

### OUR MISSION

KRI's mission is to make the benefits and practice of Kundalini Yoga, based on the Teachings of Yogi Bhajan, accessible to all people from all backgrounds.

IN THIS REPORT YOU WILL FIND AN OVERVIEW OF WHAT KRI HAS RECENTLY ACCOMPLISHED TOWARDS THIS MISSION. WITH YOUR SUPPORT, WE WILL CONTINUE TO ENSURE THAT THESE YOGIC TEACHINGS WILL HELP NOURISH AND UPLIFT THIS AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.



# PRESERVING KUNDALINI YOGA SINCE 1972.





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WOW, HAS THIS PAST YEAR GONE BY FAST!

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As **KRI** continues to support teacher trainers and trainings all around the world (especially as more and more move back to in-person), and continues to maintain and expand the **Library of Teachings**, we've found the time to still come out with 3 new new Kundalini Yoga books:

Finding Peace Within Shattered
Pieces, Kundalini Yoga for Self-Care &
Caregivers, and 22 Meditations to Identify
& Release Your Fears.

And as part of our Kundalini Beyond Borders joint project with IKYTA, we raised money for another round of 10 grant awards to amazing Kundalini Yoga Teachers who are bringing Kundalini Yoga to underserved populations. Read and be inspired by these teachers and their projects HERE.\*

KRI also began the planning for our first ever symposium, which we will hold online in Feb 2024 – SYMPOSIUM ON KUNDALINI YOGA: SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND APPLICATIONS FOR HEALTH AND THERAPY.\*

Our fiscal year closed on a very sweet note, with an in-person trainer forum at the Summer Solstice festival site. The spiritual energy of that site was very high, and I hope that all of you are enjoying such sacred community via inperson Kundalini Yoga classes and gatherings again as well.

HUMBLY AND IN SERVICE,

AMRIT SINGH KHALSA



## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

DEAR FRIENDS, AFFILIATES, AND MEMBERS OF KRI;

THE GOLDEN CHAIN IN OUR TRADITION IS THE LINKED

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connection of students to the energetic legacy of their teachers back to antiquity. KRI's role is to strengthen and preserve this connection by holding sacred that energetic, spiritual connection and by maintaining the practices of Kundalini Yoga that were delivered through Yogi Bhajan.

By holding the accuracy and the clarity of that foundation; the **Golden Chain** can continue to grow and unfold in the centuries to come. As the world continues to struggle with the transition to the Aquarian Age, we on the **KRI Board** remain steadfast and committed to serving the birth of this new age by holding and sharing the teachings brought to us by Yogi Bhajan.

The **KRI Board** is proud of our accomplishments over this past year. We've continued to strengthen the capacity and professionalism of the **KRI Board**, and are exploring partnering, perhaps even merging with sister organizations (such as 3HO) to reduce costs and strengthen our message to our various constituent groups. These conversations, begun more than a year ago, have grown in exciting new ways.

We at **KRI**plan to remain a solid, trustworthy

source for Kundalini Yoga teachings for the next hundred years (at least!). We are maintaining the Library of Teachings, as a permanent reference; and we are continuing to cultivate the precious spark of consciousness that keeps our tradition a living one. We are adapting to the changing world without losing our unshakable connection to the original body of teachings that Yogi Bhajan synthesized and shared.

As examples of new initiatives, we are also

thrilled with KRI's support, through the Kundalini Beyond Borders program, in bringing Kundalini Yoga to underserved populations; and for the ongoing preparations for the first ever Research Symposium on Kundalini Yoga: Scientific Research and Applications for Health and Therapy. Through innovations like these, KRI is bringing the same heart and depth of the teachings Yogi Bhajan shared to new populations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ENGAGEMENT.
HUMBLY YOURS,

**GURUCHARAN SINGH KHALSA** 



# KRI'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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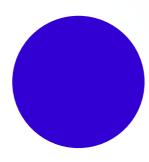
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STAFF

KRI has an amazing group of about 36 people in 8 countries working from very part time to full time, amounting to just about 15 full-time equivalents. We also rely on many devoted volunteers. The board of directors are all volunteers, as are many translators, and contributors to a wide variety of planning committees.



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Learn how to be a volunteer through the email:
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## KUNDALINI BEYOND BORDERS

FUNDING PROGRAMS THAT
BRING KUNDALINI YOGA TO
UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

**VIEW THE PROJECTS** 







- 1. Kundalini Yoga classes for vulnerable women in BRAZIL;
- 2. Continued support for Kundalini Yoga in the PINE RIDGE, ROSEBUD and STANDING ROCK RESERVATIONS;
- **3.** Building the first yoga studio in TURKEY solely focused on Kundalini Yoga as Taught by Yogi Bhajan;
- **4/5.** Two separate projects support the people of UKRAINE with Kundalini Yoga and Meditation;
- 6. Teachings of Kundalini Yoga to incarcerated women in CHILE;
- **7.** A 10-stop tour through FRENCH GUIANA teaching, among many other things, Kundalini Yoga;
- **8.** Offering one-on-one and small group Kundalini Yoga support to the homeless, those struggling with mental health difficulties and addiction, and those in end of life hospice;
- **9.** Offering Kundalini yoga as a complementary therapy to patients with at least one suicide attempt in MEXICO, and
- 10. Bringing Kundalini Yoga classes, workshops, and teacher training to CUBA.



