2022/23 NEWSLETTER





Dear Inspirers,

It gives me great pleasure to be an integral part of this esteemed group. On behalf of the committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your relentless support throughout our journey which started in 2016.

Thus far we have, collectively as a team, raised over one million ringgit and helped to inspire 800+ students over a span of 7 years. This is truly an amazing achievement and it would not have been possible without the trust and support from all of you.

So, where are we heading in our next chapter of the Inspire journey? It is time for us to take our engagement with these 800+ students to the next level. Many of these students are already in the workforce currently. We want to instil in them a sense of belonging and a sense of giving back to the community so that they are able to make a difference in the lives of the underprivileged within our community. Let us work collectively towards this end, and in the process build an even stronger Inspire.

EVEN IF WE CHANGE JUST ONE LIFE, WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD FOREVER!

Let us keep the momentum going, Inspirers. Thank you.

-Parameswaran Nair

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HAPPENINGS@2022/23

Carey Island Tamil School Visit



4 Committee Members, Dipak, Ari, Ganesan and Shanti visited Carey Island Tamil School to discuss on help needed as the school was badly affected by flood that damaged most of their school furniture. Madam Kunasundary, the Headmistress, requested for bookshelves. Inspire bought 6 bookshelves using a special donation received through one of our Committee Member. The headmistress further requested educational program support to support their initiatives in driving better engagement with parents who rarely come for their PTA meetings unless incentivised. The children typically do not sustain the habits cultivated in school due to indifferent attitude of the parents.

IFA Recipients' Skills Development Programme



As part of Inspire's initiative to provide recipients with skills development programme, "Accelerating Employability Readiness-Part 1" was conducted on 12 March 2022 via Zoom. The topics covered includes:

- Resumes that Gets You to the Door and the Job! by Mr Ameirul Azraie
- Accelerating Employability Readiness: The Why and How by Major Dr Prebagaran (R)
- Why Candidates Don't Get Hired Sharing by Seasoned HR Practitioner, Mr Sumana Siri

Welfare and Micro Business (for Self Sustainability) Support



Narenthiran has lost nearly 90% of his sight in one eye and blind in the other. The committee agreed to continue support for Naren while working with him and his wife to expand their business initiatives to become self-sustainable through business development support and an interest-free intermittent loans. Dipak donated materials to make table runners, table cloth and curtains for his wife to sew and sell.



Rajagopal Perumal is wheel-chair bound and his son is paralysed from neck down and requires to go to hospital regularly for treatments. The Committee agreed to give him monthly allowance to help defray travelling cost and medical expenditures. Inspire affiliate member, Gopal Kannan visits Rajagopal personally every month and is looking into how he can be guided towards self-sustainability too. We welcome help to resolve his long standing appeal with the welfare department he is dealing with.

IFA Past Recipient Special Aid

In 2021, Inspire launched a special fund raising activity to past IFA recipients affected by MCO through a RM50 per month for 6 months collection. A total of 113 members and friends of Inspire participated in this initiative and the total collection raised is RM37,050.

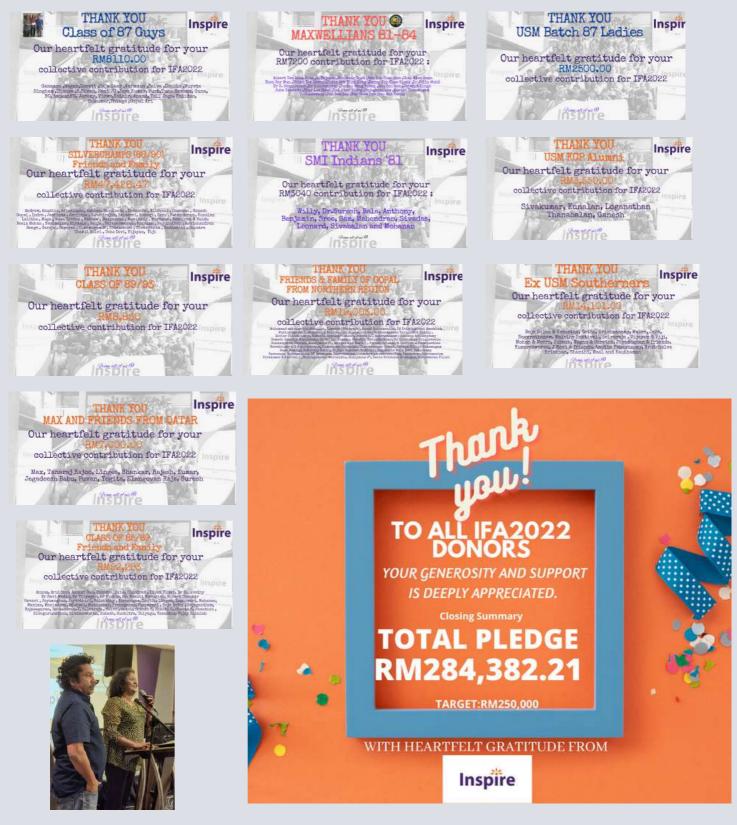
In Phase 1, 27 students received RM200 per month for an initial period of 3 months. In 2022, after 2nd interview on their financial status and a few new applications received, a total of RM9800 was paid out to assist the needy students.

