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Alternate members:

Mrs. Sheela Srinivasan;
Mrs. Madhu Trehan

MISSION AND PURPOSE

- Assist students of Indian heritage in the fulfillment of their cultural and educational aspirations
- Provide emergency financial assistance, scholarships and zero assistance loans to needy students
- Provide academic guidance to students seeking careers in various fields
- Create a support network of students to assist in times of emotional stress or crisis
- Provide opportunity to its members to contribute towards the betterment of the community-at-large
- Promote Indo-US cultural interactions by developing cultural and educational programs

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is a great honor to serve as the 4th president of the India Cultural and Education Center. ICEC is very grateful to Dr. Perinchery Narayan who has provided wonderful leadership with enthusiasm, dedication and creativity for the last three years.

Our organization has been actively trying to achieve its missions and goals. On April 23, 2005, ICEC celebrated its 10th anniversary of the facility. This gave us an opportunity to review the accomplishments. It is my pleasure to report that with the help of all volunteers we have been able to accomplish a great deal in meeting our objectives. I would recommend that each and every one of you to visit the newly revamped ICEC website to review the details of all that has been accomplished so far.

Since the last ICEC newsletter in March of 2002, we have made progress in several aspects and many activities have become regular and periodic. You will read the details in this Newsletter elsewhere. Following is a brief summary:

- The executive board meetings are held quarterly on the first Sunday of the month.
- Mrs. Indira Hazariwala has streamlined the accounting system.
- Dr. Anurag Agarwal has taken responsibilities as the Education Director.
- Mr. Sanmukh Sakaria has taken over the responsibilities of building maintenance.
- Under the guidance of Mrs. Uma Sethuram the cultural council has been actively involved in India Fest, cultural activities at ICEC and community service.
- ICEC has been helping students at times of financial, emotional and legal crises.
- The Youth Group has been very active in the cultural, educational, and community service aspects of our mission.
- Mrs. Shanthi Punja has taken over the responsibility for the membership drive.
- Dr. Ramakant Srivastava has managed all rental issues for ICEC.
- Continuing Medical Education Seminars and India Fest have both become yearly events.
- Health related educational seminars and health fairs have helped community members to improve their health.
- ICEC has done several fundraisers for disasters in our adopted country as well as our motherland.
- Mrs. Chetana Mehta has been coordinating a Grandparents Group that meets once a month at ICEC.
- Mr. Tim Dehne Has been providing custodial services while living at the house on the ICEC premises.
- The students' badminton club plays at ICEC twice a week on a regular basis.

As we look back on these accomplishments we should remember that ICEC will continue to face challenges in the future and will need help from all of our valued members and well-wishers to overcome them. We will be able to help this organization soar to higher levels if we continue working together for ICEC. Together we can change the phrase "It can't be done" to "It'll be a challenge to do it"

Shaheda Qaiyumi, M.D.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS, 2005

- January 21 – Long-Term Care education seminar
 January 29 – Republic Day celebration and annual meeting
 February 26 – CME Seminars
 March 1, - Reception to Mathematician George Andrews

- March 26 - IndiaFest
 April 17 - Annual Spring clean up
 April 23 - Banquet
 May 27 - High School Graduation
 June 5 - Volunteer appreciation Lunch
 August 27 - Indian Independence day celebration
 September 11 - Youth group Annual meeting and election
 October 1 - Day long Picnic at Camp Crystal Lake
 October 7, 8, 14, 15 - Garbha at ICEC
 October 29 - Diwali Party
 December 10 - Eid Party Sham-E- Gazal

ICEC ANNUAL ELECTIONS FOR 2005 Prabhakar Keskar

In accordance with the ICEC constitution, elections were held to elect members on the Executive Board of Trustees (EBOT) and the Council of Cultural Affairs (CCA). We had six openings on the EBOT and eight openings on the CCA. The election committee (Dr. P. Y. Keskar, Dr. Ramakant Srivastava and Mr. Ashok Jain) met on January 16th at Dr. Keskar's residence to open the ballots received, count the votes and compile the results. Out of the 200 ballots mailed we received 58 responses. The election results are summarized below:

1. Members Elected to the EBOT (for a three year term):

1. Dr. Veena Antony
2. Mrs. Neeta (Indira) Hazariwala
3. Dr. Vidya Sagar Jain
4. Mr. Sanmukh Sakaria
5. Dr. Arun Someshwar
6. Dr. Indra Vasil

