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POWERFUL PARTNERSHIPS



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Annual Report Auroville International USA

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OUR YEAR

SUPPORT AVI USA

2023/2024

Our aspiration is that every donation to AVI USA multiplies Auroville's abundance and furthers the vision of human unity out of which Auroville was born.

- AVI USA

During fiscal year 2024, Auroville International USA refined and structured our process for vetting and approving projects. We created a simple annual reporting process and conducted site visits for several projects. In all, we sent over \$416,400 in grants to 76 projects involved with education, reforestation, farming and food production, health and healing, women's empowerment, rural development, vocational training, and more. We also provided coaching and technical support to enhance their capacity. You can read about the far reaching impacts of our grants throughout this annual report.

All the grants that we sent came from our fundraising collaborations with Auroville projects, including public awareness campaigns, donor cultivation and stewardship, and grant writing. We also sent monthly e-newsletters and hosted livestream events that connected our global audience with people doing innovative work in Auroville. Throughout the year we collected funds from donors with a general interest in supporting Auroville, and in December we used those funds to match all donations to our vetted projects. Overall we raised over \$200k for Auroville projects in December.

We also partnered with the India Development and Relief Fund and Rotary International, which issued grants for several projects, expanding our grantmaking capacity even further.

Introduction Statement of our President



“When I look into my heart, I find an indescribable love for this community that has persistently struggled to achieve its founding ideals which reach so far beyond our ordinary human scope of action.”

- Matthew Andrews

Over the past four years, I’ve had the amazing privilege to work on behalf of Auroville. It’s not a job that I sought out, although during my years working in nonprofit administration I dreamed of working for an organization more closely aligned with my spiritual values.

This work is not always simple and straightforward. I have to understand and align with US tax law, Indian foreign donation law, Auroville’s bureaucracy and sociopolitical idiosyncrasies, and the ideals and aspirations of many different kinds of donors and supporters. I sometimes feel like an acrobat or a juggler.

And yet through every complicated situation, within every challenging decision, amid the spreadsheets and zoom meetings and intercontinental travel, I am constantly rewarded. I have the opportunity to work for something that I love.

I appreciate and honor Auroville’s visible accomplishments. But deeper than that, when I look into my heart I find an indescribable love for this community that has persistently struggled to achieve its founding ideals which reach so far beyond our ordinary human scope of action.

This love engenders in me the determination to honor and nurture the gifts that Auroville offers to the world. Over the past four years I have been refocusing and dynamically developing AVI-USA as a platform for outreach and greater support for Auroville. We support projects that work in many areas, from biodiversity research to caring for people with developmental disabilities, from making inspiring films, to preparing youth for employment in the tech sector.

Introduction Statement of our President

Regardless of each project's focus, their work is held within Auroville's founding ideals: to support understanding and peace between diverse communities and individuals, unending education, conscious spiritual evolution, and Earth stewardship.

AVI USA has become a dynamic and resourceful organization committed to leveraging every donation to provide maximum impact to Auroville. Whether it's a donation directly to AVI USA, or the 10% that we retain from the donations we pass to Auroville, we are always focused on expanding impact. In recent years, we have been gratified to see the positive results of these efforts. When we keep 10% of a donation, we put it to work, providing more support to Auroville and the projects dear to your heart.

We do this through several pathways. The annual matching donation campaign inspires hundreds of donors throughout the world to send contributions to their favorite Auroville projects. We also offer training, coaching, and mentoring to projects in donor development and community building. This year we will offer a digital marketing and design program through which select projects will receive free support for their online presence. And we have leveraged our relationships with large capacity funders like the India Development and Relief Fund and Rotary International to channel significant donations to our project partners. While these funds do not flow through AVI-USA and show up on our annual report, they are a direct result of your support and the leverage it supplies to our team here at AVI-USA.

What AVI USA offers you is leverage. When you invest in our work, you increase the impact of your contribution to Auroville. You are investing in building out the donation processing platforms that we offer to every project for free, to building their skills and capacity to reach more donors and supporters, to reaching more people and spreading the word about Auroville's projects, and to sharing the new ways of understanding being developed in Auroville that will help humanity survive our collective crises.

I encourage you to read our annual report, which provides a detailed picture of our activities over the past year. I hope you will also visit our [website](#), [facebook](#), [instagram](#) and [youtube](#) channels, and [sign up](#) for our monthly email newsletters to see the kind of impacts we have created with the funds invested in our work.

There is a lot more to be done. The world is passing through a time of great challenge, and we are each being called upon to find and anchor in the light within us. AVI-USA is committed to facing the challenges given to us and working every day to meet and overcome them as we all pray for, hope for, and work for a brighter future for humanity.

AVI USA WORKING TOGETHER



+ Mission

Auroville International USA serves projects working to support understanding and peace between diverse communities and individuals, unending education, conscious spiritual evolution, and Earth stewardship, which are the founding ideals of Auroville.

+ Vision

We are part of a global movement to support humanity's evolution into a consciousness of our inherent unity. Auroville's wide variety of innovative projects offer inspiration and practical wisdom. We envision a world where Auroville's contributions are an inspiration for change.

Who We SERVE

Auroville International USA supports our partners in Auroville to manifest charitable projects that align with Auroville's purpose and ideals. We support our global community of donors to make informed decisions about how to invest in Auroville's future. We promote collaboration and dynamic exchange between Auroville's projects and international institutions.

Auroville

We seek to embody, share, and uphold the spiritual and material aspirations upon which Auroville was founded.

Friends of Auroville

We share inspiring news and host events about and from Auroville with our global network of thousands of friends.

Auroville Partners

We offer tools, technical support, training, networking opportunities, funded programs, and matching funds to our Auroville project partners.

Individual Donors

We make it safe and easy to donate to any of our partner projects, and we have a rigorous vetting process to ensure your donations are used effectively.

