

# KOA Medical Funds Program

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## **Program Director**



**Dr. Dhiraj Kotwal, TX**  
***Program Director***  
**Medical Funds**

### **Profile**

Private practice internal medicine: Milwaukee, WI, 1999-2005  
Infectious diseases fellowship: Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI, 2005-2007  
infectious diseases private practice, Dallas, TX, 2007 to date

**Dr. Chand Bhan, CT**  
***Fundraiser***  
**Medical Funds**



### **Profile**

Dr. Chand K. Bhan was born and raised in Srinagar. He has received training in general internal medicine and psychiatry. He came to the US in 1974, moved to Massachusetts in 1978, and has been in private practice ever since. Chand ji has been involved with KOA since its inception in the late seventies and has been a life member for over 15 years. He has been a member of the KOA medical program since 2005 when it was initiated and took over as the program director in 2007. His mission is to serve and give back to the KP community.



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## **Objectives**

- To provide financial help to treat seriously ill Kashmiri Pandits from refugee camps in India.
- Program Page: <http://koausa.org/koa/programs/medical/>



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## History

- Since 1989 KOA started getting letters from Kashmiri Pandits (KPs), mostly from Jammu refugee camps, asking for financial help to treat their seriously ill relatives.
- The illnesses ranged from the damaged kidneys needing replacement, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, asthma to severe depression.
- In most of the cases the treatment was going to be provided outside Jammu, as the illnesses could not get appropriate treatment by the Jammu medical establishment.
- In 2002, KOA thought that a better way to run this program was to have a dedicated committee run it in an organized way.
- In 2003, the **KOA Medical Fund**, as the committee was called, was established during erstwhile KOA President Sanjay Kaul.



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## Program Operation

- An applicant asking for the Medical Fund assistance, or someone filling the application on his behalf (for some stated reason), has to go through KMECT in India.
- Apply through KMECT and download application form by clicking here:
- <http://koausa.org/koa/programs/medical/kmect/>