# AQUARIAN TRAINER ACADEMY

THERE ARE OVER 697 MEMBERS
OF THE AQUARIAN TRAINER
ACADEMY FROM 54 COUNTRIES.

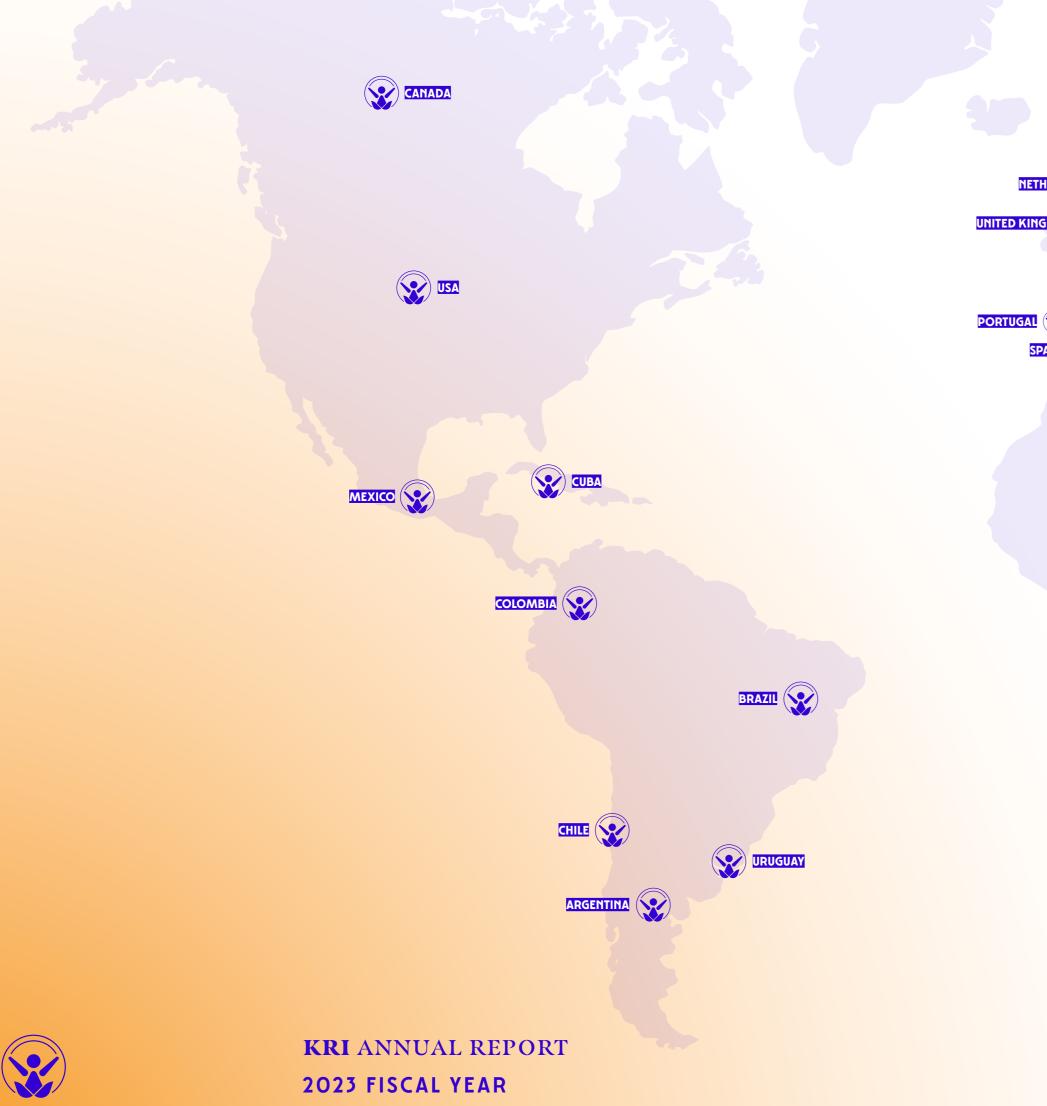
All of the teacher trainers who are licensed to participate in a KRI teacher training program are members of the Aquarian Trainer Academy. These trainers are the faculty for the amazing global school of Kundalini Yoga and Meditation.

KRI provides a clear development pathway for Kundalini yogis to grow into teacher trainers. FIND OUT HOW TO BECOME

A TEACHER TRAINER.









