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IMHO Annual Fall Convention -2017

Kudos to our supporters, well-wishers and volunteers from Baltimore, MD for a Successful 2017 Fall Convention!

Over 100 volunteers, well-wishers, and donors attended the 2017 Annual IMHO Fall Convention on Saturday, October 28th at the Hilton Garden Inn, Baltimore/White Marsh. The program included:

- A presentation by Dr.Thavam Thambipillai, Secretary, IMHO International Board, on the projects completed thus far, and the 2017-18 needs with an emphasis on uplifting the marginalized communities including the underprivileged in the Upcountry area.
- Saree Auction
- Bharatha Natyam and Fusion dances by children from the Baltimore area
- Dinner, music and entertainment.

The event raised over \$75,000 including a matching contribution. The funds raised will help implement several projects including but not limited to, Sampoor housing and livelihood, Upcountry community humanitarian needs including sanitation improvements with toilets, Mobile medical services for para and quadriplegic patients in Vanni, Education for special needs children in Vanni, and Maternal Health.

On behalf of IMHO, we sincerely thank all the attendees, donors, volunteers, well-wishers, cultural dancers, local artists, and the musicians who made the program successful.

Thank you.
Team IMHO

Earth Quake, Hurricane & Flood Disaster Relief

Contributions were made to the following Funds to help with relief activities. An appeal to donors was sent by IMHO in September 2017 requesting contributions in addition to the IMHO donation.

Mexico Earth Quake Fund	\$2,500
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Save the Children

Hurricane Harvey Relief

Houston Food Bank
Convoy of Hope
Houston Mayor's Fund
SE Texas Food Bank

\$12,000

Hurricane Irma Relief

Samaritan's Purse

\$2,500



Hurricane Harvey wreaks historic devastation in Houston, TX (ABC News Published: September 1, 2017)



Aerial views of North Beaumont, TX. (The Beaumont Enterprise Published: September 2, 2017)



ABC News: Hurricane Irma causes damage in an East Naples mobile home park, in Naples, Fla., Sept. 10, 2017



Tropical Storm Harvey batters Corpus Christi, TX (The USA TODAY Published: August 28, 2017)



Filling pantries. Filling lives.
(<http://www.houstonfoodbank.org>)

Dear International Medical,

Thank you for choosing to support the Houston Food Bank as we work to assist those affected by Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath. Your gift will make a world of difference to a family struggling to recover. Only through the ongoing support of donors like you can we continue to Lead the Fight Against Hunger in Southeast Texas.

Did you know some companies will match your donation and double your impact? Find out if your employer is one of them! (<https://doublethedonation.com/houstonfoodbank#/organization>)

Once again, thank you very much for your support during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Brian Greene
President/CEO



Addressing Health & Wellbeing at Local Level

The core strength of IMHO is in filling critical gaps to provide holistic set of services and support to enhance patient care. In addition, IMHO is focused on improving the quality of life and education for the underprivileged Upcountry communities especially the children. IMHO's recent efforts include support for resettled families, sanitation improvements, kids with special needs, maternal

health, education, and hospital development among other concerns as detailed below:



Batticaloa Autism Center (Theeraniyam) celebrates Children's Day



IMHO donates fishing boats and equipment in Sampoor



Disabled Toilets for Paraplegic patients sponsored by IMHO



IMHO sponsors reading clubs in upcountry to promote literacy

Upcountry Video (in Tamil) link:

https://youtu.be/_l6G9_Jcm0Y

Sampoor Website Video (in Tamil) link:

<https://youtu.be/Sd9q5jtnUns>

Sri Lanka Project Updates

The Major Program Expenses for the named regions for period Jan- September 2017 are as follows:

Northern District-Jaffna, Kilinochchi:

Autism Center	\$18,545
Diabetic Center	\$14,933
Moolai Hospital	\$3,333
Manipay Hospital	\$4,667
Tellippalai Hospital	\$42,284
Spinal Injuries & Paralyzed	\$1,106
Point Pedro Emergency Ward	\$21,577
Neurology, Jaipur Center, Palliative Care	\$13,982
Training -Ambulance Drivers	\$2,700
Livelihood Project	\$5,400

Eastern District:

Sampoore	\$77,700
Ampara Special Needs Network	\$7,500
Batticaloa Autism Center	\$19,933
Building Renovation-Access Valaichenai	\$1,000
Pre-Intern and Staff Salaries	\$6,520

Upcountry:

Care Hands Project	\$5,340
Sanitation	\$6,667
Water Supply Project	\$3,778
Bikes	\$10,734
Others	\$16,835