Foundations

We act as as fiscal sponsor, ensure reporting requirements are met, and conduct site visits as requested by institutional funders.





ABOUT AVI USA

AVI USA's capacity and engagement with Auroville has been growing year over year. We are supporting more projects with more funding, coaching, and training than ever before. And we have been developing the infrastructure to ensure the projects we are supporting are meeting their goals and operating with integrity.

During the 2023-2024 fiscal year, five board members traveled to Auroville to conduct site visits and provide in-person training. We met with dozens of project leaders and saw the direct impacts of their work in many different fields.

AVI USA Board

The AVI USA board has raised funds in support of Auroville and its ideals for 50 years, since our inception as a nonprofit in 1974. We work every day to make Auroville's dream manifest.

Matthew Andrews President

Matthew is a writer, musician, entrepreneur, spiritual activist, and yoga teacher. He also serves as AVI USA's Executive Director.

Binah Thillairajah Vice President

Binah grew up in Auroville. She is deeply connected to the Auroville community. Binah is also AVI USA's Director of Development.

Mary Alexander Treasurer

Mary is an educator. She lived in Auroville during its early years, and later moved to the USA. She now serves as AVI USA's Treasurer.

Bill Leon Secretary

Bill is an evaluator of programs for nonprofits, Tribes, government agencies, and foundations and has served on the Board since 1992.

Julian Lines

Julian has been involved with Auroville since 1972. He has served on the board of FWE, as Executive Director of AVI, and appointed to the IAC.

Jack Alexander

Jack came to Auroville in the early '70s after a period of studying at The East West Cultural Center. Jack has been part of AVI USA since.

Maggie Greer

Maggie was accepted as an Aurovilian by Mother in 1972. Maggie serves on the board of AVI USA and Auroville International (AVI).



Our Progress

Revenue

Our revenue has increased by 32% from our previous fiscal year. We have strengthened and expanded our donor relationships and reached new supporters.

\$817,153

Project Partners

AVI USA worked with 76 new and existing project partners in Auroville, from a variety of fields: education, health, culture, and spirituality.

76

Donors

Our donors come from all over the world, from India, USA, Canada, Russia, Europe and Africa. They are all committed to Auroville's work.

594

New Donors

Our 2024 Matching Campaign engaged more than three hundred new donors and connected them with our large array of project partners

382

2023-2024 HIGHLIGHTS

AUGUST

Film Premiere
Sri Aurobindo & The Earth's Future,
written and directed by Olivier Barot

SEPTEMBER

AVI USA Boston Event
Yuvabe & AVI USA Education Initiatives

DECEMBER

AVI USA Fundraising
2023 December Matching Campaign

JANUARY

Book Launch
**Luc Venet's Sri Aurobindo Biography:
The Never-dying Fire**

FEBRUARY

AVI USA Program Launch
AVI USA Planned Giving

APRIL

AVI USA Partnerships
**First Rotary Club Grant for
Auroville Partners**

AVI USA AUROVILLE IMPACT

“Auroville is the shelter built for all those who want to hasten towards a future of Knowledge, Peace and Unity.”

- The Mother

During the **2023-2024 fiscal year**, AVI USA received **over \$445,000** for projects in Auroville. That’s an **increase of more than 40%** from the prior fiscal year. This growth happened for two reasons. One is that more projects were approved as AVI USA Partners and got engaged in fundraising. The other is that almost all of our partners saw increases in donations, with a few seeing big jumps over the previous year.

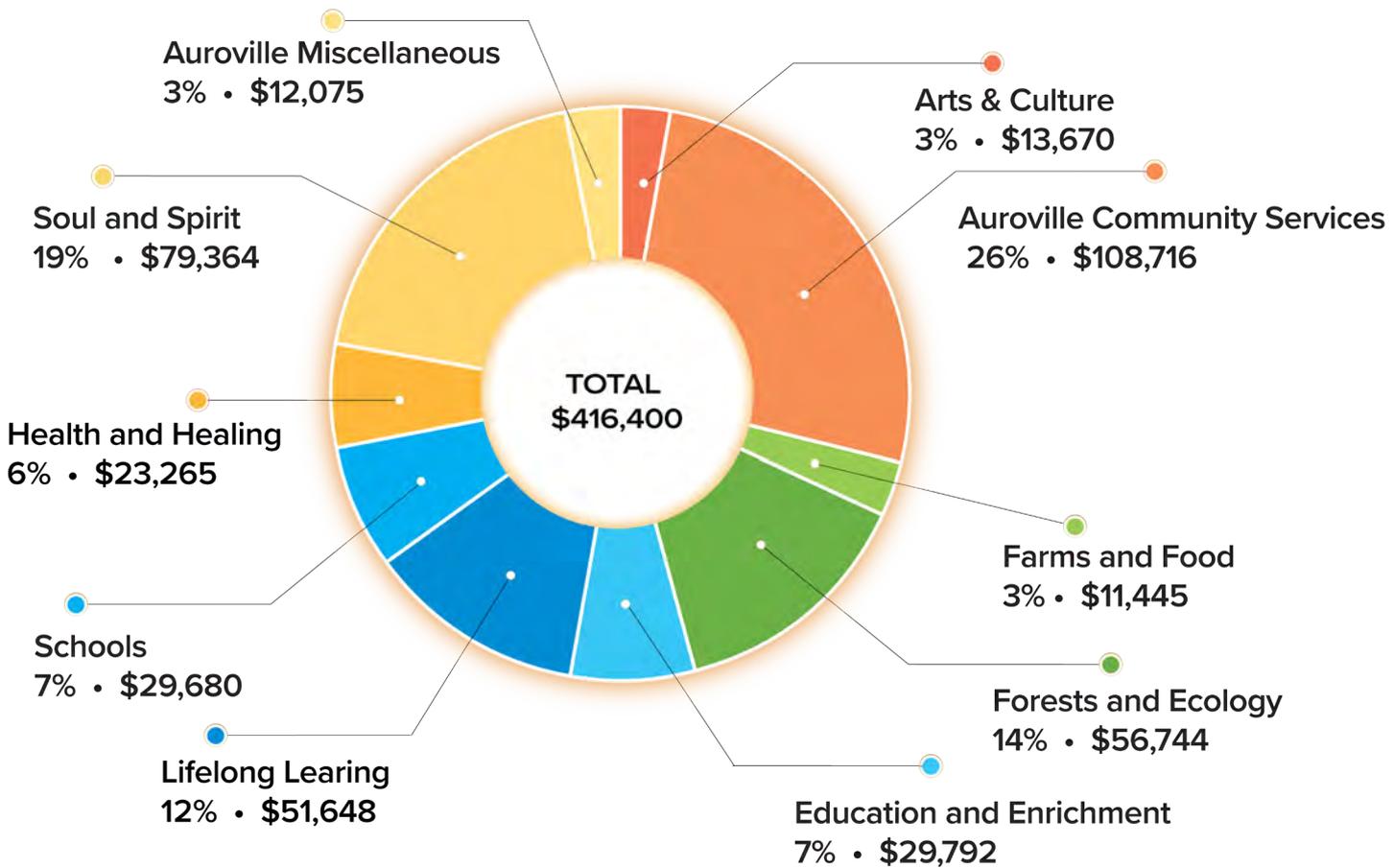
We work closely with our partners to support their fundraising efforts and increase their abilities and know-how. We offer **matching funds every December** to encourage donors and amplify their impact. And we work with collaborators like **Rotary International** and the **India Development and Relief Fund** to leverage even more support for our partners.