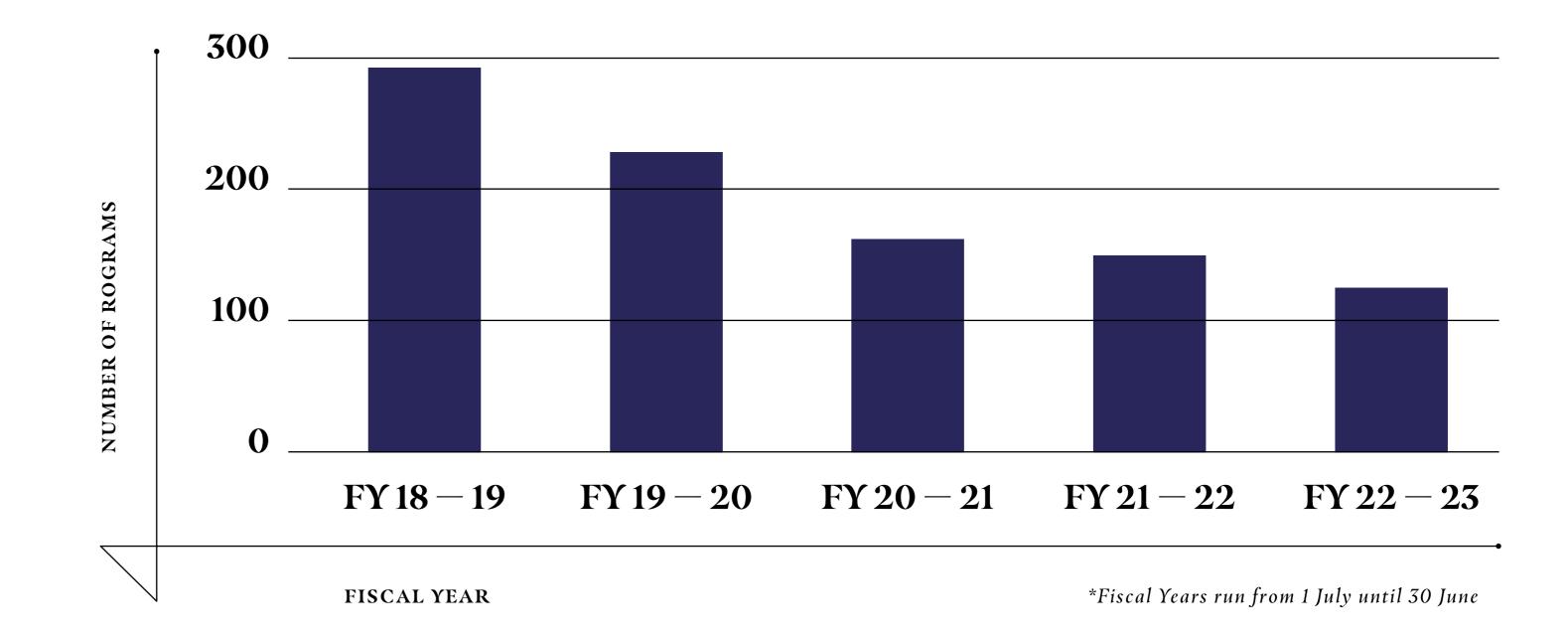
KRI
PROGRAMS
BY COUNTRY

KRI CERTIFIED PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN
TAUGHT IN 38 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES AROUND
THE WORLD (COMPARED TO 43 LAST YEAR).