A special help was also made by buying a laptop for a student who had problem completing his assessments due to a major problem with current laptop.



A total of 258 applications were received for IFA2022. Based on the interviews that were conducted by the Inspire volunteers, 145 applicants were selected to receive the IFA. The successful applicants received aid ranging from RM1000 to RM3000 per student. Total amount disbursed : RM241,200.

A total amount of RM284,382.21 was raised for IFA2022 from a total of 333 individual and group donors.



A special note of thank you to USMIGA for giving us the opportunity to present about IFA during USMIGA Annual Dinner





INSPIRE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (IFA) MILESTONES 2016 - 2022



Over RM1.3 Million Raised

800+ Students Inspired,

Zero Cost.

To ensure we help as many students as we can, Inspire Society operates on a Zero Operating Cost Model, meaning <u>every collection made from</u> <u>the IFA initiative will be solely used</u> <u>for its intended purposes only.</u>

AND SHALL REMAIN SO ...

IFA 2022 RECIPIENTS MEET UP WITH INSPIRE SESSION







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IFA2022 Recipient Meet Up Session: Agenda

8.00 pm:	Welcome, Prayer and Introductions
8.10 pm:	Opening Address by Mr Param, President, Inspire Society
8.15 pm:	Video Presentation on Inspire Society
8.20 pm:	"Managing University Life" by Dr V.Ravichandran
8.30pm:	"Maximising Opportunities while Studying:My Experience" by Uma Shangery Aruldass, USM Aerospace Engineering 2012-2016
8.40pm	"Learning2.0" by Dr Prebagaran
8.50pm	Sharing Session by IFA2022 Recipients
9.05pm	Group Photo
9.10pm	Up Close and Personal with Inspire Team- Breakout Rooms
9.25pm	Closing Remarks by Mr Ariwalagan, Vice President, Inspire Society
9.30pm	Networking and Fellowship
10.00pm	End of Event

Almost 90% of the 145 IFA 2022 Recipients attended the online meet-up session held on 6 Oct 2022. It was a highly interactive session with impactful presentations from Inspire and personal sharing by some students on the situation they are faced with and gratitude towards the support received.

Cross Section of messages received from IFA 2022 Recipients

"Vanakam everyone Thank you for the money and it's really helpful. I can use the money for admission fees. The initiative took by the inspire team really can reduce burden for students to do payment within the due date given by University. I will keep in touch with Inspire and help students in future. Thanks to the Inspire team and keep up the wonderful work for our community"

"Vanakkam everyone, first of all thanks to Inspire for understanding my situation and helped me with my admission fees. Very good initiative taken by the team, will do my best to make our Indian community proud thanks to the team and proud of the team "

"Hello sir / mdmtq so much for the money its really helpful for us as students really appreciated ur kind helps (a) tq for helping poor family students and hope this will continue and it can help other upcoming students too (c) tq for giving us money on right time sir and mdm really appreciated and tq again (c)"

"Vanakkam everyone Thank u for everyone who helped me with my admission fees. Now with your kindness I can continue my studies further. I will do my best to make Indian community proud. Thank u "

"Hello everyone. I too would like to express my gratitude for the help that the community has given to me and other students in my position alike. It's easy to feel as if our stories and struggles are of lesser importance, especially in our political and social climate. Not only was the financial assistance of aid, but the distance that the team went to individually assess each student and their needs and do their best means a lot to me. They truly listened and cared enough to help which itself is more than I can ask for. Plants my faith in people and the good that a group of committed people can do. I hope some day, I and the others here have similar hearts to follow in these footsteps. Again, thank you IFA for caring enough to relief some burden off our shoulders. Your act of kindness makes all the difference. "

"Thank you so much to the Inspire Financial Assistance (IFA) for these generous donation. As I am currently seeking financial help for my studies, this donation reduce my mother's burden. Your support will be greatly appreciated by my entire family. This contribution will be used towards my intake fee. I will make sure that I study well and get a job I dreamed for. In future i will be contributing to the students who are in need. I look forward to join the team in future. Thank you once again <u>!!!</u>"

"hank you so much IFA financial assistance. Thank you for calling me and listening to my family situation and approving my request and crediting the fund to my account. This will definitely help me with my higher education. I will forever remember IFA as an organisation that supported me in needy times. Thank you everyone"