Alternate Members:

1. Dr. Ganesh Arora
2. Dr. Lal Garg

2. Members Elected to the CCA (for a three year term):

1. Dr. Bhavna Bhardwaj
2. Dr. Nidhi Sharma
3. Mrs. Rekha Jagtap
4. Mrs. Sona Kaushal
5. Mrs. Nayana Patel
6. Mrs. Shanthi Punja
7. Mrs. Uma Sethuram
8. Dr. Siddharth Thakur

Alternate Members:

1. Mrs. Sheela Srinivasan
2. Mrs. Madhu Trehan

Please join me in congratulating these outstanding individuals for their commitment to serve on the EBOT and CCA. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all outgoing members who served the ICEC with great dedication and excellence.

In a subsequent board meeting the board elected Dr. Shaheda Qaiyumi as the new President and Dr. Vidya Sagar Jain as the Vice-President. Dr. Arun Someshwar

was reaffirmed as the Secretary and Mrs. Indira Hazariwala as Treasurer. Subsequently, Dr. Arun Someshwar resigned as Secretary and ICEC communications director. The vacancy of the Secretary was filled by Dr. Ramakant Srivastava. Dr. Gupta kindly accepted the responsibility of ICEC communications assisted by Dr. Praveen Pathak.

REPORT ON PAST YEAR ACTIVITIES **Arun V. Someshwar, ICEC Ex-Secretary**

In late 2003, ICEC instituted a fund-raiser in memory of Kiran Kandra, an Indian-origin University of Florida graduate student who accidentally drowned at St. Augustine Beach, FL while swimming with some of his church friends. Through generous donations from many students and Indian-origin community members throughout the U.S., over \$25,000 was collected in this fund and remitted to Kiran's grateful father in India.

On December 31, 2003, ICEC's Youth Group organized a New Year's party at the ICEC building.

In early January of 2004, ICEC initiated the Sudheer Satti Reddy Memorial Fund on behalf of the UF graduate student Sudheer Satti Reddy who was brutally murdered in the early hours of January 1, 2004. By March of 2004, over \$5,000 was collected and sent to Sudheer's parents in India.

In April of 2004, the Volunteer Center of Alachua County and the Rotary Club of Gainesville nominated the ICEC Youth Group for an award in the Youth Group Category for the "Work of Heart Award."

28 children and 22 adults from the community participated in the cleanup effort for the "Keep Alachua Beautiful" program on April 24th by helping to clean up the ICEC building and its surroundings.

ICEC held a summer picnic on June 12th at the Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park.

During summer of 2004, a graduate student faced a desperate financial situation whereby he could not graduate unless he paid the university over \$5,000 to cover tuition arrears. ICEC raised over \$2,500 from the community to this student to pay off part of the tuition fee arrears. Other ICEC members (UF faculty) were instrumental in getting the remaining (close to \$3,000) amount waived so that the student was then allowed to graduate.

During late summer of 2004, ICEC set up a "Student Contingency Fund" so as to have available a ready funding source to tap in the case of student emergencies. Student emergencies, which often required financial assistance, were cropping up in this student town on a frequent basis. ICEC also set up the Praveen Vedam Defense Fund to help pay for some of the expenses incurred by Mr. Vedam's defense in the Sudheer Satti Reddy homicide case.

For the third year in a row, ICEC assisted a community member raise funds for his participation during the

American Heart Walk on October 24, 2004.

The ICEC Youth Group had begun raising funds for Stage Lights and a Sound System in 2000 by selling food at the annual Republic Day and Independence Day functions. The project costing \$8,648 was completed in November 2004.

ICEC set up a Tsunami Disaster relief fund in early January 2005. Nearly \$2,500 was collected towards this effort and forwarded to an organization to buy a boat for the villagers.

Throughout 2004, ICEC volunteers conducted SAT, Hindi and other educational classes at ICEC.

