



PRESS RELEASE

CASA GRANDE SUPPORTS TRAINING CENTER THROUGH SPIRIT OF HOPE FUND

BALI, October 29, 2003—Casa Grande, Bali's association of star-rated hotels, recently contributed Rp 35 million from its "Bali Spirit of Hope" fund to Bali's Yayasan Sri Kandhi Foundation's education program for training. The Bali Spirit of Hope fund was launched immediately after the Bali Bombing (October 2002), to assist Indonesian victims of the tragedy and to upgrade hospital facilities in Denpasar and Kuta

Sri Kandhi foundation supports and empowers the women of Bali to turn their dreams and aspirations into a reality. Establishing a beauty skills training center is the first step in helping women establish self-sufficiency. The donation will go toward salon equipment purchases.



The Women of Sri Kandhi Foundation

The Sri Kandhi Training Center not only will provide employment for the widows and daughters of the Bali bombing but also create new opportunities for training and employment for other disadvantaged women in Bali.

The center will train and then employ the widows and daughters of Bali bomb victims as beauty therapist-trainers. They will teach their beauty therapy skills to other women. The skills will then help other women to find employment as beauty therapists.

Sri Kandhi plans to open the center in December, training the first group of women.

*Casa Grande is a professional association of star-rated hotels and resorts in Bali.
Members include general managers from more than 50 hotels and resorts,
representing more than 12,000 hotel rooms and 18,000 employees in the Bali hotel sector.
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