for the COVID-19 pandemic

Sarfaraz Taher
President - AFNA

Ranju Sarma
Secretary - AFNA



THANK YOU RVC !!

Mr. Luit Goswami
Director



Certificate of Appreciation

This certificate is proudly presented to

Rural Volunteers Center (RVC)

In recognition of the services provided
during the relief efforts for the COVID-19 pandemic


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President - AFNA


Ranju Sarma
Secretary - AFNA



THANK YOU AKSHAR !!

Dr. Alaka Sarma
Executive Director



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during the relief efforts for the COVID-19 pandemic

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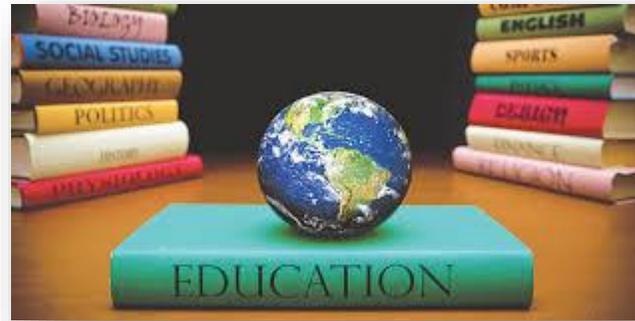
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Secretary - AFNA



Year In Review: '19-'20

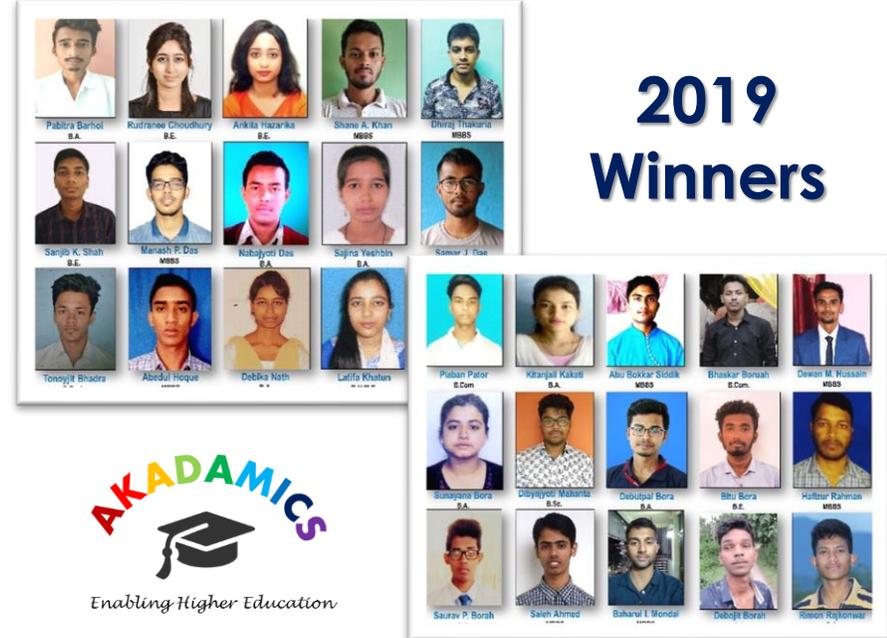
PROJECT UPDATES

FOCUS AREAS



FOCUS AREA: EDUCATION

- **AKADAMICS** (Scholarships for Degree students):
 - 7th Year of operation
 - Started with 10 scholarships in 2014
 - 130 scholarships awarded to date
 - 45 more scholarships this year
 - **99** scholars have graduated
 - B.A.(**58**), B.Sc.(**12**), B. Ayurvedic Medicine(**1**), B. Com.(**5**), B.E. and B. Tech(**10**), B. Pharm(**3**) & MBBS(**10**)
 - **2020 Goal – 75 scholarships yearly!!**



How you can help:
\$350 - Supports 1 student for 1 year

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Sanjina Yeshbin, B.A., BKB College, Puranigudam

- 10th Grade: 89.67%
- 12th Grade: 92.40%
- School: Chapanala H.S.,
Nowgong
- BPL Family
- Year of Graduation: 2020



Father is security personnel in a local school. Three daughters in the family. She is the first to pursue graduation. The college professors are helping her with free coaching and monetary help acknowledging the talent.