During all of 2004 and the early part of 2005, ICEC was actively involved in the "Praveen Vedam murder case". The case involved two Indian origin graduate students, one deceased and the other, a close friend, accused by the state of perpetrating the crime. At the current time, Mr. Vedam is in India. He had gone to visit his ailing father in January of 2005 as soon as he was released from jail. Judge Cates of Alachua county had earlier dismissed all charges brought upon by the state attorney against Mr. Vedam. During 2004, ICEC invited the community to meet with both Mr. Rush, the defense attorney for Praveen Vedam, and Mr. Cervone, the state attorney handling this case. The state has since re-indicted Mr. Vedam in his absence, but since he is in India, the case remains unresolved. Mr. Rush has advised Mr. Vedam not to return to the U.S. to answer the state's re-indictment charges in order to avoid being arrested once again as soon as he sets foot in this country. Most who have watched this case unfold are of the opinion that the real murderer is still absconding and that Mr. Vedam has been charged by the state. The so-called "additional evidence" provided by the state to issue the re-indictment is seen by most to be quite flimsy. Nearly \$1,500 out of the funds raised for the Praveen Vedam Defense fund has been handed over to Mr. Rush on Mr. Vedam's recommendation.

CULTURAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES **Uma Sethuram**

The Cultural Committee meets quarterly at ICEC or other locations based on members' request. This year the Cultural Committee was involved in various activities. We have a few activities we organize annually – India Fest, Earth Day and Keep Alachua Beautiful. Although Republic Day and Independence Day functions are organized by the Youth Group, the cultural committee helps in hosting these events.

On January 29, India's 55th Republic Day was celebrated at the ICEC building. Once again, a short and very entertaining cultural program accompanied the celebrations.

On March 18, 2005, ICEC held a dinner and reception for a visiting dignitary Professor George Andrews of the Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Andrews is the world's greatest authority on the work of the Indian

mathematical genius Srinivasa Ramanujan. Dr. Andrews delivered a brief but extremely entertaining and enlightening after dinner speech on how Ramanujan was an inspiration to him, and what India meant to him.

For July 4, 2005, Chetana Metha, Sreedevi Rao, Sarala Samakur, Pradeep & Marta Raval, and Uma & Ram Sethuram cooked and served dinner to about 25 people at St. Francis House. We plan to make this an annual tradition and represent ICEC in another community service.

We changed the time and venue of India Fest this year to see if we could attract a larger group. I think we succeeded as we had a good turn out despite the inclement weather. We have also agreed to form an India Fest Committee which will start meeting on regular basis to ensure better planning, coordinate and organization of the event. Anyone wishing to serve on this committee can contact Mayur Patel or Uma Sethuram.

We have also tried to increase ICEC membership by being present at all ICEC events talking to newcomers and encouraging them to become involved with ICEC and our community events. Thanks to Shanthi Punja for being present at most of the events and encouraging non-members to become members.

THANKS to all involved in the India Fest this year, let us try and make this a big event in Gainesville like the Gainesville Arts Festival.

REPORT ON INDIAFEST 2005
Indira Hazariwala

I am delighted to say that we did amazingly well in spite of the nature's odds. The following is the preliminary financial summary of India Fest. The final summary will be announced at a later date after receiving all the brochure checks.

India Fest account

Income:	
Food and entrance:	\$ 8,497.80
Vendors	\$ 650.00
Brochures	\$ 5,600.00
Total Income:	\$14,747.80
Expenses:	
SFCC	\$ 1,360.00
Grocery and paper	\$ 1,957.15
Soft drinks and water	\$ 150.00
Printing (Brochures, programs, food menu, coupons)	\$ 1,862.50
Decorations	\$ 351.04
Porta Potti	\$ 120.00
United rentals	\$ 268.00
U-Hall	\$ 125.79
Total expenses:	\$ 6,195.28
NET PROFIT:	\$ 8,552.52

ICEC BANQUET REPORT

Shaheda Qaiyumi

The ICEC banquet on April 23, 2005 was a great success. Almost 200 well wishers attended the banquet. Dr. Jitu Bhai Mehta was a fantastic moderator of the program. Dr. Shaheda Qaiyumi (ICEC President) presented the details of ICEC's missions and purposes and described the ways in which ICEC is achieving them. Mrs. Indira Hazariwala (ICEC Treasurer) presented a detailed financial report spanning the years 2000 through 2005. Dr. Dinesh O. Shah, who was given an award for his outstanding services, gave all the attendees an overview of the history of ICEC and his experience in raising funds for this unique facility. The Donor Plaques were inaugurated by Dr. Shah. Dr. Arun Someshwar was recognized for his services as Communications Director and Secretary over the years. Few members of the community pledged to become Trustee members by donating \$5000 and many other guests pledged generous donations as well. The total amount of funds raised as of today is \$17,669.00.