### KMECT Contacts



**Maharaj Pajan**



**Jatinder Kaw**



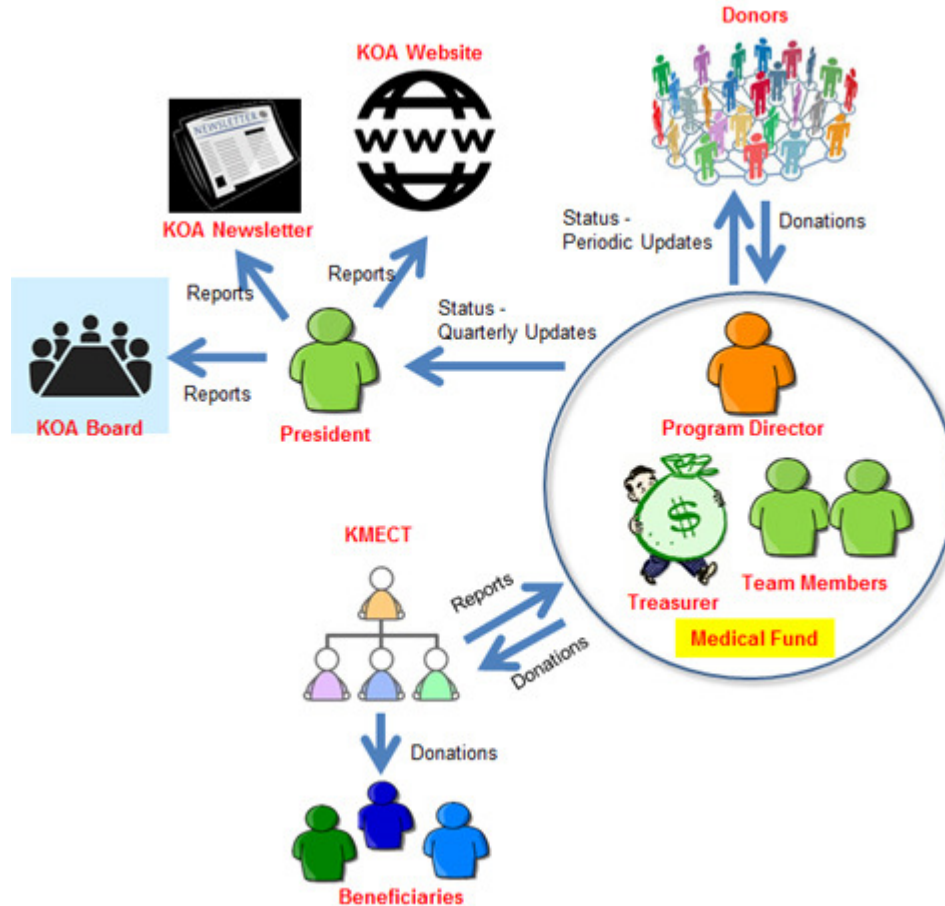
**Sunil K. Thusu**



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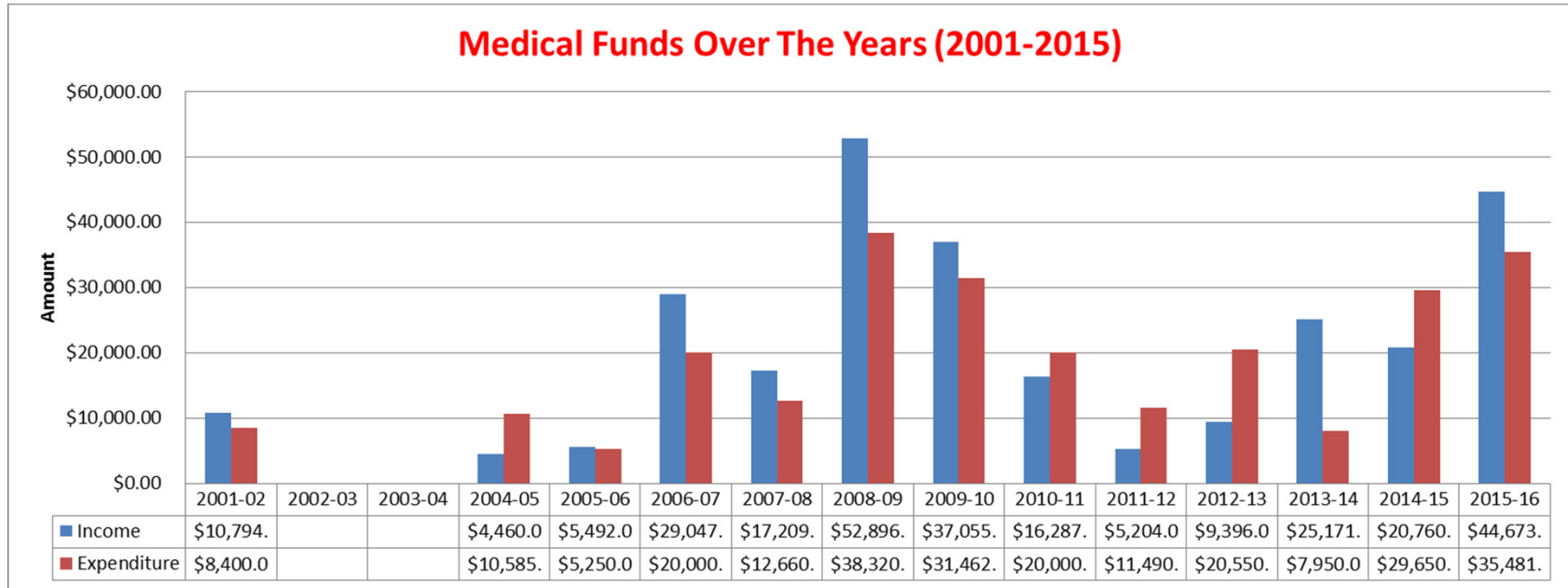
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# KOA Medical Fund Over The Years





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**YAHOOGROUP:** <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/koahealthcare/info>

**TWITTER:** <http://twitter.com/KOAorg>

**YOUTUBE:** <http://www.youtube.com/user/sathyuk>

### **FACEBOOK PAGES:**

KOA: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/koausa>

Youth: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/koayouth>

Healthcare Network: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/koahealthcare>

Entrepreneurs: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/koaentrepreneurs>

### **LINKEDIN FOCUS GROUPS:**

KOA Healthcare Partners Focus Group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8559527>

KOA Technology Focus Group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8559541>

KOA Entrepreneur Focus Group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8559545>

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**Rajeev Kaul**  
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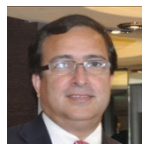
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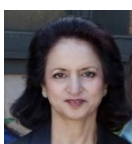
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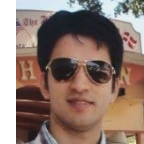
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