

Financial Statement	
July 1, 2009–June 30, 2010	
TOTAL INCOME:	\$49,601
Expense:	
India Program	29,097
US Admin	18,640
TOTAL EXPENSE:	\$47,737



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*Helping Young Women of Limited Means
 Discover their Unlimited Potential*



At college ...

Exam time! Twenty-five Ushassu students sat for internal exams at their college in October. All had attended evening tutorial programs—and many have raised their grades. They are highly motivated—and even fine each other for missing a day of college.)

In the workplace ...

Twenty-three Sudar students graduated from college and together had forty-one job interviews. Sixteen students became employed in Madurai in schools, non-profits and software companies.

(Below right) Alumnae proudly show Sudar staff their new office.



At WEP centers ...

Sudar

- Sixty-four students were enrolled and forty received college scholarships.
- English and computer courses (above left), fieldtrips and workshops on health, environment and finance were conducted.
- 235 high school students attended *How to Study for Exams*.
- Celebrations! International Women's Day, Environment Day and Annual Day—seventy (eighteen of whom were alumnae) celebrated Sudar.
- Students met monthly for book club. (Above right), a student talks about the most recent book she read. Many alumnae say they developed their reading habits at Sudar.
- Daily nutritional snacks and health drinks were enjoyed by all.

Ushassu

- Twenty-four students were enrolled.
- Tutorials were conducted daily.
- Students were brought for an eye exam. Five needed eye glasses.
- Speech and debate classes were conducted weekly.

At home and in the community ...

Eighteen Ushassu students have grown kitchen gardens which provide vegetables for their families. Three students dried seeds for their neighbors to grow their own gardens.

Forty Sudar students volunteered 120 hours at an elderly home, an orphanage, and center for the mentally challenged.

(Photo right) Sudar students prepare a nursery for an elderly home.



Staff notes taken from home interviews with Sudar parents and students:

"[Her parents] respect their daughter's ambitions and will help her become a teacher."

"Her mother is a servant maid. Her education is 3rd grade."

"[Our student] wants to become a college lecturer. She wants to study till PhD."

"Her mother is a tailor and earns Rs.1000 (\$23) a month. Due to illness, she is not doing her tailoring work much."

"She wants to finish her post graduation in Commerce and to become a bank official."

"Her father is a load man. He is earning Rs.120 (\$3) per day if the coolie work is available."

"Her house is very small having two small rooms. They are paying Rs.600 (\$14) rent for that house. Her house is in a compound with five houses. It is not an airy place to live, due to poor economical status they are living there."

"She had come to Sudar with her daughter for the scholarship interview and felt it was a secure place for girls to study and achieve future goals."

"She was emotional when she shared her sorrows. She felt happy about Sudar's help for her daughter's education."

"Her father is very proud of having Tharani as his daughter she is a sincere and motivated girl but thinks she has to have courage to mingle in society. He felt Sudar would create space to enrich her courage."

"During their childhood their parents didn't give much importance to studies. Being illiterate, they struggled their whole life. They don't want their daughter to face such type of struggles. That's why they sent her to college."



Ushassu students take a break from studying for internal exams, (see upper left) and celebrate a Telingana festival.