On behalf of ICEC, I would like to thank the organizers, Mrs. Indira Hazariwala, Mrs. Neeta Sahni and Mrs. Sailesh Jain, for all their hard work and dedication in coordinating a successful banquet. I would also like to thank all those who helped in setting up and cleaning up before and after the banquet. Finally thanks to all who attended and made the 2005 ICEC Banquet a great success.

ICEC GRANDPARENTS GROUP

The Cultural Committee spearheaded by Chetana Metha and Uma Sethuram has formed a Grandparents Group. The group meets on the first Sunday of every month at ICEC or at one of the members' residence from 3:00 - 5:00 PM. We are pleased to say that 8-10 families are the regulars and enjoy this meeting. There is usually a discussion topic and some Yoga exercises. The participants bring a snack and socialize for a about an hour. Anyone interested in joining the group can call Chetana Metha 373-1230 or Uma Sethuram 271-4214.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

ADOPT A ROAD
Manisha Ranade

Almost 10 years ago, ICEC has adopted a road as part of the adopt-a-county program, to keep Alachua beautiful. The road is the eastern half of SW 20th Avenue, stretching from SW 34th Street to SW 62nd Street. The county provides us with supplies including trash bags, bright orange vests, gloves and signposts. We gather on a Sunday morning, once every three months, for road cleanup. It is a fun group activity and a nice way of giving back to the community. Also, we end with a much awaited chai break. We are looking for new folks to join the crew. Picking up road trash isn't hard, and it provides a reasonable morning exercise. The best part is that it is rewarding in itself.

LONG-TERM CARE SEMINARS

On January 21, 2005 and March 11, 2005, Ms. Paula Gaetani, a licensed insurance professional and registered representative/financial advisor who represents several leading companies in the long term care industry, presented two seminars to ICEC members on the issue of Long Term Care Planning. Over 50 members attended these seminars. Attendees were educated on the rising costs of Long Term Care and in ways they could protect their assets as well as choices of care available.

"In working with families over the course of my career, I cannot over-emphasize the need for **education** in the Financial Planning process for the need of informed Long Term Care Planning and Retirement Planning as a whole," stated Ms. Gaetani.

Paula also holds a certification as a Long Term Care Consultant, which enables her to educate her clientele as to the ever-changing environment of Long Term Care Planning, Medicare and Retirement Planning as a whole.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT
Shaheda Qaiyumi

The 13th Continuing Medical Education (CME) seminar held at India Cultural & Education Center (ICEC) on February 26, 2005 was attended by 45 professionals and several pharmaceutical representatives and medical students. These seminars are cosponsored by University of Florida College of Medicine.

There were six speakers who are well known in their field of specialty. Their presentation was very informative and provided great updates in several general topics. The evaluation forms were completed by all professionals and everyone agreed that the overall quality of seminar was very high and the information presented would be of good use in their respective medical practices. All speakers received rating of good to excellent on their presentation. Review of the evaluation forms also provided good suggestions for future CME seminars and topics. The CME division donated \$20,000.00 to ICEC.

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES 2004-2005
Tulika Agarwal

Since September, the ICEC Youth Group has been very active in various events. We started the year by electing a new President, Tulika Agarwal, and Vice President, Nishil Patel. On October 17, 2004 the Youth Group initiated the cleanup of ICEC. Fifteen children and eight adult volunteers worked from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. During October and November we collected canned food for the annual canned food drive to feed the needy. This year, for the first time, we organized a joint Diwali and Eid function to celebrate both of these auspicious holidays. The turnout the event was fantastic and the audience enjoyed a great cultural program, raffle and delicious dinner. We hope to continue this successful function in the future. Following this, the Youth Group

