



Kalki Night Centre – Pondicherry, India  
Project Presentation to Members, March 2009

## Life on the streets

- Around 150 girls live on the streets in Pondicherry – 250 in the city's slums
- At great risk of violence, abuse and a life in the brothels
- Families pimp their daughters for survival
- Police offer sporadic protection and can be a threat to the girls



## KALKI Drop-In Centre

- KALKI Welfare Association opened Drop-In Center in June 2008
- Offers food, secure shelter, health services, education and recreation to street children and girls at risk
- Provides creche for babies
- Conducts outreach work in the streets to monitor children's welfare and whereabouts



# Panjali – Director of KALKI



Panjali

## Children's stories

- Gowry is six years old. She is addicted to drugs and has been gang-raped
- She has been living with KALKI for three months
- She is undergoing therapy and rehabilitation
- She has access to informal education at the centre
- Sarala is 15 years old and a victim of trafficking
- She is suffering from severe trauma
- She has never been to school but is now part of KALKI.
- She helps in the creche and is involved in job skills training

## The need

- A group of girls 5-14 years old sleep at the drop-in centre to avoid abuse or because they have been abandoned
- The drop-in centre is not equipped for 24 hour living and is not safe at night because it is close to the slums
- A night shelter is needed for ongoing accommodation



## The proposed night shelter

- Located outside Pondicherry for the girl's safety
- Girls can live there for up to 1 year
- All will receive medical care and counseling
- Girls will have access to local school
- Social workers will work to place them with extended family or in long term rehabilitation homes

## Funding request

- Project costs for 1 year including staff, materials and activities, rent, medical expenses, food and utilities will total US\$19,946
- New Day would like to commit to this project for 2009
- Ongoing success will determine ongoing future funding for shelter
- ADM Capital Foundation will provide assistance in monitoring and reporting

## The Good News

- This project has recently been fully funded!
- Linklaters has agreed to fund the full US20,000 grant for the KALKI Night Shelter
- Panjali is currently looking at various locations
- By April she will be ready to set up the KALKI Night Shelter
- We wish her the best of luck!