AVI USA funding supported projects working in **9 different areas of activity**.

2023/2024 IMPACT

Auroville International USA serves as a vital fiscal sponsor for projects and initiatives aligned with **the vision and values of Auroville**. We enable **donors worldwide** to reliably support a diverse range of Auroville-affiliated projects—spanning **education, ecological restoration, renewable energy, healthcare, the arts, and community development**.

In **2023-2024** we sent a **total of \$416,400** to **76 projects** categorized into 9 activity areas.



AVI USA

9 AUROVILLE ACTIVITY AREAS



Auroville Community Services

Acres 4 Auroville, Auroville Dog Shelter, Auroville RadioTV, Auroville Today, Golden Fund, Language Lab, Pitanga, Surabhi Supplies, Talam, Youthlink



Art & Culture

Andakosha Pictures, Auro ArtWorld, Auroville Theater Group, Endangered Craft Mela, Ilion, InLight Productions, Svaram Film Portraits, Creeva, Auroville Theater Group



Farms & Food

Annapurna Farm, Aurogreen Farm, AuroOrchard, Edible Weed Project, Solitude Farm, Farm Group



Forests & Ecology

Baraka, Auroville Botanical Gardens, Palmyra, Pitchandikulam, Sadhana Forest, Forest Group

AVI USA

9 AUROVILLE ACTIVITY AREAS



Education & Enrichment

Ilaignarkal, Isai Ragam, Kid's Care, Kulilai Creative Center, Lilaloka, Malarchi, Thamarai, WasteLess, Outreach School Ashram Trip



Lifelong Learning

Aurogames, Horse To Human, Life Education Center, MusiCreation, Sanskrit Research Institute, Purnam, Village Action Group, WellPaper, Yuvabe



Schools

Aikiyam, Deepam School, Future School, Isai Ambalam, Last School, Mohanam Kindergarten, TLC Learning Center, Udavi School



Health & Healing

Aurokiya Eye Care Center, Aurothaima, EcoFemme, MorningStar Birth Center, MediClown Academy



Soul & Spirit

Anitya Community Education, Matrimandir, Savitiri Bhavan, Seeing Our Inner Being, Vidyamandir