participated in the Hope for the Holidays adoption program. We adopted a family of four teenagers and provided them everything on their wish list using funds donated by the ICEC community. Most of the items given were essential items such as clothes and toiletries but we were also able to purchase nice gifts for the family. In January, we went on our traditional camping trip to Camp Crystal Lake. In keeping with our traditions, we played cricket, cooked lunch and dinner, made a bonfire, roasted marshmallows and had a lot of fun! Also in January, the Youth Group hosted our annual Republic Day program, which included many cultural items performed by Youth Group members. The Youth Group is not just seen helping within the ICEC building. Some of us cooked dinner for those who live at the St. Francis house, and also participated in Earth Day, where members danced to represent our wonderful culture. During India Fest we served drinks, sold tickets, and participated in the cultural show. Twice this year we cleaned up the ICEC building and grounds through the Keep Alachua Beautiful program. We ended the school year with a Youth Group tradition: a trip to Itchetucknee Springs. It was an enjoyable outing and picnic. Finally, to celebrate the high school graduation of 9 Youth Group members we held a party in their honor. In addition, we recognized and thanked all of the SAT class volunteer teachers. Our next program will be our annual Independence Day function in August.

Volunteering is a very important aspect of the Youth Group, because we learn how to become involved in our community outside of the school and family environment. We hope to continue making a noticeable difference in our community. Thank you to all the ICEC and community members who continue to support our efforts!

ICEC EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT
Anurag Agarwal

ICEC continued its long tradition of offering academic help to the children of our community. Following is a summary of classes and their respective teachers for the academic year 2004-05.

Class	Taught by
Middle School SAT Math	Niru Gupta and Mohit Pohani
Middle School English	Niru Gupta and Vikash Singh
High School Math	Bijal Parikh and Bhavik Shah
High School English	Bhavin Adhyaru
Physics	Dr. Ramakant Srivastava
Chemistry	Bhavin Adhyaru

Dr. Srivastava has been helping with Physics for several years now. Bhavin Adhyaru, a UF graduate student, has volunteered for four years now. Bijal Parikh, Bhavik Shah and Niru Gupta, all UF students, have volunteered for three years now. Mohit Pohani and Vikash Singh,

also UF students, were new this year. The ICEC community is grateful for the volunteer services of the above mentioned individuals. Without their help, it would be impossible to offer these classes, which help our community children to be better prepared for the SAT.

The classes are not limited to students of Indian origin. Twenty eight students enrolled in these classes last year, three of which were of non-Indian origin.

These classes are held on Sundays during the fall and spring semesters. ICEC members pay \$25 per year, while non-ICEC members pay \$50. Students entering 6th grade are encouraged to start the middle school SAT classes. For further information, contact Anurag Agarwal (aagarwal@ufl.edu).

Tabla classes were also held this past year. They were taught by Mr. Rohan Patankar, a graduate student. These classes also meet on Sundays and cost \$30 per quarter. Mr. Tushar Goswami (tkgos@yahoo.com) coordinates the tabla classes.

If you would like to volunteer for teaching some classes, please let me know. We can use some volunteers for Biology, Yoga, musical instruments besides tabla or whatever your interests may be.

BUILDING UPDATE Ramakant Srivastava

Building Access Hours:

Monday-Friday: 6pm – 10:30 pm; Saturday: By appointment; Sunday 9am -4 pm.

Custodian: Mr. Tim Dehne. Phone: (352) 379-2911; e-mail: timkris@gru.net

Other Contact Persons for the Building: Mr. Sanmukh Sakaria (Phone: 352-376-2826), Mr. Iqbal Qaiyumi *alias* IQ (Phone: 352-378-7112), Dr. Ramakant Srivastava (Phone: 352-376-1452).

Building Reservations: All non-rental reservations are handled by the custodian. His contact information is given above. The rentals are managed by Dr. Ramakant Srivastava. Phone: (352)376-1452 (Home), (352)392-4961 (Office); e-mail: rsriv@cox.net

Locks: All the locks in the building were changed to improve security. The distribution of keys is authorized by Mr. Sanmukh Sakaria.

Rentals: The rentals are running at normal pace, summer being low season. The annual income from rentals is around \$25k.

