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## FOYM ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

**Mission:** FOYM is a non-profit Rice University student organization committed to the education of students in financially disadvantaged regions of the world.

- ▶ FOYM volunteers collect, test, pack, and ship computers to dedicated organizations in developing countries where they can be used for educating underprivileged children. *Seven shipments have been successfully made so far, to India.*
- ▶ FOYM is currently preparing for the next shipment of computers to Madhya Pradesh as a part of the state government's Headstart program.

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## HOW CAN I HELP?

Help in any possible way you can with any of our activities. Contact FOYM:

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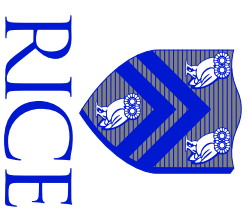
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## FRIENDS OF YOUNG MINDS



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## MISSION STATEMENT

Friends of Young Minds (FOYM) is a non-profit Rice University student organization committed to helping children from financially disadvantaged regions of the world. We strongly believe that the best gift one can give these children is the **gift of education**. FOYM focuses on transferring equipment and expertise so that children in such parts of the world can have a more fulfilling education.

In addition to contributing to an infrastructure for wide-reaching education, FOYM is particularly concerned with stimulating and motivating young minds to pursue a course of education. Such efforts are especially important in scenarios where children enter the work force at an early age primarily because education's long term rewards are lost on them. Our goal is to make the learning process a reward in itself—an entertaining, enjoyable, and intellectually stimulating exercise, which we like to refer to as **fun education**.

## COMPUTER SHIPMENT DRIVE

FOYM collects old computers, mainly PCs, from individuals and institutions in an ongoing effort to make them available to children in the poorer regions of the world.

In addition to computer donations, we also welcome any assistance in storing the computers in the US, transporting them overseas, and clearing the shipments through the border.



From garages in your home to educating poor children ... The pictures here show FOYM computers from our first shipment being put to good use in the slums of Kapurbawdi and Phule Nagar, near Mumbai, India.

The computers are collected, packed, and transported to the shipping agent by FOYM volunteers. Funding for packing, local transportation, and shipment comes from the [Community Involvement Center \(CIC\)](#) at Rice University, and from various fund-raising efforts by FOYM. AID chapters in the US have also contributed to our endeavors in the past. The sister chapter of FOYM, in Mumbai, India, handles all the responsibilities for efficient disbursement and maintenance of computers shipped to Mumbai.

A total of seven shipments have already been sent—five to FOYM, Mumbai, one to AID, Chennai, and the last to Tarun Sangha, in West Bengal. We are currently accepting donations that will go towards our eighth shipment, to Mumbai, and the subsequent shipment to Madhya Pradesh for the state government's Headstart program.

## OTHER FOYM ACTIVITIES

**BOOK DRIVE.** FOYM collaborates with the Vivekananda Seva Mandal, Mumbai, that operates a library to make technical and engineering books available to students who cannot afford them. One of our shipments to Mumbai was accompanied by technical and engineering books. We have also sent a small shipment of children's books to Anugriha, Chennai.

## SHIPMENTS TO DATE

<i>date</i>	<i>destination</i>	<i>computers</i>
Jun 1998	Mumbai	9
Jun 1999	Mumbai	29
Nov 1999	Mumbai	40
Jul 2000	Mumbai	39+books
May 2001	Mumbai	39
Aug 2001	Chennai	119+books
Jul 2002	Kolkata	36