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Dibyajyoti Mahanta, B.Sc(Agri.), Agriculture College, Biswanath

- 10th Grade: 83.66%
- 12th Grade: 82.4%
- School: Kendriya
Vidyalaya
- BPL Family
- Year of Graduation: 2021



His father runs a music school which is their only source of earning. None of the parents are graduates. Dependent on Annapurna Scheme for low priced ration and groceries. Only son in the family.

FOCUS AREA: EDUCATION

➤ SUPPORT-A-CHILD(SAC):

- Society for Health and Economic Development (SHED), Sonapur
 - Supplementing expense for resident students
- Patacharkuchi High School, (near Barpeta)
 - Scholarship for students
- Tapoban, Pathsala
 - Infrastructure Development



How you can help:
**\$100 - Supports 1
student for 1 year**

~100 students regularly benefit from this program

FOCUS AREA: HEALTH CARE

ADOPT-A-GRANDMA:

- 4th year of supporting SENEH
- 26 women all over 55 years old
- Mental and physical care is of utmost need
- \$6000 (or Rs. 4,10,000) a year for healthcare expenses



How you can help:
~\$300 - Supports 1
Grandma for 1 year

SENEH

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE



FOCUS AREA: HEALTH CARE

PROJECT KIND (KALYANI NIWAS):

- 1st year of support
- 36 girls, all 16 years or under
- Medical support & healthcare expenses –
 - Hiring a part time doctor, hospital visits and treatments, laboratory test fees, medicines, & expenditure for hygiene kits and toiletries.
- \$2,400 (or Rs. 1,66,000) for the first year



How you can help:
**\$200 - Supports 3 girls
for 1 year**

KALYANI NIWAS

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE



FOCUS AREA: DISASTER RELIEF

🔄 FLOOD RELIEF ASSAM

- 🔄 Phase 1: Immediate Relief
 - 🔄 Provide funding for non-perishable relief items
- 🔄 Phase 2: Recovery and Regain Livelihood
 - 🔄 Provide funding to acquire tools/livestock for regaining livelihood
- 🔄 Phase 3: Long-term
 - 🔄 Infrastructure work (Adopt-A-Village)



FOCUS AREA: DISASTER RELIEF

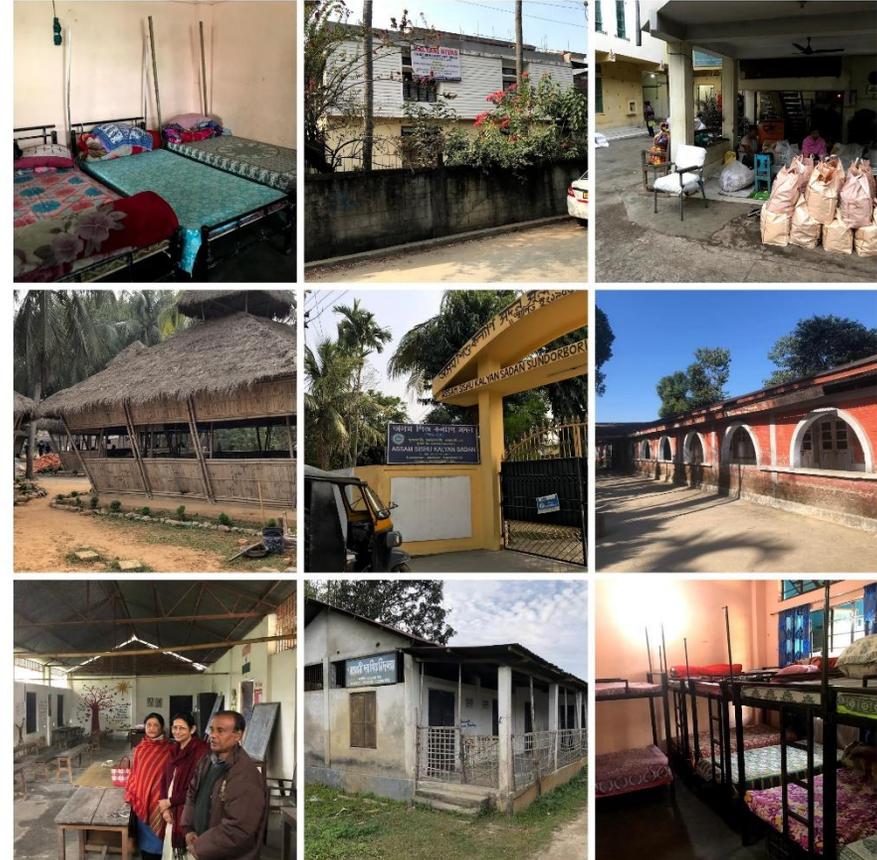
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OPERATIONS HIGHLIGHTS : '19-'20