Maintenance: Starting July 2005, the maintenance and supervision of the custodian will be coordinated by Mr. Sanmukhbhai Sakaria, assisted by Mr. Iqbal Qaiyumi (IQ). Dr. Ramakant Srivastava will continue with the responsibility of coordinating and signing rental contracts. The old house needs major repairs of the floor, plumbing, and electrical wiring and after inspection by some Board members and IQ it was decided to start the repairs as soon as possible, estimated to cost anywhere between \$30,000 to \$50,000. The hurricanes in the year

2004 caused major damage to the tree canopy but we were able to clean up the area immediately after the season with minimal expenses. To meet the requirements of the City, more than 25 trees (Oaks) have been planted in the wooded area. They were donated through Landscape Bank of Keep Alachua Beautiful by the coordinators, Mr. & Mrs. Carl and Florence Cline.

Waiting Area: With donations from Dr. Parvati Rajasekhar to the Youth Group, some benches and a table will be acquired to create a waiting place next to the building. Such a facility is especially necessary for children when they wait for parents after the Sunday classes and other special events.

Parking: The concrete parking markers in the unpaved area have been spaced farther apart (9') to facilitate parking. The new spacing works well, minimizing parking supervision. The paved parking surface needs recoating and relining and the Board authorized Sakaria and IQ to get quotes for the job. Due to shortage of regular parking, ICEC has strict rules for parking at the premises. These rules are posted all around the property and are always enforced. We urge maximum cooperation from the visitors in adhering to the rules.

NEW MEMBERS 2005 Shanthi Punja

We have 76 members who have paid their annual dues. Others have made donations of various amounts. Information is appended with budget report.

ICEC Educational Financial Assistance Program Lal Garg

Financial Assistance program was created in 1996 by a generous donation by Dr. Rasik Nagda. The purpose of this program is to give interest-free loans (up to \$2000.00 per person) to students of Indian origin, who have difficulty in completing their education without financial help but are in good academic standing. A financial aid is given to students of Indian origin in an emergency situation where not only the education, but also the very existence (lack of money for food or paying bills) of the student is at critical stage. To date 25 students have been helped under this program.

In addition, a few other programs have been created for students of Indian origin. Some ICEC members made donations to this fund for some specific purposes. Dr. Shio Agarwal made a donation for Rahul Agarwal Memorial Award. Dr. Dinesh O. Shah made donations for Vinod Pillai Memorial Award and Suvarna Shah Memorial Award. These awards (\$300 each) are given to UF students of Indian origin based on their service to the community. Four such awards have been made so far. Dr. Shah made additional donations for giving financial aids (\$2000.00 each) to needy students from his and Suvarna's villages in India. Two such students have been helped from his funds.

All funds donated under this program are distributed according to the wishes of the donors and these funds are

not used for other ICEC programs without the permission of the donors. The Educational Financial Assistance Committee that consists of Drs. R. Nagda, D.O. Shah, L. C. Garg, Ashok Jain and Bhavani Sankar approves all loans, awards, scholarships and other financial aids. Any student of Indian origin may apply any time for a loan to any member of the committee. The application should include the name, address, university transcripts, a statement of circumstances for needing the loan, and a recommendation from an ICEC member. The students should apply for the memorial awards only when the committee invites the nominations for these awards.

FINANCIAL REPORT 2004

Indira Hazariwala

A. OPERATING ACCOUNT

INCOME

1. CONTINUED MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)	\$18,000.00
2. UNITED WAY (INDIRECT CONTRIBUTION)	\$ 2,977.00
3. DONATIONS (DIRECT CONTRIBUTION)	\$13,903.09
4. POETRY FEST	\$ 80.00
5. INDIA FEST (From 2003)	\$ 399.66
6. EARTHDAY	\$ 1,338.00
7. MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$ 2,775.00
8. RENTAL	\$21,142.25
9. UTILITY (From Tim Dehne)	\$ 1,000.00
10. MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 63.04
11. CREDITS AND REFUNDS	\$ 228.39
12. TRANSFER FROM CHARITY FUNDS -5%	\$ 1,394.17
TOTAL INCOME	\$63,300.60

EXPENSES

1. ANNUAL DUES	\$ 1,466.40
2. MAINTENANCE	\$ 2,543.87
3. OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$ 1,536.83
4. UPGRADES AND REPAIRS	\$12,491.72
Hurricane induced, elevator repairs, landscaping, etc.	
5. ACCOUNTING	\$ 1,371.13
6. ADVERTISING	\$ 258.40
7. INDIAFEST (From 2003)	\$ 137.50
8. EARTHDAY	\$ 212.66
9. POSTAGE AND SHIPPING	\$ 255.77
10. TELEPHONE	\$ 2,377.02
11. UTILITY (GRU)	\$12,130.90
12. PARKING (parking attendants)	\$ 775.00
13. TAXES AND LICENSES	\$ 14.81
14. BANK CHARGES	\$ 161.70
15. INSURANCE (Cashed in 2005)	\$10,200.81
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$35,733.71