IFA 2022 VOLUNTEERS

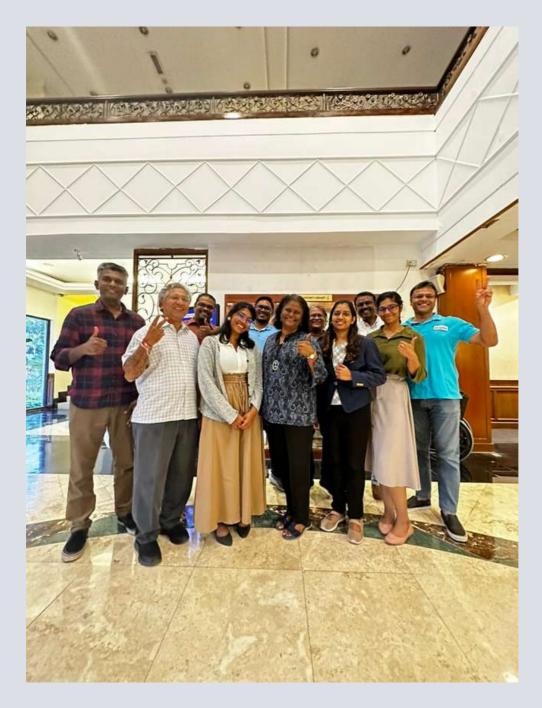
A big thank you to all the volunteers (and committee members) who helped out in the IFA 2022 application screening process that involved interviewing the students and getting further supporting documents or information to help make decisions on their acceptance and the proposed amount of financial assistance. We had a very short window to manage the screening and couldnt have done it without your quick and prompt support!

1. Anushia 2. Aruldass 3. Arutchelve 4. Indradevi 5. Jayashankar 6. Kavita 7. Kumanan 8. Latchumy Prabha 9. Magaletchumy 10.Ponniah 11. Dr Prebagaran 12. Rajagantham 13. Rajarathinam 14. Ravi Tirupathy 15. Dato Saravanan 16. Selva Rajoo 17. Shanmugam 18. Vijaya



Inspire is also very appreciate of the support given by 37 Form 6 teachers who have come forward to be part of IFA by sharing information about IFA to the needy students from their schools and schools within their vicinity. Inspire is keen to increase our network of the Form 6 teachers and invite all our members help us achieve this. Please reach out to our Vice President, Ariwalagan if you have names to share.

INTERVARSITY COLLABORATION: INSPIRE & CUMIG



Following up from an initial discussion held in 2021, we met up with CUMIG (Concerned University Malaya Indian Graduates) team members on 18 February 2023 to explore further on Indian students employability and skills development areas.

CLOSING MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT



Dear Inspirers,

What began as an idea to do something for our community, was eventually put into action and with that the Inspire Society was born. Inspire Society is 8 years old this year. In the initial years, we carried out many projects without much focus. We helped needy families and students with financial difficulties, we helped to organize tuition classes in an orphanage, we helped some Tamil schools by providing school uniforms and other necessities for the schoolchildren, and aided certain individuals in need, etc.

Along the way, Inspire found its bearing and now we focus mainly on helping university going students, especially students who enroll in public universities. There is a valid reason why Inspire has made this venture its main mission. These students are the cream of our community and the students that Inspire helps are from families that are financially challenged. By helping this target group, we believe that we are not only helping these students but also their families to get out of the poverty cycle. Inspire Financial Assistance, or IFA, has since become our flagship project and it is geared towards achieving this objective.

Since starting the IFA, we have witnessed the slow but sure signs of the above objective being realized. Each year, we fine-tune our operations to make sure that our annual collection target is achieved so that we can provide financial assistance to as many needy students as possible in our community.

All these have been possible because of the overwhelming support that we have received from Inspire members and friends. I would like to thank each one of you for that unwavering support and commitment to Inspire's mission. Let us continue with this noble cause.

I would like to end my message with the following verse, written by Kavinyar Vaali:

பல நூல் படித்து நீ அறியும் கல்வி பொது நலம் நினைத்து நீ வழங்கும் செல்வம் பிறர் உயர்வினிலே உனக்கு இருக்கும் இன்பம் இவை அனைத்திலுமே இருப்பதுதான் தெய்வம் இரைப்பதுதான் தெய்வம்

I believe translating the above verse into English will not do it justice, but the gist of it is what drives us all in Inspire. Thank you.

– Ariwalagan

TO EACH AND EVERY INSPIRERS

With gratitude for your continuous support

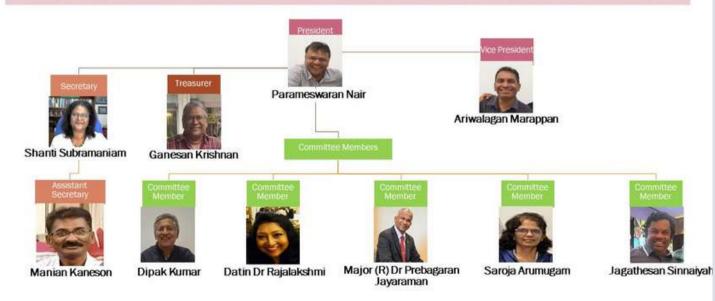




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