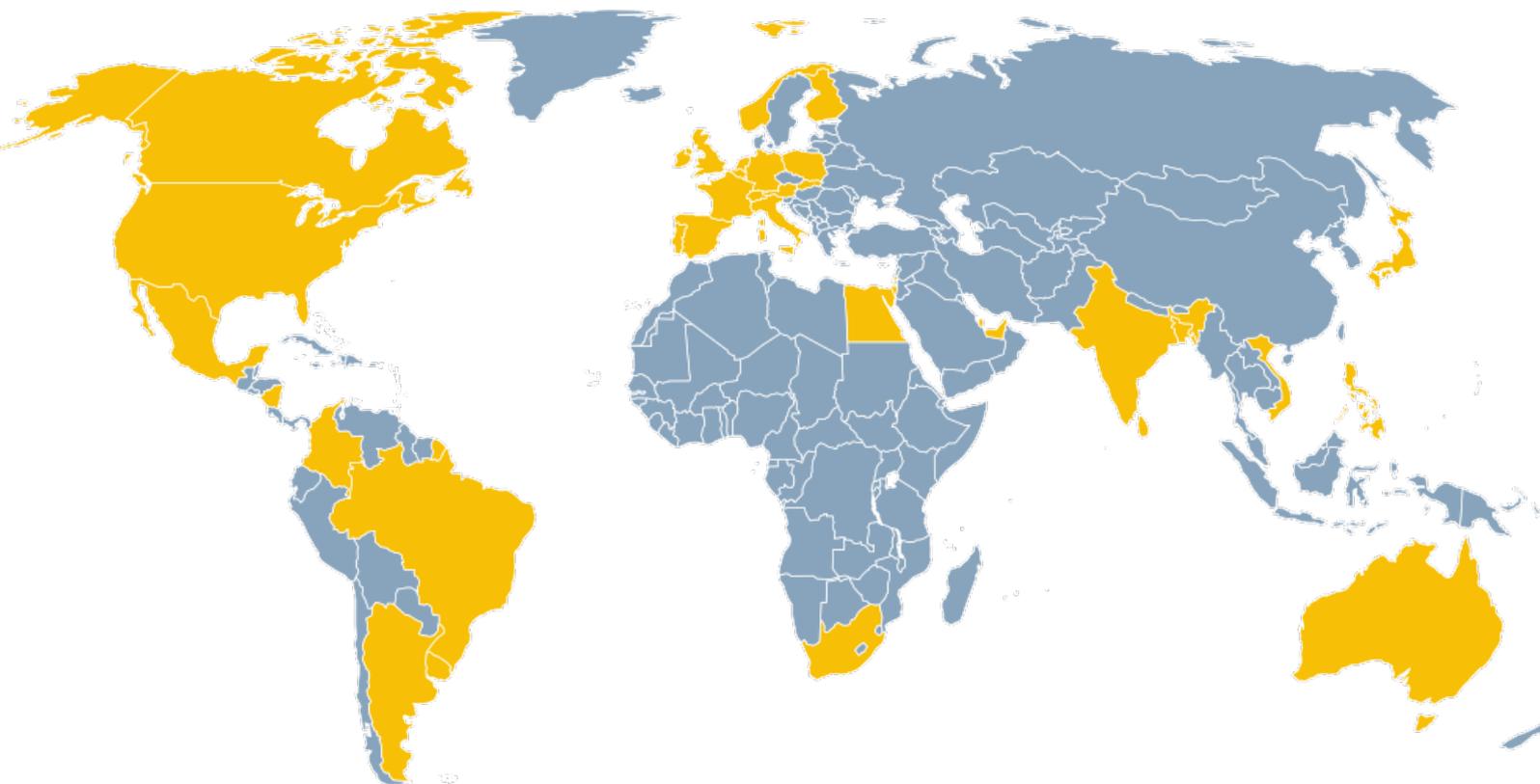
THE AVI USA GLOBAL COMMUNITY

In 2023-2024, AVI USA donors came from **35 countries** and **5 continents**.

We received **1660 + donations** from **594 donors** from around the world:

Switzerland, Canada, The Netherlands, Italy, France, Germany, India, Israel, UK, Australia, Singapore, Germany, Brazil, Philippines, Norway, Slovakia, Uruguay, Mexico, Spain, Nicaragua, Luxembourg, Poland, Japan, South Africa, Vietnam, Finland, Ireland, Portugal, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Sri Lanka, Belgium, Colombia, Bangladesh and Egypt.

Our **US-based donors** receive a tax benefit via our 501(c)(3) status.





By providing **financial oversight, administrative support, and donor stewardship**, we help ensure that resources are responsibly managed and effectively directed to support transformative work on the ground.

This fiscal sponsorship model strengthens **the bridge between supporters and changemakers in Auroville**, empowering collaborative efforts toward a more conscious and equitable world.

We are honored to be a trusted channel for those moved to contribute to **Auroville's ongoing experiment in collective evolution**.

AVI USA

9 Project Project Partners

In the following section, we visit our nine areas of activity, each represented by a project partner who brings that area to life. These case studies offer a glimpse into the meaningful work happening on the ground, and the people who are making it possible.

-  **Auroville Community Services • YouthLink**
-  **Art & Culture • Endangered Craft Mela**
-  **Farms & Food • Solar Pumps**
-  **Forests & Ecology • Sadhana Forest**
-  **Education & Enrichment • Isai Ragam**
-  **Lifelong Learning • Sanskrit Research Institute**
-  **Schools • Deepam School**
-  **Health & Healing • Aurokiya Eye Care Center**
-  **Soul & Spirit • JOI/Anitya Community**

AUROVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICES

“To work for Auroville is to hasten the advent of a more harmonious Future.”

- The Mother

Many projects are involved in supporting and sustaining the community of Auroville. This includes purchasing and otherwise securing Auroville’s land base, caring for stray and pet dogs within Auroville, publishing information about Auroville to the extended global community, taking care of the needs of Auroville’s elders, and empowering the youth of Auroville to develop their skills and leadership qualities in preparation for taking leadership roles within the community.

The next two pages are a snapshot of YouthLink, a project in this group.



YouthLink

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YouthLink

YouthLink's purpose is to help the integration of youth into the Auroville community, to enable free progress toward higher consciousness, to support the flow of wisdom and knowledge throughout generations, and to incubate change makers.

With support from AVI USA, YouthLink hosted community gatherings, awareness campaigns, workshops, and skill building sessions. They grew their team from five to eight members, and reached over 2,900 people through their community building activities such as Youth Day, Children's Day, awareness campaigns about road safety and sexual harassment, and trainings in First Aid, Sign Language and Thooya Tamil. They also hold regular Vegan Potlucks for team members, workshop participants, and guests.

YouthLink also maintains an open Help Desk outside of the Town Hall where anyone can come to ask questions about anything. And they conduct a Youth Yucca program for young Aurovilians who want to learn more about Auroville's values, processes, and systems.

Leaders:

Namu Jeon, Sanata Prakash and Team

Sanata was born in Auroville, and focuses on YouthLink communications. Namu, born in Korea and growing up in Auroville, experiments with organization and facilitation methods. The two work with the rest of the YouthLink collaborative team to bring workshops, trainings, and youth community events to the Auroville region.

ARTS & CULTURE

“The discipline of Art has at its centre the same principle as the discipline of Yoga. In both the aim is to become more and more conscious; in both you have to learn to see and feel something that is beyond the ordinary vision and feeling, to go within and bring out from there deeper things.”