NUMBER OF **LEVEL ONE**PROGRAMS BY

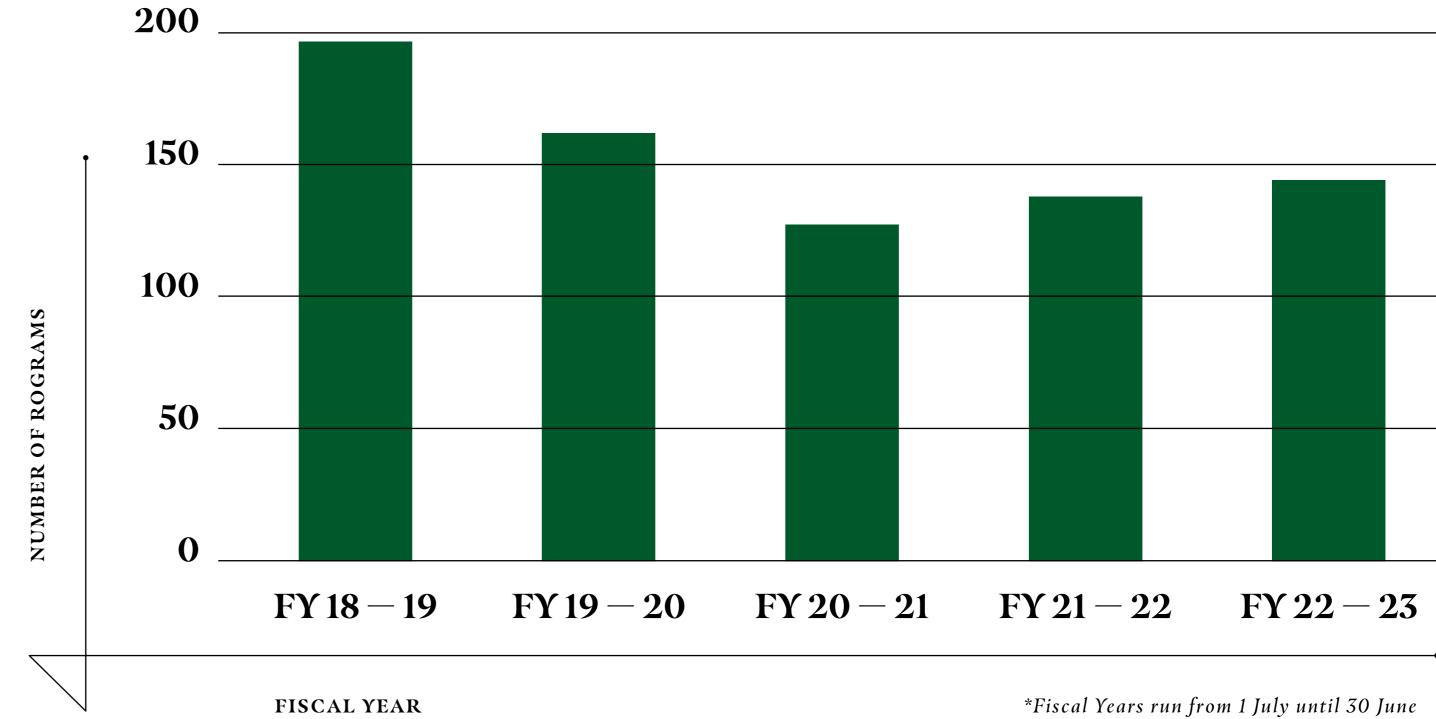
FISCAL YEAR

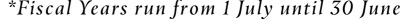






**NUMBER OF LEVEL TWO** PROGRAMS BY FISCAL YEAR









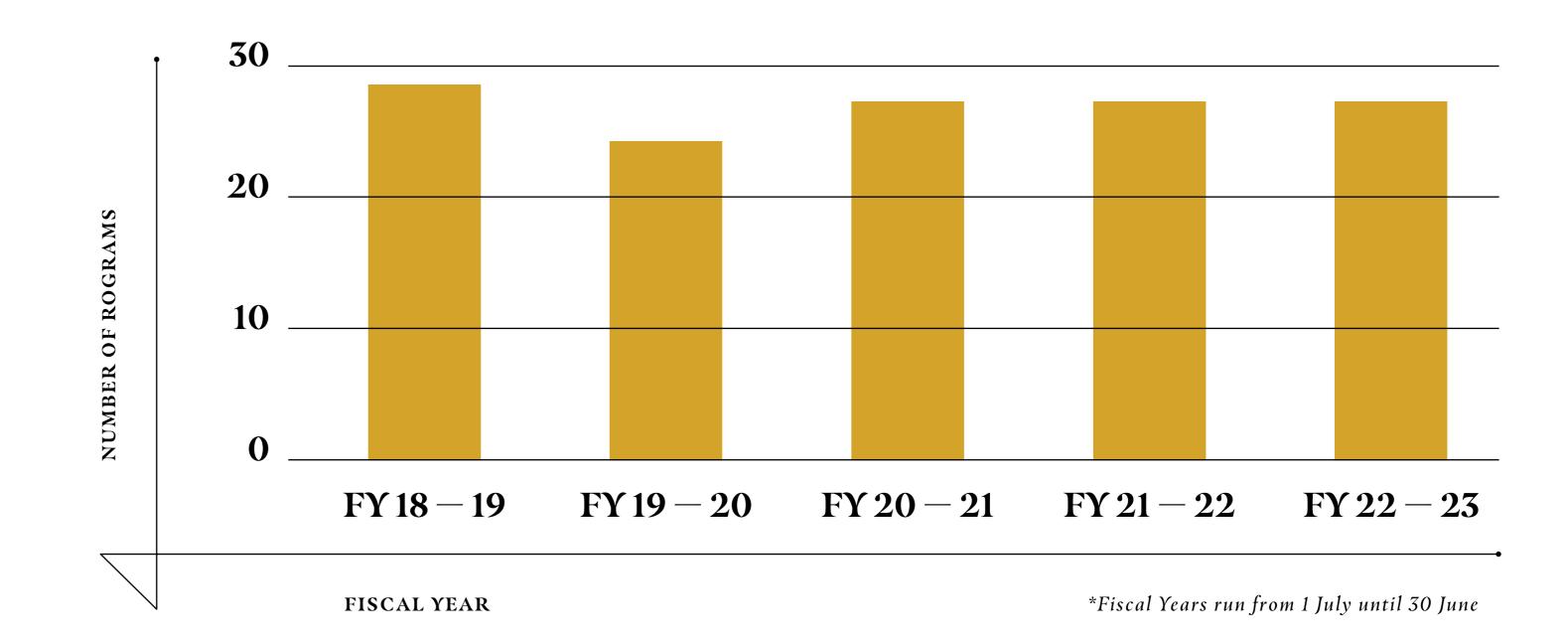
NUMBER OF

21 STAGES OF

MEDITATION

PROGRAMS

BY FISCAL YEAR





**TESTIMONIALS** FROM TEACHER **TRAINING PARTICIPANTS** 

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"The KRI Level 1 course far exceeded my expectations... I absolutely loved how even online we had the ability to interact and not feel disconnected. The self realizations and growth I experienced in this training reinforced how much the technology of Kundalini works. This training created opportunity for personal growth to better prepare us to become teachers. This teacher training shows you what you're made of...brightening your inner light, as teachers, we can then become a beacon to quietly hold space for our students as they walk their path and discover hidden gems within themselves. Just as we did. That's priceless."