SITE VISITS BY OUR VOLUNTEERS

- Seneh
- Atma Nirbhar - Ek Challenge
- Kalyani Niwas
- AKSHAR Foundation
- RVC, Dhemaji
- Assam Sishu Kalyan Sadan
- Ratneswari Dutta Bidyapith, Jorhat



CAMPAIGNS

OUR CAMPAIGNS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

FUNDRAISERS:

- Weaving For Care (May-Dec)
- AFNA Walk & Run (Aug-Sep)
- Calendar Campaign (Oct-Mar)
- Work-An-Hour (Apr-May)
- Convention Fund Raiser (Jun-July)

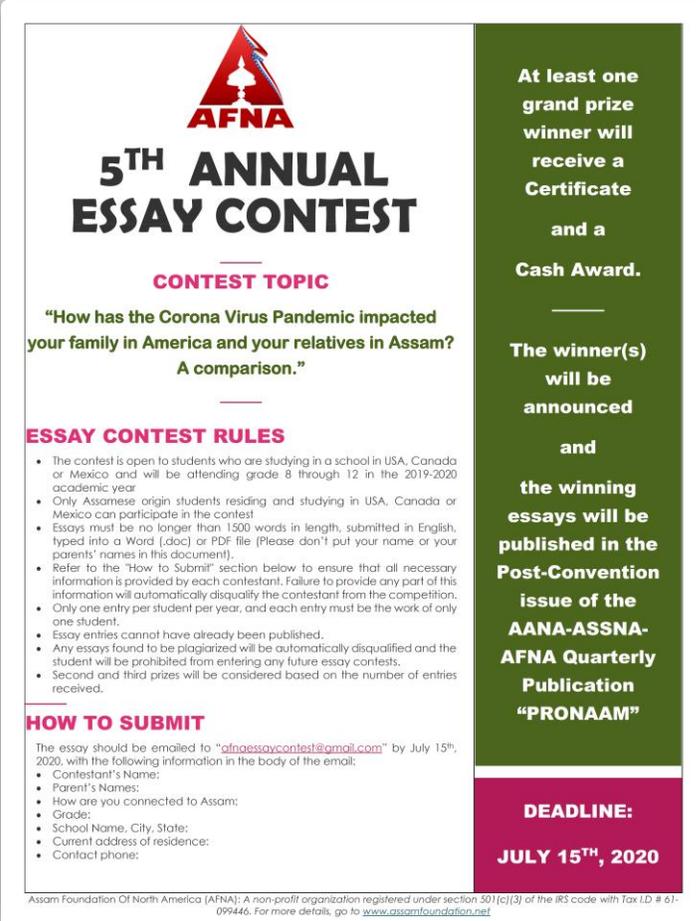
ANNUAL CAMPAIGNS:

- AFNA Essay Contest for kids
- Tree-4-All (NJ)
- Co-sponsoring Int. Day of Yoga



AFNA ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST

- 🔄 **Topic:**
 - 🔄 “How has the Corona Virus Pandemic impacted your family in America and your relatives in Assam? A comparison.”
- 🔄 **Last Date for Submission:**
 - 🔄 July 30th, 2020
- 🔄 **Please go to our Facebook page for more details**



AFNA
5TH ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST

CONTEST TOPIC
“How has the Corona Virus Pandemic impacted your family in America and your relatives in Assam? A comparison.”

ESSAY CONTEST RULES

- The contest is open to students who are studying in a school in USA, Canada or Mexico and will be attending grade 8 through 12 in the 2019-2020 academic year.
- Only Assamese origin students residing and studying in USA, Canada or Mexico can participate in the contest.
- Essays must be no longer than 1500 words in length, submitted in English, typed into a Word (.doc) or PDF file (Please don't put your name or your parents' names in this document).
- Refer to the “How to Submit” section below to ensure that all necessary information is provided by each contestant. Failure to provide any part of this information will automatically disqualify the contestant from the competition.
- Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.
- Essay entries cannot have already been published.
- Any essays found to be plagiarized will be automatically disqualified and the student will be prohibited from entering any future essay contests.
- Second and third prizes will be considered based on the number of entries received.

HOW TO SUBMIT

The essay should be emailed to “afnaessaycontest@gmail.com” by July 15th, 2020, with the following information in the body of the email:

- Contestant's Name;
- Parent's Names;
- How are you connected to Assam;
- Grade;
- School Name, City, State;
- Current address of residence;
- Contact phone;

At least one grand prize winner will receive a Certificate and a Cash Award.

The winner(s) will be announced and the winning essays will be published in the Post-Convention issue of the AANA-ASSNA-AFNA Quarterly Publication “PRONAAM”

DEADLINE:
JULY 15TH, 2020

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OVERSIGHT & COMMUNICATION

➤ Monthly Volunteer Meeting

- 1st Sunday of every month
- 12 noon to 1 PM CST
- Conf. Call: 605-3134818, Access Code - 457920#
- Review project execution

➤ Quarterly Board Meeting

- 2nd Sunday of February, May, August and November
- Review overall governance



'20-'21 ROADMAP

EXPANDING OUR PORTFOLIO

AKSHAR FOUNDATION

- Re-cycling Center
- Landscaping Project

SANITARY NAPKIN DISTRIBUTION

- Phase 1 (2020-'21):
 - Distribute free biodegradable sanitary napkins to 2000 high school age girls
- Phase 2 (2021):
 - Interactive hygiene awareness camps in different parts of Assam using "Hello Periods"

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

- Assam Sishu Kalyan Sadan, Snehalaya



CONTINUING OUR FOCUS

- **Education:**
 - Support-A-Child
 - AKADAMICS
- **Healthcare:**
 - Adopt-A-Grandma
- **Employment Generation:**
 - Support-A-Disabled, Vocational Training
- **Disaster Relief:**
 - Flood Relief – Phase 2 and 3

We will continue our work on:

- Tree-4-All, Arbor Day (NJ)
- Ecoblast (NJ)
- International Day Of Yoga (NY)
- AFNA Annual Essay Competition
- Weaving for Care
- Special Projects (all over US)

NEW OFFICERS' NOMINATION

OUTGOING OFFICER

NEW NOMINEES



Ranju Sarma
CA



Chandan Mozumder
MI, VP (Comms)

Chandan has been a dedicated AFNA volunteer primarily for the annual Calendar campaign and other fundraisers in Michigan. He is an engineer with General Motors, and lives in Detroit (MI) with his wife. He is originally from Guwahati, Assam.