- The Mother

Art in all its forms, including dance, theater, literature, visual arts, and music, has always been an important part of communal life in Auroville. The arts offer a unique and flexible way to represent and express Auroville’s aspirations toward human unity and evolving human consciousness.

The next two pages are a snapshot of **The Endangered Craft Mela**, a project in this group.



The Endangered Craft Mela

ARTS & CULTURE

Arts & Culture

Endangered Crafts Mela

The Endangered Craft Mela (ECM) is a week-long immersive program celebrating and preserving the traditional crafts of Tamil Nadu. Open to both children and adults, it offers hands-on cultural experiences that honor the value and dignity of endangered crafts.

Each year, ECM hosts around 200 children aged 10–18 from Auroville schools, outreach programs, tribal communities, and special needs schools—creating a vibrant, inclusive space where participants reconnect with Tamil traditions and develop tactile intelligence through craft.

Skilled artisans from across the region share their knowledge in a setting that respects their expertise and ensures fair compensation. ECM fosters meaningful exchanges between artisans and participants, deepening understanding and support for the craftspeople's way of life.

More than a craft fair, ECM builds community through intergenerational learning rooted in Auroville's cultural spirit. For all involved, it's a powerful experience of connection and belonging.

Leaders:

Johnny Allen and the Children of Auroville

The Endangered Craft Mela is a collaborative celebration led by Johnny Allen, longtime steward of Fertile Forest, and the children of Auroville. The Fertile team and Johnny organize craft tents that bring together an array of traditional artisans. The children play an essential role in bringing the fair to life, constructing tents, engaging with the crafts, and helping sustain the spirit of this weeklong event.

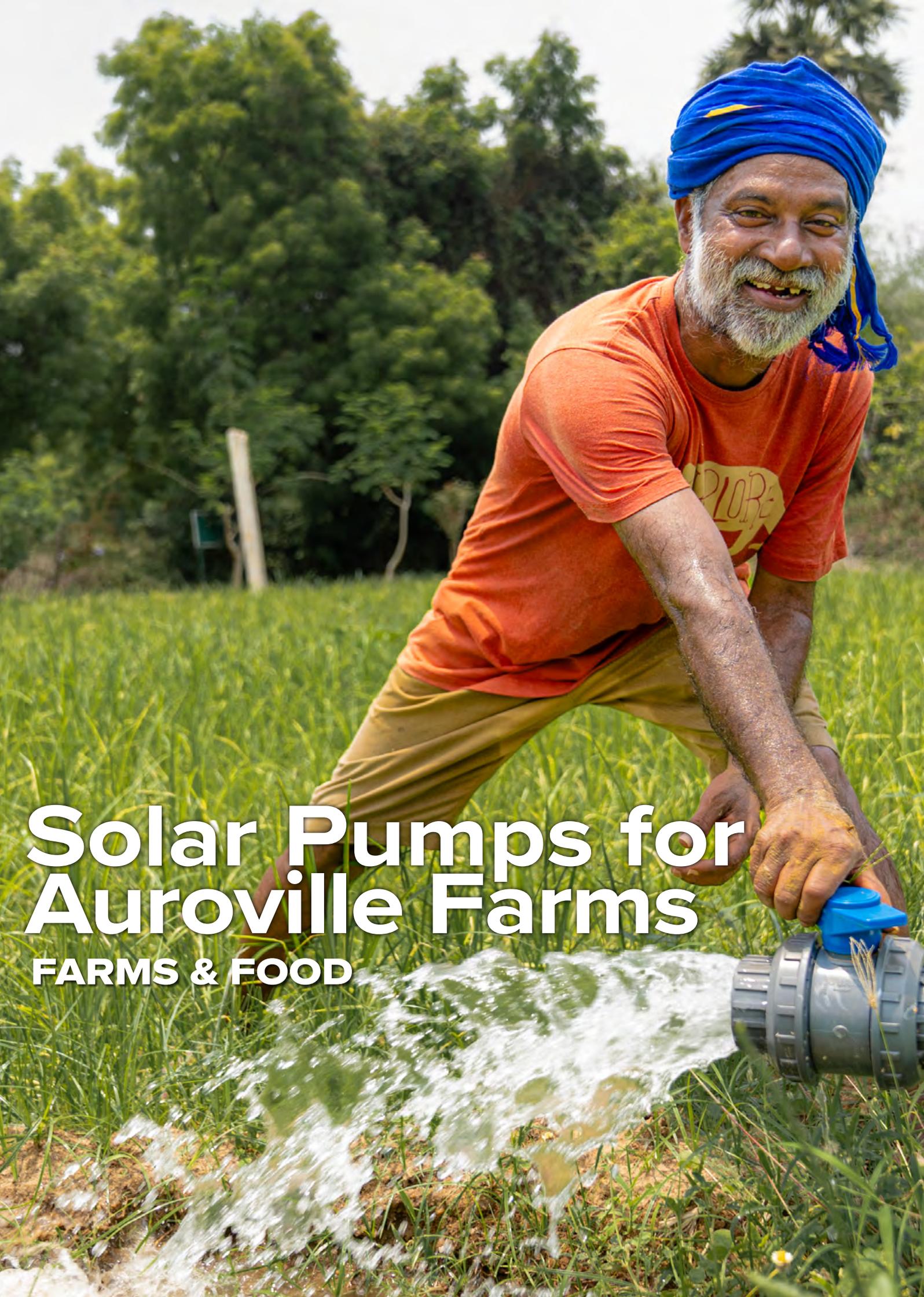
FARMS & FOOD

“Nature all at once gives to us generously and we have the joy of abundance. One must let things grow just as plants grow in Nature. Every too rigid form or limitation we would seek to impose on them before their time, would hamper their natural development and would sooner or later have to be destroyed.”