"Level 2 Teacher Training is what you need to reach your essence of self. It's a confronting training delivered with a lot of kindness, once you start the transformation, life gets easier."

"KRI will always remain the most serious and responsible institution for training yoga teachers. I have personally taken training courses through other places and they are very far from what KRI offers. From organization, selection of teachers, feedback, perfect structuring of the training program, administration, dedication."

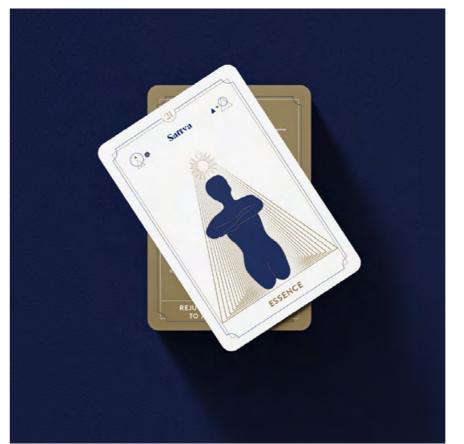
"I am so glad I decided to take the KRI Level One TT. It was the best, most in-depth, professional training I could have hoped for."

"I loved the training... I gained a better connection to myself, more confidence, the sweetness of the Sangat, just a very transformative and healing and beautiful experience. Thank you."





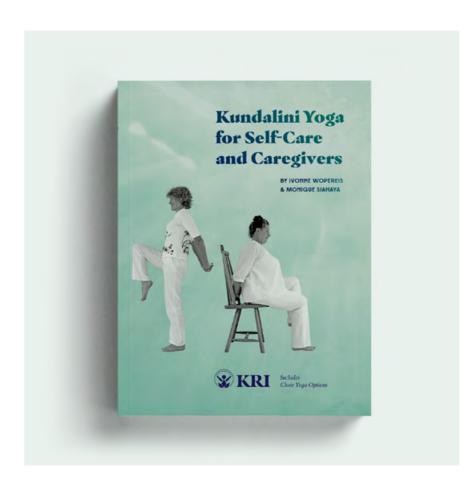
# LAUNCHED 4 NEW BOOKS THIS PAST YEAR



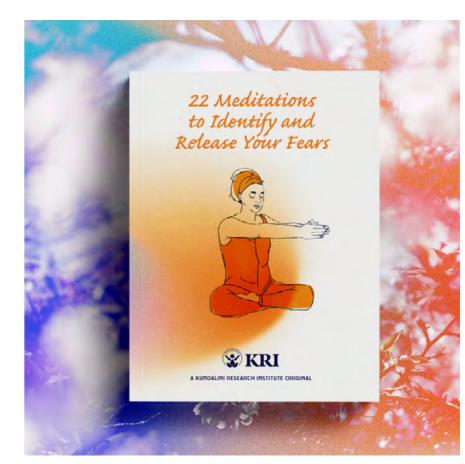
THE KUNDALINI MEDITATION ORACLE (AUG/22)



FINDING PEACE WITHIN
SHATTERED PIECES (NOV/22)



