



ANNUAL REPORT

2018



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Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh:

I am excited to share all that we have been busy doing, with your support, throughout the year. We just concluded our participation at the annual national social studies conference in Chicago. Over three days of impactful sessions, we held training clinics and tours for teachers and social study supervisors. Our educational partners were given some new ideas and lessons in the areas of: cultural and religious literacy, history and human geography. The opportunity to engage with teachers throughout the country and share our resources about Sikhs, was invaluable and gratifying.

Education is a dynamic field, changing and expanding all the time and I am happy to report that our team has been growing to meet this challenge. A big part of our efforts to stay informed and current requires ongoing collaboration with school systems so that we can create innovative and contextual study materials. Our long-term vision is unwavering: delivering quality instructional resources on Sikhi so our youth are better understood by their peers in schools, thereby creating safer learning environments. On behalf of the Kaur Foundation Board of Directors, I thank you for your continuing support of our work as we continue this journey together.

I encourage you to explore further about our impact by visiting our website: kaurfoundation.org

Guninder Kaur
President

MEET OUR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS TEAM



JASMEET SINGH

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Jasmeet Singh Babra works as a data engineer. He has a Masters in Data Analytics. He believes in a society that is equitable and is passionate about using the medium of education to spread awareness and understanding that yield positive long lasting results. When he is not working, he likes to travel and be at the beach.



SIMRIN SINGH

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Simrin is a junior journalism student and multimedia reporter at the University of Southern California Annenberg School of Communication and Journalism. Her greatest passion is storytelling. The ever-evolving field of journalism excites her because it allows her to talk to and discover the stories behind complete strangers every day. Simrin has experience reporting for Annenberg TV News, Annenberg Radio and Annenberg Digital Media.



NAVSHER SINGH

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Navsher Singh believes that anyone can achieve their goals with clarity of purpose, dedication and strong will power. Navsher is a recent graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Having personally experienced issues around being an immigrant with a visible identity; he believes having an open and positive dialogue between different communities is the key to social harmony.

THE 4 CORES OF KF

1

Conduct Professional Training for In Service and Pre-Service teachers.

2

Create K-12 V-Resources and content about Sikh culture and identity.



Advocate for adoption of Sikh resources via curriculum in School Districts and Counties.

3

Raise awareness about the Sikh community through Educational Partnerships.

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TRAINING TEACHERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY



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RESOURCES CREATED BY KAUR FOUNDATION

Explore our expanded educational resources on our website: www.kaurfoundation.org



CORE RESOURCES FOR K-12

"Cultural Safari", Our signature video is the #1 resource used by teachers in classrooms across the country.

HIGH SCHOOL LESSON PLANS

"Teaching about Sikhism" - Kaur Foundation has developed a 16 day unit in collaboration with high School World Religions Teachers.

PEDAGOGICAL GUIDE FOR TEACHER TRAINING

Religious literacy training for teachers using First Amendment principles that protect Sikh students' right to wear their articles of faith to school and during athletic activities.

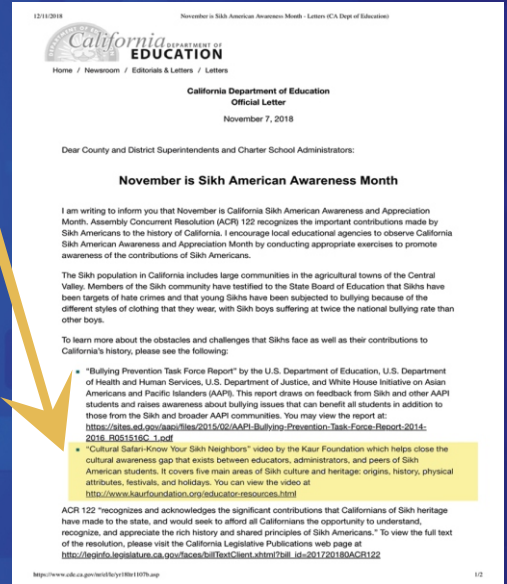


CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BRINGS KF'S 'CULTURAL SAFARI-KNOW YOUR SIKH NEIGHBORS' VIDEO TO ALL ITS 58 COUNTIES



In November, the California Department of Education sent notice to all its County and District Superintendents as well as Charter School Administrators to encourage awareness about Sikhs using Kaur Foundation’s signature resource: “Cultural Safari-Know Your Sikh Neighbors”, a video which helps close the cultural awareness gap that exists between educators, administrators, and peers of Sikh American students. This collaborative effort with the CDE resulted in distributing this resource for incorporation to over schools.

Kaur Foundation’s goal is to continue this path with other states throughout the US using various educational platforms.