- The Mother

Auroville’s farms produce sustainably cultivated organic produce, fruits and dairy. Permaculture techniques, probiotic and natural compost soil cultivation are the forefront of Auroville’s food production. Some of Auroville’s farms have been in existence since its inception alongside those created just a few years ago.

The next two pages are a snapshot of the **Solar Pumps for Auroville Farms**, a project in this group.



Solar Pumps for Auroville Farms

FARMS & FOOD

Farms & Food

Solar Pumps for Auroville Farms

AVI USA provided a grant to the Auroville Farm Group to support the installation of nine solar well pumps at Auroville farms. Bhumadevi, Cholai, Demo Foodlink Farm, KK Farm, Moonlight, Sustenance, Terrasoul, Windarra, and Siddhartha Farms all received the solar pumps.

Sunlit Future, Auroville's solar energy technology unit, helped with evaluating the specific needs of each farm, deciding which pumps were appropriate, and installing them. Switching to solar power for irrigation makes all the farms more sustainable, both ecologically and financially. Being off the electric grid frees farmers from electric bills and the inconvenience of erratic power cuts, as well as the expense of purchasing diesel for generators.

The costs of switching to solar pumping are high and most farmers could not afford the investment without external assistance. This project gives an economic boost to all the farms that participated. Across the board all farms gained from having a sustainable form of pumping. For some farms, it has meant that they can now afford to take up some irrigated crops, while previously it was too costly to do so.

Leaders:

Charlie, Shanmugam and the Auroville Farm Group

Charlie arrived in Auroville in the 1970's and soon settled down in what was to become Aurogreen. Shanmugam and his family moved to Aurogreen in 2011. In collaboration with the Auroville Farm group, Charlie and Shanmugam facilitated the installation of the Solar Pumps for 15 Auroville Farms.

FORESTS & ECOLOGY

“If one knows how to enter the rhythm of the movements of Nature, one avoids many discomforts.”

- The Mother

Reforestation of the Auroville bioregion is one of the most recognizable achievements of Auroville’s forestry. The reconstitution of the indigenous tropical dry evergreen forest is one of Auroville’s premiere accomplishments. From the beginning, early Aurovilians sought to understand the local ecosystem and come up with innovative ways to nurture life.

The next two pages are a snapshot of Sadhana Forest, a project in this group.



Sadhana Forest

FORESTS & ECOLOGY

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Sadhana Forest

Sadhana Forest is a volunteer based organization focused on reforestation and food security in arid areas with operations in India, Haiti and Kenya, and currently developing a European center.

With AVI USA support, Sadhana Forest initiated four new residential eco-stewardship programs in India, aiming to reforest severely degraded rural areas. They offered three fellowships to passionate young people to support land restoration projects. The Auroville campus is growing steadily, and ongoing activities like the Eco Film night and the Tea Stall offer free local vegan food and community warmth to any and all. They received a new trampoline for the Children's Land, as well as new books and art materials.

The number of volunteers staying at Sadhana Forest has increased markedly and is back at pre-pandemic level with more than 1,000 volunteers during the past year. Sadhana Forest is also giving tours to visitors now from morning to evening almost without stopping, welcoming dozens of people every day, including regular visits from schools and student groups, like Idhaya College of Arts and Sciences and Sri Manakula Engineering College. Sadhana Forest is becoming one of the most visited sites in the Pondicherry and Auroville area.

Founders: Aviram and Yorit Rozin

The vision of its founders, Yorit and Aviram Rozin, is to transform 70 acres of severely eroded, arid land on the outskirts of Auroville. In a spirit of human unity, their aim is to introduce a growing number of people to sustainable living, food security through ecological transformation, wasteland reclamation, and veganism.

SCHOOLS

“The true education should open out and reveal what is already there in these developing beings. Just as flowers open out in the sun, children open out in joy.”
- The Mother

Education doesn't just happen within the walls of a school. Auroville has always cultivated many possibilities for education and enrichment in various spheres of life. These include afterschool programs, art and music classes, vocational training, and outreach programs that provide local students with funds for things like course fees and books.

The next two pages are a snapshot of Deepam School for Special Children, a project in this group.



Deepam School for Special Children

SCHOOLS

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Deepam School for Special Children

Deepam School provides essential therapy, education, and vocational training for children with special needs, including early intervention for babies—many from families with limited access to care.

This year, Deepam built a smart classroom and installed a lift, making learning more accessible and engaging. About 30 children attend daily, receiving therapy, inclusive education, nutritious meals, and activities like horse riding and swimming. A second center in Nadukkupam extends early intervention to nearby villages.

The impact has been felt. Some students have been able to begin work, and community attitudes are shifting. Faced with rising behavioural challenges, the staff have adapted through ongoing education and teamwork. As leadership transitions are planned, Deepam stays committed to sustainability and its mission of inclusion and empowerment.

As Deepam prepares for a leadership transition, planning is underway to ensure sustainable growth. A consultation with a facilitator from Auroville will support this next phase. Deepam's commitment remains unchanged: to nurture each child's potential and promote inclusion in the wider community.

Leaders: Angelika Ehrle and Lawrence Selvi

Angelika settled in Auroville in the early 1990's. As a trained pediatric Occupational Therapist she was drawn to serve the needs of village children. The need for therapy became more apparent, she joined forces with Selvi, a Tamil nurse who eventually became a speech therapist. Angelika and Selvi have trained local staff and grown the school to developed campus serving up to 60 children daily.

LIFELONG LEARNING

“Auroville will be the place of an unending education, of constant progress, and a youth that never ages.”

- The Auroville Charter

Learning doesn't stop when we graduate from school, and it's not confined to a classroom. Auroville projects offer people around the world the opportunity to learn about Sanskrit, about themselves, and about integral yoga philosophy through on-line applications and webinars.