**Total Program Expenses through September, 2017:
\$363,251**

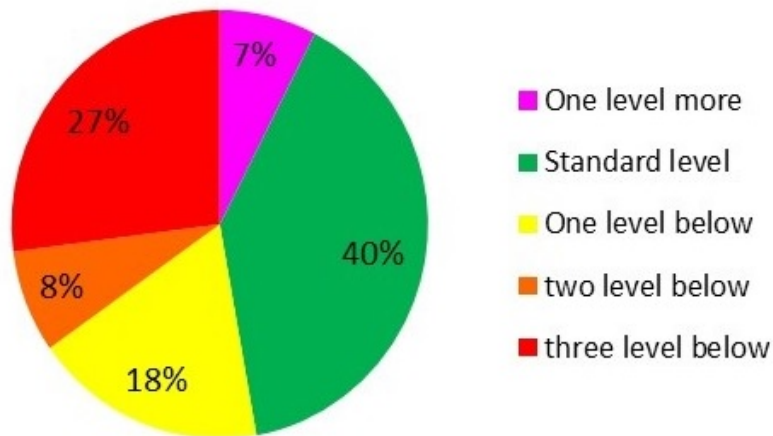
Additional fund raising will help complete the ongoing and new projects.

Proposed Projects 2017-18:

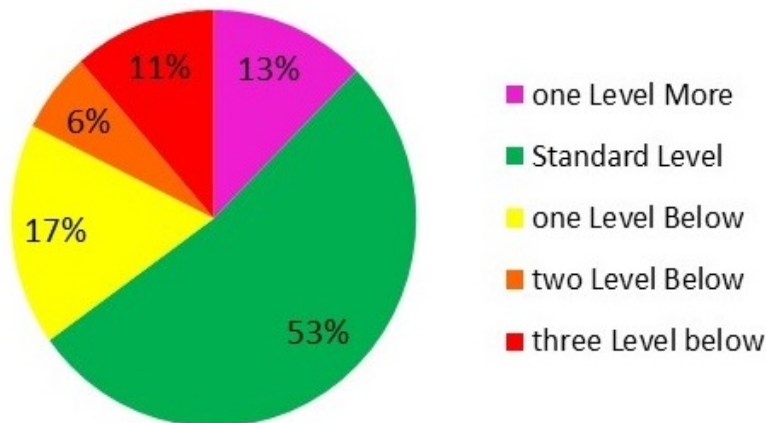
Moving forward, IMHO board has approved building 100 toilets in Upcountry (\$340/toilet), Mobile medical services for para and quadriplegic patients in Vanni, \$100 per person, Education for special needs children in Vanni, \$13,500 for 50 children for one year or \$250 per child and Maternal Health, CTG machine @\$3,500, multipara monitor @\$3,500 and an Ultra sound scanner portable to do antenatal clinics in the periphery including the islands. 10 boats donated thus far should enhance the livelihood opportunities for the fishing families in Sampoore. Plans are also being made to support water supply projects in Pattalipuram, another underprivileged community in the Trincomalee District.

Upcountry Projects: Additional projects including Reading Groups for children, Saving Groups (34 to date with 574 participating members giving revolving loans for group members) for the estate communities are also being carried out in the Upcountry (Maskeliya). The tremendous difference it has made in the literacy level of children in the Reading Groups between March and August 2017 is shown graphically below:

Functional literacy level - March 2017



Functional literacy level -August 2017



IMHO's local partner Empower for Development (E4D) runs reading group interventions among children in plantation communities with funding support from IMHO. Nearly 500 children regularly participate in the reading group. Most children who need help are individually supported to improve their reading capacities while others improve their reading habits.

The project has seen success in terms of improving the Children's ability to read. The functional literacy of the nearly 500 children joining reading groups has increased from 47% (standard or above levels) to 66% during the last six months, while those in severe poor literacy levels has dropped from 35% to 17%. Targeted interventions are being carried out for those who need additional help.

2018 IMHO AGM and Junior League Program (JLP)

Please save the date.

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Date: May 26-27, 2018 (Memorial Day Weekend)

More details to follow.

Amazon Smile and IMHO

Amazon has a program known as "Amazon Smile" that would support a designated 501 (c) (3) public charitable organization at no cost to the customer. According to the site, The Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the value of eligible products purchased to a chosen charity. IMHO can be designated as the recipient of this program.

The procedure is very simple to enroll:

After shopping at Amazon/Amazon Smile site, and before checking out, it asks you whether you want to enroll in their Smile program. On the right side of the checkout page, if you search for International Medical Organization, it will automatically pick IMHO.

It only takes a minute to enroll. You have to do it only once. It will automatically designate IMHO for the Amazon Smile Program with subsequent purchases.

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with just
\$1/day!
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You can also **donate via mail** by sending a check made out to "IMHO" to the following address:

IMHO Treasurer
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