NET PROFIT 2004 \$27,566.89

B. KIRAN KANDRA/SUDHEER SATTI REDDY FUND ACCOUNT

INCOME (Donations)	\$ 7,301.62
DEBIT (Transferred to India to victims' parents, bank charges, etc.)	\$ 5,373.43
BALANCE (Transferred to operating account -5% administration fee)	\$ 1,394.17

C. STUDENT CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

INCOME	\$2,916.45
DEBIT (UF-Shaurabh Kumar)	\$1,400.00
BALANCE	\$1,516.45

D. PETTY CASH ACCOUNT

OPENING BALANCE	\$789.89
DEBIT	\$ 31.44
BALANCE	\$758.45

LONG TERM LIABILITIES

MORTGAGE PAYABLE	\$18,672.19
LOAN PAYABLE (Personal, Outstanding)	\$19,000.00

NEW TRUSTEE MEMBERS 2004

1. DRS. KABEER AND RIZWANA THANAWALLA
2. DR. VEENA ANTONY
3. DRS. GANESH AND SHIVANI ARORA

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2005

NEW TRUSTEE MEMBERS FOR 2005

1. MR. & MRS. PAREKH
 2. ANONYMOUS DONOR
 3. DRS. RAJIV & DEEPIKA SINGH
 4. DRS. LOVELY & YOGI GOSWAMI
- SUSTAINING MEMBERS @\$75.00 EACH = 76

NET PROFITS FROM:

EARTH DAY	\$ 965.65
INDIA FEST MARCH 2005	\$ 8,552.52
ICEC BANQUET APRIL 2005 (From tickets)	\$ 1,700.00
TOTAL PLEDGED COLLECTED FROM BANQUET (AS OF JULY 2005)	\$18,000.00

MORTGAGE (BANK LOAN) PAID OFF (AS OF JULY 2005)

LONG TERM GOALS

ESTIMATED COSTS:

REPAIR THE OLD HOUSE	\$50,000.00
LANDSCAPING AND PARKING FACILITY	\$30,000.00
KITCHEN UPGRADES	TO BE EVALUATED
FOYER AND MAIN AUDITORIUM	TO BE EVALUATED
PAY OFF PERSONAL LOANS	\$19,000.00

HOW CAN YOU HELP

DONATE TO

1. STUDENT CONTINGENCY FUND
2. BECOME A TRUSTEE, SUSTAINING MEMBER OR FOUNDING MEMBER
3. VOLUNTEER

Please call one of the officers listed above for further information about your donations. Thank you all for helping us keep this center alive.

NOTICES

ICEC youth group is in process of updating the "Directory of friends of ICEC". The last directory is dated 1997. Since then several new families have joined ICEC and some have new addresses. This directory will be available to all ICEC members and friends for a nominal cost to cover the expenses of publishing. This will be a great way to stay in touch with your friends and community members.

Please send your addresses and telephone numbers to Mrs. Telu Patel at ptelu@yahoo.com by August 10, 2005.

UPDATE ON WEBSITE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Praveen Pathak has updated the ICEC website. Our email address is icec1234@gmail.com. We shall broadcast notices relating to the activities of the ICEC to the community members whose email addresses are with us. Notices of other academic and cultural activities of interest to the community are also broadcasted. We do not broadcast notices of commercial or political nature. If you are not getting our notices, please send us your

email address. You may also contact the Secretary to get your name and address included in our mailing list.

ICEC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

BECOME an ICEC Sustaining Member (SM) and enjoy discounts at most ICEC sponsored programs. Annual dues are \$75 per family. Your membership dues will help defray running expenses of the Center. Please complete the membership form below and mail the left portion with your check for \$75.00 payable to ICEC to the Membership Coordinator, and retain the right portion for your records.

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Tear this portion and send to

**Mrs. Shanti Punja
5607 NW 45th Drive
Gainesville, FL 32653.**

**Expires December 31, 2005
(Retain this for your records)**

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