The next two pages are a snapshot of the Sanskrit Research Institute, a project in this group.

LIFELONG LEARNING

Sanskrit Research Institute



LIFELONG LEARNING SANSKRIT RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Sanskrit Research Institute (SRI) aims to explore and make Sanskrit's vast history, culture, and wisdom more accessible. The language holds significant value for Sri Aurobindo, the Mother, and Auroville, where it is an official language. This year, SRI hosted the successful 7th International Sanskrit Computational Linguistics Symposium in Auroville (Feb 15-17, 2024), with 75 scholars from 13 countries attending. The event was streamed by Auroville Radio, and a documentary is in the works.

Beyond the symposium, SRI has launched a digitization project in collaboration with universities, focusing on Professor David Pingree's Census of Exact Sciences in Sanskrit (CESS). This project will create a digital repository of this essential work. They also advanced their research on the relationship between Dhivehi (Maldivian) and Sanskrit, publishing a final version of their "Sanskrit and Maldivian" poster, displayed at the ISCLS.

Finally, they have made significant progress on the Sanskrit Archive, completing the digitization of NCC volumes 40-42, a crucial step for future Sanskrit research.

Founder: Martin Gluckman

Martin Gluckman developed a love for languages early, mastering four as a child before turning to computer programming and historical linguistics. He studied Ayurveda and Indian temple architecture while deepening his knowledge of Sanskrit. The Sanskrit Research Institute reflects his passion for science and culture and has become a hub for Sanskrit scholars worldwide.

EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT

“The school should be an opportunity for progress for the teacher as well as for the student. Each one should have the freedom to develop freely.”

- The Mother

Each Auroville school offers a unique approach to education. All seek to weave together the freedom of expression, engagement of the child’s innate curiosity, and creation of a container for focused development of excellence that Auroville’s founder espoused.

The next two pages are a snapshot of **Isai Ragam**, a project in this group.

EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT

Isai Ragam After-School Center



Education & Enrichment

Isai Ragam

After School Center

Isai Ragam offers free after-school programs focused on music and dance for children living in the most underserved areas in the villages around Auroville. With grants from AVI USA, they created three new playgrounds and two new libraries, and developed additional classroom materials.

In 2023-24 they expanded their existing programs. The boys' group has brought street dance into the mix, while the classical girls' class continues to explore traditional forms. Both have strong participation. They developed educational materials for spoken English classes and bilingual game materials. Among their current goals is the continued support of computer classes that assist children aiming to pursue further education at vocational schools or college.

Isai Ragam supports students by covering living and clothing expenses, and by providing funding for higher education to those who are ready to continue their studies but face economic hardship. They also organize small holiday tours to introduce children to cultural sites beyond their local villages.

Founders: Ivar Jenten and Brigitte Vink

Ivar Jenten and Brigitte Vink, both originally from The Netherlands, have been working with Tamil village children for decades. They founded Isai Ragam in June 2021. Both Ivar and Brigitte have extensive experience in social work and education. Ivar has founded numerous schools and education centers, while Brigitte arrived in Auroville as a trained education social worker.

HEALTH & HEALING

“Good health is the exterior expression of an inner harmony.”

- The Mother

The intention to offer healing or education that supports health is perfectly aligned with Auroville’s aspiration to embody human unity. Projects in Auroville are working to heal blindness, supporting women and girls to understand the beauty and power of their bodies’ ability to nurture life and give birth, and offering in-depth trainings in yoga and healthy living practices, all free of charge to aspirants from the local villages.

The next two pages are a snapshot of Aurokiya Eye Care Center, a project in this group.



Aurokiya Eye Care Center

HEALTH & HEALING

Health & Healing

Aurokiya Eye Care Center

Aurokiya Eye Care Center's goal is to eradicate preventable blindness in the Auroville bioregion. They host a walk-in eye clinic and on-site eye camps where people can receive aid such as eye drops and screenings for issues like diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, or basic refractive errors. They can also provide eyeglasses and referrals to Aravind Eye Hospital for further evaluation or cataract surgery.

With support from AVI USA, over 1,200 patients were screened at Aurokiya's walk-in clinics and camps. Camps were hosted at Matrimandir, Svaram and Maroma for employees, at Udavi, Isai Ambalam, and Arulvazhi schools for students, and in Koot Road Village for local people.

At the Koot Road camp, 25 patients in need of surgery were taken directly to Aravind Eye Hospital and given surgery for free. At the schools, Aurokiya also taught eye yoga exercises and offered basic classes on eye health at the schools. They also gave out over 150 pairs of glasses to patients diagnosed with refractive errors.

Founder: Aurosugan

Aurosugan was born and grew up in Auroville. After finishing a degree in biology and health administration, he left his position at the Pondicherry Aravind Hospital to devote his time to serving Auroville and the bioregion with the goal of eradicating preventable blindness. He created Aurokiya Eye Care Center in 2021 and is currently expanding Aurokiya Eye Care programs to include eye yoga training in Auroville and bioregion.

SOUL & SPIRIT

“To be a true Aurovilian, the first necessity is the inner discovery in order to know what one truly is behind social, moral, cultural, racial and hereditary appearances. At the centre there is a being free, vast and knowing, who awaits our discovery and who ought to become the active centre of our being and our life in Auroville.”

-The Mother

Self discovery is at the heart of Auroville’s purpose in the world. Many spaces have been created within Auroville where one can seek and discover the deeper self, and the foremost of these spaces is Matrimandir. One of the many unique things about Auroville is that it is a town with a soul, a physical space whose primary purpose is to sit in silence and look within.

The next two pages are a snapshot of Anitya Community, a project in this group.