Enakshi Barua
IL, Gen. Secy.

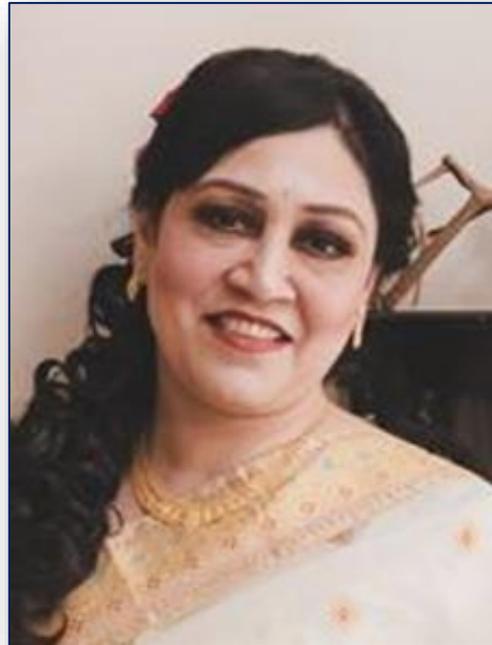
Enakshi has been a long-time AFNA volunteer and a Board Member. She has served the Assamese community in many capacities in the past. She hails from Chicago, IL. Her past experience and her legal background will serve the new team very well.

OFFICERS' NOM.

PROPOSED



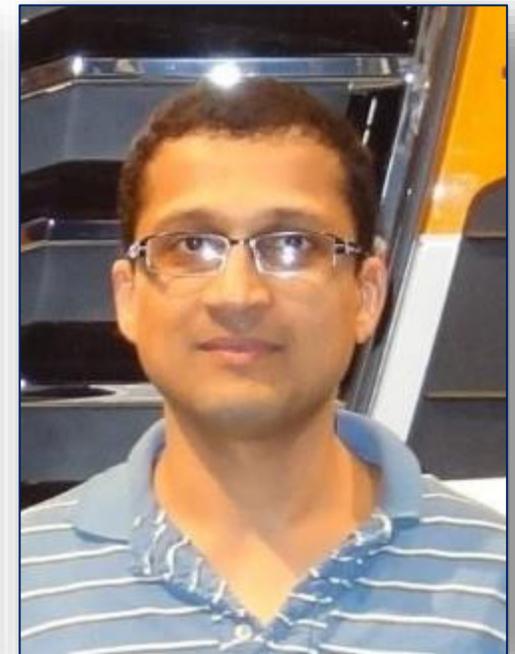
Sarfaraz Taher, MN
President



Enakshi Baruah, IL
Gen. Secretary



Chandan Mozumder, MI
Vice President (Comms.)



Anamitra Bhattacharyya, MI
Treasurer

CURRENT DIRECTORS – Re-Nominated



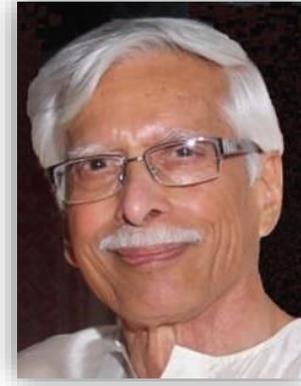
Lipika Deka, CA
Board Chair



Pradip Das
MO



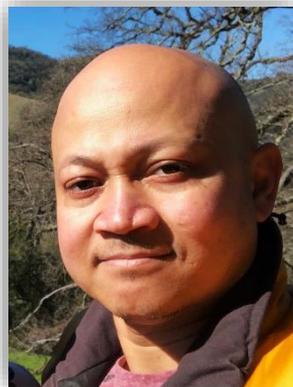
Somesh Barkataki
CA



Debabrata Sarma
WA



Niren Choudhury,
NJ



Pallav Saikia
CA



Enakshi Baruah, IL,
Gen. Secy., Ex-Officio



Ranju Sarma,
CA



Sarfaraz Taher, MN
President, Ex-officio

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Overall marketing and communication for AFNA**
- **Create and maintain the online content**
 - AFNA Website, Quarterly Newsletter and other social media
- **Announcement and updates on behalf of AFNA**
 - Projects, fund raising campaigns, official statements, etc.
- **Strengthen relationship with members and the communities connected with Assam across North America**
- **Membership and volunteer drives**

CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

Key Changes

- ARTICLE I : Name – Updated language regarding
 - Assam as "a state in the north east region of India"
 - North America as "the United States of America, Canada and Mexico"
- ARTICLE IV – updated membership fee for student members to \$10/year
- ARTICLE VI : Officers – Clarified language for nomination, tenure, selection and compensation
- Overall :
 - Updated with gender inclusive language
 - Format changes for easier navigation

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

*Transcript of printed original adopted by the Founding Members in 1982.
Transcript done by current volunteers in April-May 2014.
Updated by Board of Directors May-June 2020*

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AFNA CONSTITUTION

FUND RAISING KICK-OFF

BIGGEST NEEDS

WE NEED YOUR CONTINUED PATRONAGE

AKADAMICS

GOAL: \$10,000

How you can help:
\$350 - Supports 1 student for
1 year; Need 28 donors

AKSHAR FOUNDATION

GOAL: \$5,000

How you can help:
\$250 from 20 donors needed

FLOOD RELIEF PHASE 2&3

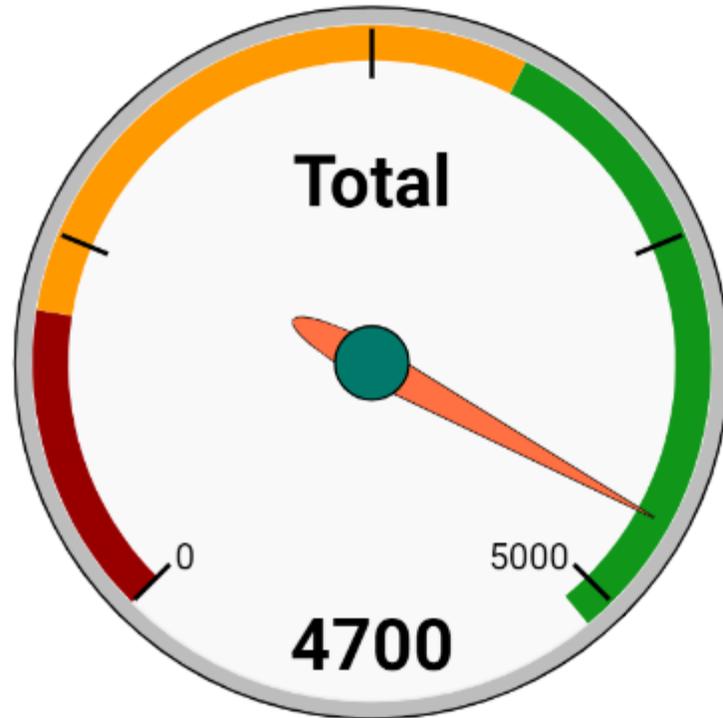
GOAL: \$7,500

How you can help:
\$500 from 15 donors needed

***AFNA BOD will match the first \$2000 of
your donation***

BIGGEST NEEDS

WE NEED YOUR CONTINUED PATRONAGE



AKADAMICS - How you can help:
\$350 - Supports 1 student for
1 year; Need 28 donors

AKSHAR - How you can help:
\$250 from 20 donors needed

FLOOD RELIEF - How you can help:
\$500 from 15 donors needed

***AFNA BOD will match the first \$2000 of
your donation***

YOU CAN HELP!

WE NEED YOUR CONTINUED PATRONAGE

- CORPORATE MATCHING
- AMAZON SMILE
- TAXES THROUGH H&R BLOCK

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You shop. Amazon gives.

- Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to **Assam Foundation of North America Inc** whenever you shop on AmazonSmile.
- AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.

Support AFNA by starting your shopping at

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NONPROFIT
REFERRAL
PROGRAM



H&R BLOCK

Help AFNA earn during the tax season

- Mention AFNA to your H&R Block Tax Consultant
- AFNA earns \$20 for your referral
- There is no cost to you
- AFNA has been earning meaningful amounts via this non-profit referral program

TAKE PART IN OUR FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS

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Q & A

CLOSING CEREMONY

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CLOSING CEREMONY

PERFORMED BY

- Angshulekha Buzarbaruah - Southern California
- Banajit Goswami - Southern California
- Chandan Talukdar - Southern California
- Dimpi ChoudhuryAlam – Pennsylvania
- Indrajit Sarmah - Southern California
- Kalyan Dihingia - Southern California
- Lawni Roy - Southern California
- Niranjan Das - Southern California
- Rita Kataki - Southern California
- Indrajit is also playing the keyboard

THANK
YOU!!

VOTE OF THANKS

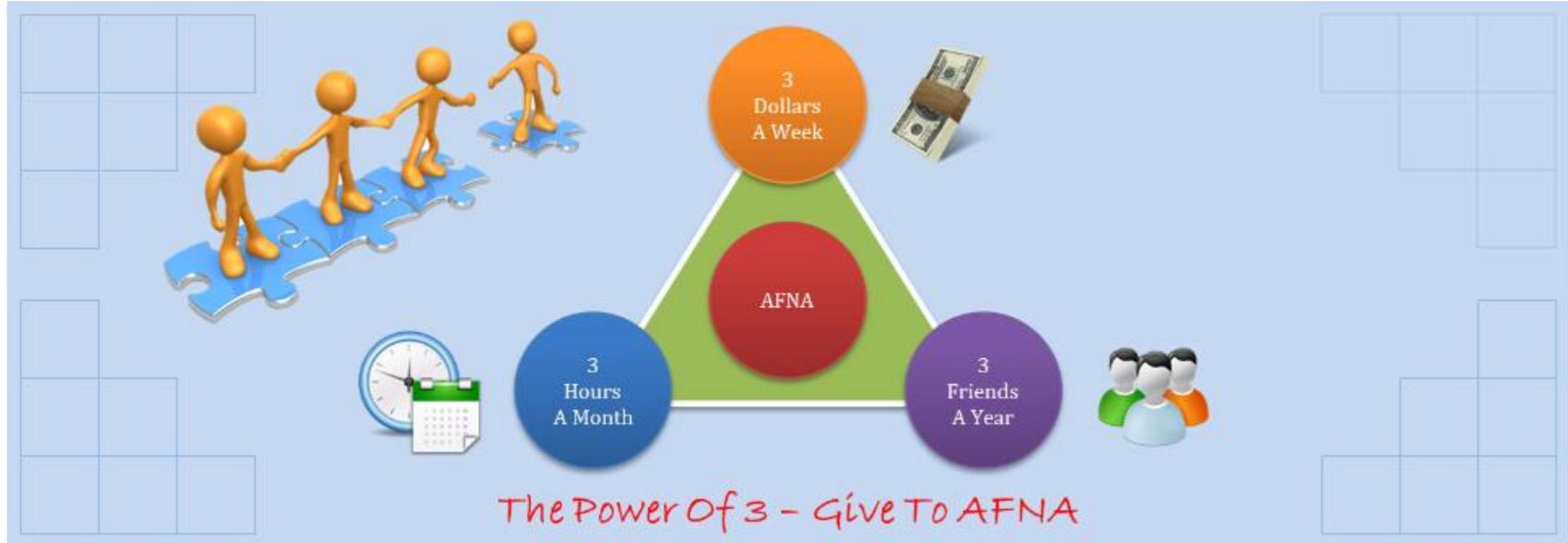
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