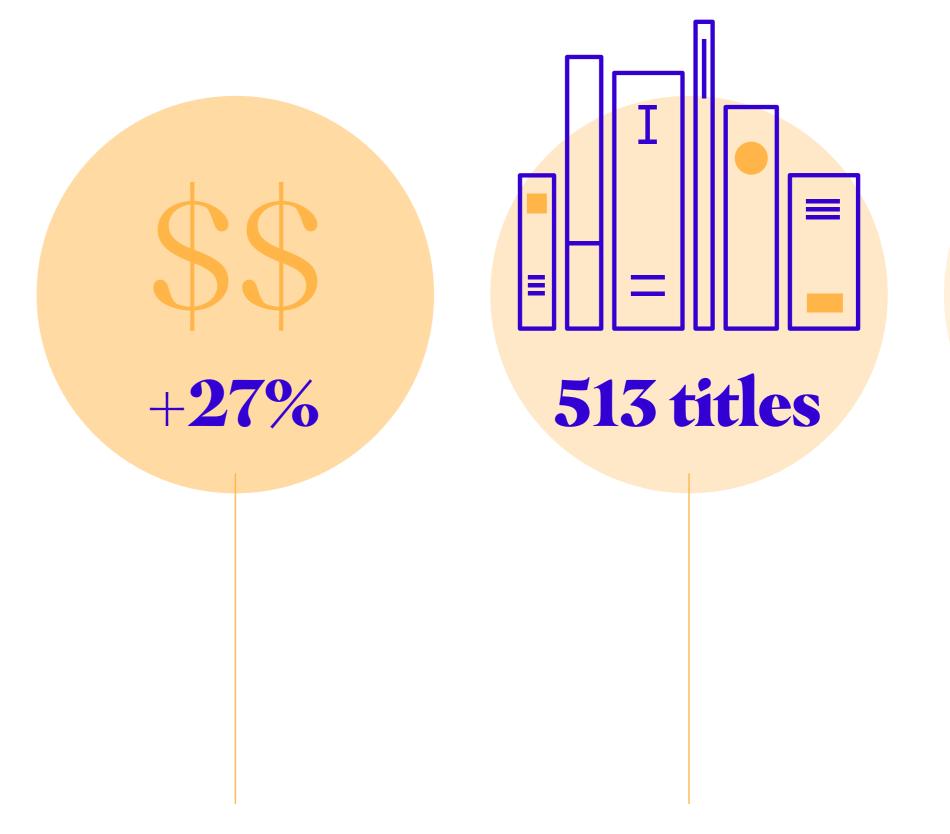
KUNDALINI YOGA FOR SELF-CARE & CAREGIVERS (FEB/23)



22 MEDITATIONS TO IDENTIFY & RELEASE YOUR FEARS (MAY/23)



# KRI PUBLICATIONS DETAILS



**SALES** 

A total of 14,500 books, CDs, and DVDs were sold, UP 27% from last year. **PRODUCTS** 

513 different titles
217 in English and
296 in other
languages

**PERFORMANCE** 

+7%

Product sales were \$253k this fiscal year, a 7% increase from the year before.



# THE LIBRARY OF TEACHINGS

HTTPS://WWW.
LIBRARYOFTEACHINGS.COM/

One of the main ways in which KRI has been fulfilling our mission is by making Yogi Bhajan's teachings available free to all via the Library of Teachings.

MORE THAN 64,800 PEOPLE VISITED THIS WEBSITE IN OUR LAST FISCAL YEAR, DOWN 7% FROM LAST FISCAL YEAR.





# KRI'S FIRST EVER RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR

FEB. 10TH, 2024 FOR THE KRI SYMPOSIUM –

"KUNDALINI YOGA: SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND

APPLICATIONS FOR HEALTH AND THERAPY!"

This global online event brings together leading experts in the field of Kundalini Yoga to explore the latest developments in Kundalini Yoga and its potential applications for healing, well-being and therapy. The symposium will feature a range of presentations and discussions, covering topics such as the neuroscience of Kundalini Yoga, the use of Kundalini Yoga in a variety of populations and settings, including addiction treatment, trauma recovery, teaching in schools, among others.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn from experienced Kundalini Yoga practitioners, researchers, and therapists, gain practical tools and techniques for applying Kundalini Yoga for a variety of populations, and connect with a community of like-minded individuals.

Whether you are a yoga teacher, therapist, or simply interested in exploring the potential of Kundalini Yoga, this symposium is the perfect opportunity to deepen your understanding and expand your skills.

We look forward to seeing you there!



# NEW SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES

KRI'S DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH GAVE

74 PRESENTATIONS LAST YEAR, TO 3HO

AUDIENCES, ACADEMIC GROUPS, AND

OTHER CONFERENCES.

DR. SAT BIR SINGH KHALSA — KRI'S DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH

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## 12 new scientific articles were published last fiscal year. All 12 can be found on OUR WEBSITE, but a selection of of them are:

- 1. "Kundalini Yoga Intervention Increases Hippocampal Volume in Older Adults: A Pilot Randomized Controlled Trial."

  IBRAHIM M, THERRIAULT J, NAIR VP, DIKAIOS E, ROSA-NETO P, WALPOLA IC, REJ S, LIFSHITZ M. INT J YOGA. 2022 MAY-AUG;15(2):158-162.
- 2. "Kundalini Yoga for Post-Treatment Lyme Disease:
  A Preliminary Randomized Study."