Soul & Spirit

JOI/Anitya Community

Anitya Community is an ecologically and spiritually conscious community in Auroville. The community is built in a way that it can be entirely dismantled and moved, and members embrace the values of nonattachment, truthfulness, and care for each other and the ecosystem. The community is both a model and a center for education, and they offer classes, workshops, and events related to yoga, mindfulness, nonviolent communication, sacred songs, urban farming, and conscious childbirth and parenting.

With grants from AVI USA, Anitya completed construction of their community education space called Maloka, expanded their rain water harvesting system, added a new filter and UV lamp to improve water quality, and built a new dry compost toilet. They also expanded and improved the space that they offer to the Thamarai educational project. They built a bamboo platform to increase the space available for the 30+ children who come from the neighboring village every evening for afterschool and holiday programs. Children play games, get support for their homework, and receive a meal. They are also offered opportunities to develop their skills with English or computer classes, AuroGames or chess. They see Anitya as a safe place and their families are grateful.

Leaders: Joy Of Impermanence Community

JOI/Anitya Community was founded in 2017 by six members who envisioned a creative, sustainable way of living that embraces transformation for individual and collective growth, while cultivating detachment in action. Since then, JOI/Anitya has developed pathways to support eco-conscious, sustainable community living, integrating practices that nurture inner development and environmental stewardship.

COLLABORATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS



During this fiscal year, **AVI USA** developed collaborations with two funding organizations, **India Development and Relief Fund (IDRF)** and **Rotary International**. These collaborations have lent additional leverage to our fundraising efforts. The funds contributed to our partners by these collaborators don't show up in our financials as they are sent directly to India, but they align with our intention to be an amplifying force in support of Auroville.

COLLABORATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS



India Disaster and Relief Fund (IDRF)

Our initial conversations with **India Disaster and Relief Fund (IDRF)** took place during 2023. They culminated in their approval and willingness to support three of our **Auroville** partners - **Udavi School, Deepam School, and the Outreach Schools Summer Trip to the Himalayas.**

IDRF agreed to add a second layer of matching to the funds collected for these partners during the 2023 December matching campaign. AVI USA collected these donations, matched them, sent the funds to IDRF, and they doubled them again before sending them to Auroville. As a result, donors to these projects had their contributions increased by 400%.

COLLABORATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Rotary clubs around the world often collaborate on specific projects, combining resources to maximize their impact.

A connection between **AVI USA** and a **Rotary Club** member in Denver, Colorado—who was inspired by **EcoFemme’s** work—sparked a growing partnership. Meetings between **EcoFemme and Rotary International** led to a deeper exploration of EcoFemme’s programs and resulted in generous donations from several Rotary clubs. These donations were ultimately channeled through a **Rotary Club in Chennai**, providing vital funding for EcoFemme’s **Pad for Pad** and **Pads for Sisters** outreach programs.

OUR INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS

We gratefully acknowledge the institutional partners whose continued financial support has been instrumental to our work. In 2023–2024, AVI USA collaborated with the following organizations to help fund projects in Auroville.



American Online Giving Foundation



Paypal Giving Fund



Nakashima Foundation for Peace



Village of Light Ashram



National Philanthropic Trust



Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund



Global Giving



Auromere, Inc



Galway City Innovation District



Bentley Foundation



The Institute for the Study of Energy and Our Future



Central Indiana Community Foundation



Beyond Boundaries Foundation



Vedic Books



RSF Social Finance



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Maharashtra Foundation



Matagiri Sri Aurobindo Center



Bright Funds Foundation



Illumine Service Foundation

In addition, we extend our appreciation to the following organizations for their support during 2023–2024: Rotary Club Braunau-Simbach (Austria), International Association of Sanskrit Studies, Renaissance Charitable Foundation, Fundraise UP, AVI Brazil, BNY Mellon Trust of Delaware, UK Online Giving Foundation, World Dignity, Inc., Deld Family Foundation, Schwab Charitable, and Facebook.

We also acknowledge our valued collaborative partners: India Disaster Relief Fund (IDRF) and the International Rotary Club.

AUROVILLE INTERNATIONAL USA

in the US nonprofit industry

The United States nonprofit sector has standards for evaluating an organization's sustainability, accountability, transparency, and impact. **Auroville International USA** meets or exceeds the benchmarks set by Charity Navigator and the BBB Wise Giving Alliance, and holds a Gold Seal of Transparency from Guidestar/Candid.

Auroville International USA expense allocation meets or exceeds Charity Navigator's benchmark for highly effective nonprofit organizations.



Admin ratio 13% 13 cents of every dollar goes to AVI USA administration

Fundraising ratio 11% 11 cents of every dollar we raise goes to fundraising

Charity Navigator suggests that nonprofits spend **no more than 30%** of their budget on administration and fundraising combined and **70% on programs**.

AVI USA expense allocation is **9% higher on programs** compared to Charity Navigator's recommended benchmark.

Summary Statement of Activities
Auroville International USA
 For The Fiscal Year 2023-2024

SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Grants, Fees, Contributions	
Unrestricted	\$ 434,753
Restricted for Pre-Approved Projects	\$ 382,400
Total	\$ 817,153

EXPENSES	
Program Expenses	\$ 547,505
Administration	\$ 92,174
Fundraising	\$ 81,815
Total	\$ 721,494

Annual Surplus

\$ 95,659

NET ASSETS	Net Assets
Assets at Beginning of year	\$ 164,115
Assets at End of Year	\$ 266,075
Change in Net Assets	\$ 101,960

Year End Balance:

\$ 266,075

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At **AVI USA**, we see ourselves as **amplifiers and collaborators**. We work with people around the world who care about the good work being done by our project partners in Auroville to maximize their contributions. We amplify funds, and we also amplify love for Auroville, care for its future, and reverence for its purpose.



Auroville International USA



If you feel moved to deepen your support, we invite you to make a gift and help carry our work forward.

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