

Rotary project

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My Greetings and Best Wishes to You.

Sub: Support for a unique project to help and rehabilitate the Tsunami effected □ Reg.

With reference to the above mentioned subject, I am to bring to your kind notice a very unique project to support the Tsunami affected.

In the aftermath of the Tsunami of December 2004, the immediate flow of financial aid allowed thousands of people to begin the slow, painful mending of their lives, providing them the basic human material needs and tools of trade.

But even now, a full year after the Tsunami, other needs are left bleaching on the water-ravaged land; needs created by trauma and primal fear still linger in the dark corners of the subconscious.

While music, along with dance and theatre, from an integral part of village life, in many of the coastal areas directly hit by the Tsunami, the surge took away or destroyed almost all instruments of music and other local art forms. The soul must express itself to heal. Learning to live again also means music must come back to the village.

Towards this healing, a unique project was born. A team of sound engineers, musicians, filmmakers, photographers, producers and a sponsor came together to pay a special tribute to the Tsunami survivors and the resilience of the human spirit.

The project has been named **Laya**, a Sanskrit word that has many meanings: fusion; the union of song, dance and instrumental music; time in music; a pause in music; rest; a place of rest; an embrace; the supreme being; to become attached to someone; extinction; destruction; death; lurking; disappearance; absorption of the mind; to set in motion □ Healing can only follow after the acceptance that life encompasses the contradictory, the positive and the negative, and the human spirit understands and braves on, picking up the pieces of a broken personal world. **Laya** pays tribute to this human spirit.

A CD-DVD has been released which is based on the folk music of the coastal communities of the Tsunami-affected countries. Each CD-DVD is priced at US\$20.

US\$ 10 per CD-DVD will be spent to provide music instrument to the Tsunami affected and US\$ 10 will be spent by R.I. District 3150 to provide to community centers / schools.

May I request you to reach out your Clubs and Rotarians to try and market the same. R.I.  
District 3150 will get US\$ 10 for every CD-DVD sold.

For more information about the project, please visit [www.layaproject.com](http://www.layaproject.com).

Thanking You,  
Yours in Service  
RAVI VADLAMANI