  MURRAY L, ALEXANDER C, BENNETT C, KUVALDINA M, KHALSA G, FALLON B. HEALTHCARE (BASEL). 2022 JUL 15;10(7):1314.
- 3. "Yoga training's effects on inflammatory markers and cognitive function in women at high risk for Alzheimer's Disease."
  REDDY M, CHEN T, SIDDARTH P, LAVRETSKY H. AM J GERIATR PSYCHIATRY, 31 (3) SUPPLEMENT, MARCH 2023, PAGE S121



### ONGOING STUDIES

THERE ARE 6 STUDIES IN

PROGRESS INTO THE BIOMEDICAL

EFFECTS OF PRACTICING KUNDALINI

YOGA AND MEDITATION:

- 1. Kundalini Yoga for Cognitive Decline, DR. HELEN LAVRETSKY, UCLA.
- 2. Ongoing analysis on multiple secondary outcomes acquired in a large study of Kundalini Yoga for generalized anxiety disorder and preparation for publication in peer-reviewed biomedical journals. DR. SAT BIR SINGH KHALSA.
- 3. Kundalini Yoga for PTSD, Dr. Guru Parkash Kaur, DR. SAT BIR SINGH KHALSA.
- **4. Shabad Kriya Study on Sleep,** DR. JIWAN PREET SINGH, BRAZIL, DR. SAT BIR SINGH KHALSA.
- **5. Kundalini Yoga for Medical Students in LA,** DR. MARISA PERDOMO, DR. SHARON WAMPLER, DR. GURUCHARAN SINGH KHALSA, DR. SAT BIR SINGH KHALSA
- **6. Kundalini Yoga for Lyme Disease, Dr. Marisa Perdomo,** DR. SHARON WAMPLER, DR. SAT BIR SINGH KHALSA



# WANTTO SUPPORT MORE RESEARCH?



Kundalini Yogis can donate (tax deductible in the US) to support KRI's research activities.

### **RESEARCH STUDIES ON KUNDALINI YOGA**

Existing research scientists at academic, medical and other research institutions are welcome to contact the KRI Director of Research to discuss and consult on possible research studies on Kundalini Yoga.

### **CONTRIBUTE TO DOCUMENTATION AND RESEARCH**

There are multiple ways that Kundalini Yoga teachers and practitioners can contribute to documentation and research on the benefits of Kundalini Yoga practices. Email <a href="mailto:amrit@kriteachings.org">amrit@kriteachings.org</a> if you would like to find out more!



### MOVING FORWARD





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#### **TIGHTER PARTNERSHIPS**

KRI will continue its dual role of holding the standards for the authentic practice of Kundalini Yoga, and promoting its practice. KRI will partner more closely with 3HO and IKYTA to offer a more seamless experience for newer Kundalini Yogis.



#### MAINTAIN AUTHENTICITY AND ACCURACY

The Library of Teachings, the Seal of Approval, the books we publish, the rigour and depth of our teacher training programs and Aquarian Trainer Academy will be maintained and strengthened to help maintain the authenticity and accuracy of our practices.



#### LEVERAGE OUR GLOBAL REACH

KRI's global scope and scale will be leveraged to promote more and more people to practice, and be helped and uplifted by these practices.



### **BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH**

KRI will continue to expand the reach of Kundalini Yoga via the biomedical research.



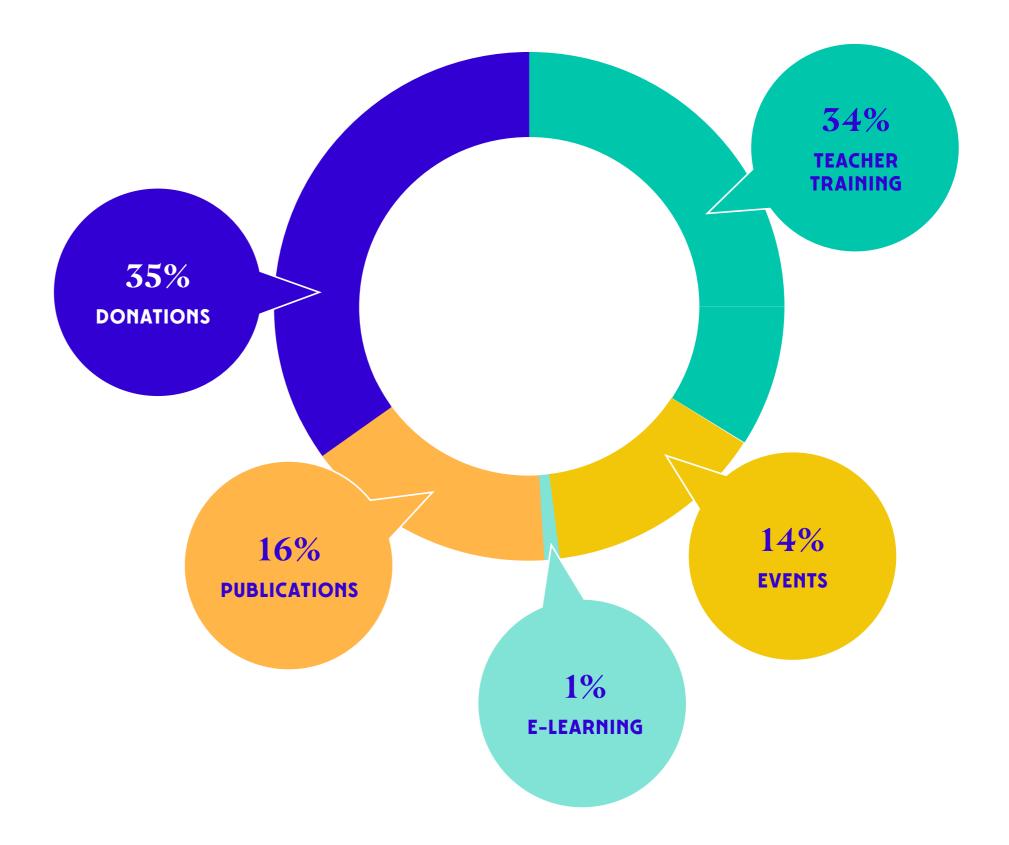
## FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE INCOME