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THE KF NATIONAL DIVERSITY EDUCATION INITIATIVE

Educator Training Sessions at Regional & State Conferences and at Gurdwaras Nationwide



Collaborating with local institutional partner Director Connie Decapite, California State University Fullerton.

Building bridges of understanding one classroom at a time with parents, students and educators at a local gurdwara.

Gurdwara Singh Sabha Buena Park, So. Cal.

COLLABORATING WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS AND SIKH YOUTH TO AMPLIFY THEIR VOICE IN SCHOOLS



PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION TO INCREASE EDUCATOR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT SIKHISM



KF's Navsher Singh and Director Connie DeCapite conduct the training session.

Riverside Gurdwara, CA Sikh youth panel share their experiences with teachers.

IMMERSION TRAINING FOR EDUCATORS AT A GURDWARA



Volunteers at the Riverside Gurdwara speak with teachers, serve langar and demonstrate traditional musical instruments used during Kirtan.



PARENTS AND STUDENTS SHARING THEIR CLASSROOM CONCERNS WITH EDUCATORS

Kaur Foundation conducted another successful session at the Palatine Gurdwara in Illinois. The panel included Sikh Middle and High School students along with parents airing their issues of concern with teacher.

We are grateful to the parents, students, Gurdwara Board and Bhai Sahibs for their initiative.



MIDDLE STATES CONFERENCE FOR SOCIAL STUDIES



EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS AT THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE COMPRISING OF 6 STATES. MIRIN PHOOL PRESENTED A SESSION ON SIKH HISTORY AND CHALLENGES FACED BY SIKHS IN THE US.

HIGH SCHOOL WORLD RELIGIONS CLASS - INTRODUCTION TO SIKHISM



**Experiential
Gurdwara tour for
students.**



RELIGIOUS LITERACY TOUR

Educators from 5 different states visit Wheaton Sikh Community Center, and learned about Sikh traditions and identity.



THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL STUDIES CONFERENCE, CHICAGO 2018

Kaur foundation hosted a breakfast session featuring Linda K Wertheimer author of “Faith Ed: Teaching about Religion in an Age of Intolerance“.

Linda shared insights about teaching religion in the classroom. Attendees were given a signed copy of her book.



THE CONFERENCE WAS ATTENDED BY OVER 4000 EDUCATORS NATIONWIDE





Roger Chawla, Guninder Kaur, Linda Wertheimer, Kate Soules, Sherry McIntyre and Ruby Kaur at the educational session presented by Kaur Foundation at NCSS conference.

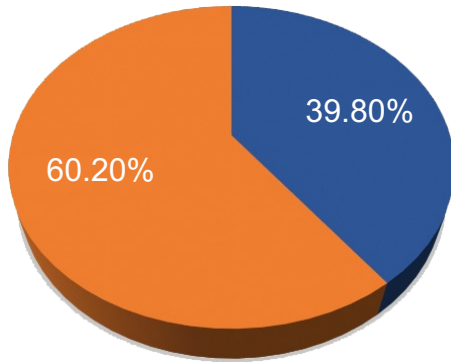


Providing educators techniques and information about Sikhs to incorporate in their classrooms

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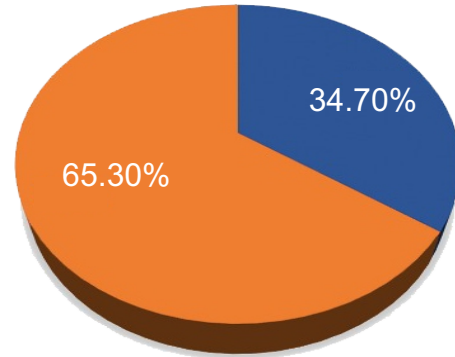


KAUR FOUNDATION EXPENDITURES (2018)



Operational Expenditures Educational Programs & Resource Development

KAUR FOUNDATION INCOME (2018)



Grants Donations

KAUR FOUNDATION REPRESENTING SIKH COMMUNITY AT AAPI



White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders roundtable discussion about civil rights, hate crimes and other concerns. Kaur Foundation representatives Navsher Singh and Guninder K. Singh attended to ensure the concerns of our youth about safe learning environments were included in this discussion.



Kaur Foundation is proud to announce our new Regional Representative Kamalpreet Kaur in New Jersey. She has begun her engagement with the school systems in NJ inviting statewide parent involvement to bring KF resources to schools.



Ruby Kaur is our new Regional Representative from IL. She has taken the lead in expanding KF's Religious Literacy Tours at gurdwaras for educators. She believes that these experiential interactive tours are key in expanding teacher knowledge about Sikhi which they can take back to their classrooms.

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