KRI'S INCOME INCREASED

APPROXIMATELY 4% OVER THE YEAR BEFORE.



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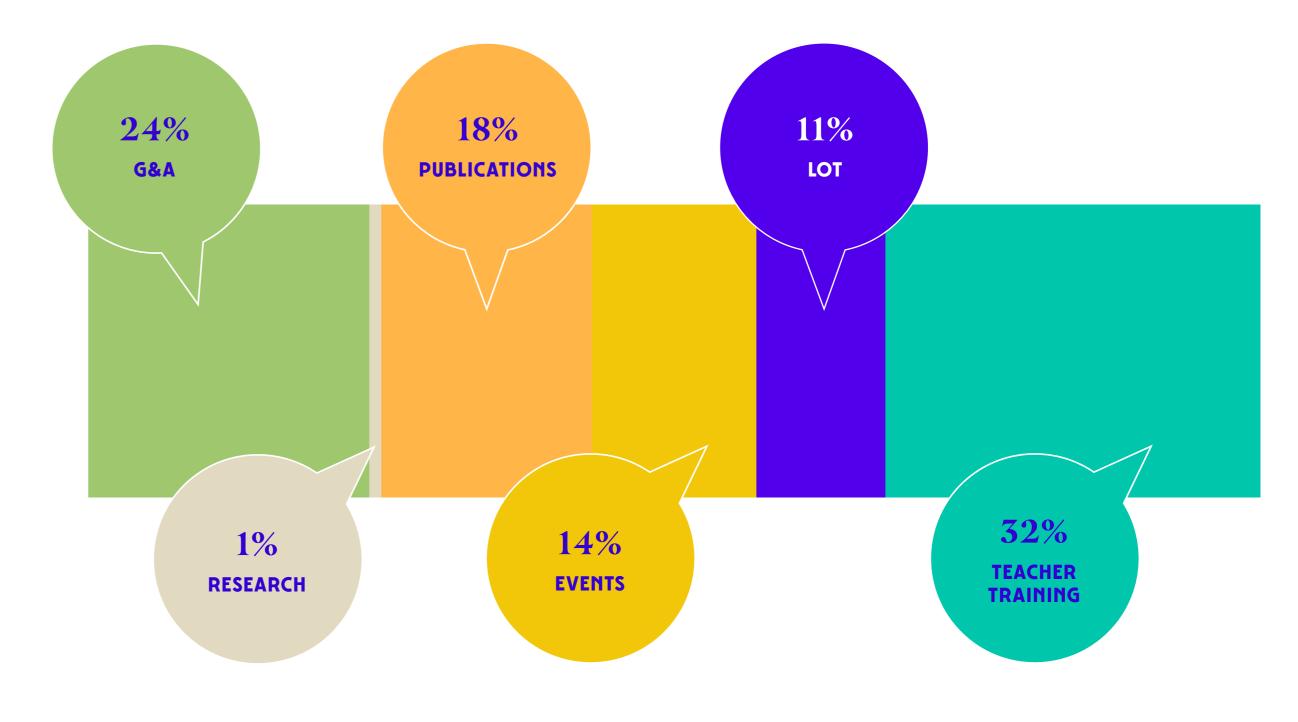
### **TOTAL INCOME FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023** < \$1,55MM >

Teacher Training royalties were down 12%; KRI Events were up slightly; General Publications were up almost 50%, but training manual sales were down as were publication royalties.

\*Fiscal Years run from 1 July until 30 June

# FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE EXPENSES

KRI'S EXPENSES WERE
ALMOST 10%, PRIMARILY IN
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.

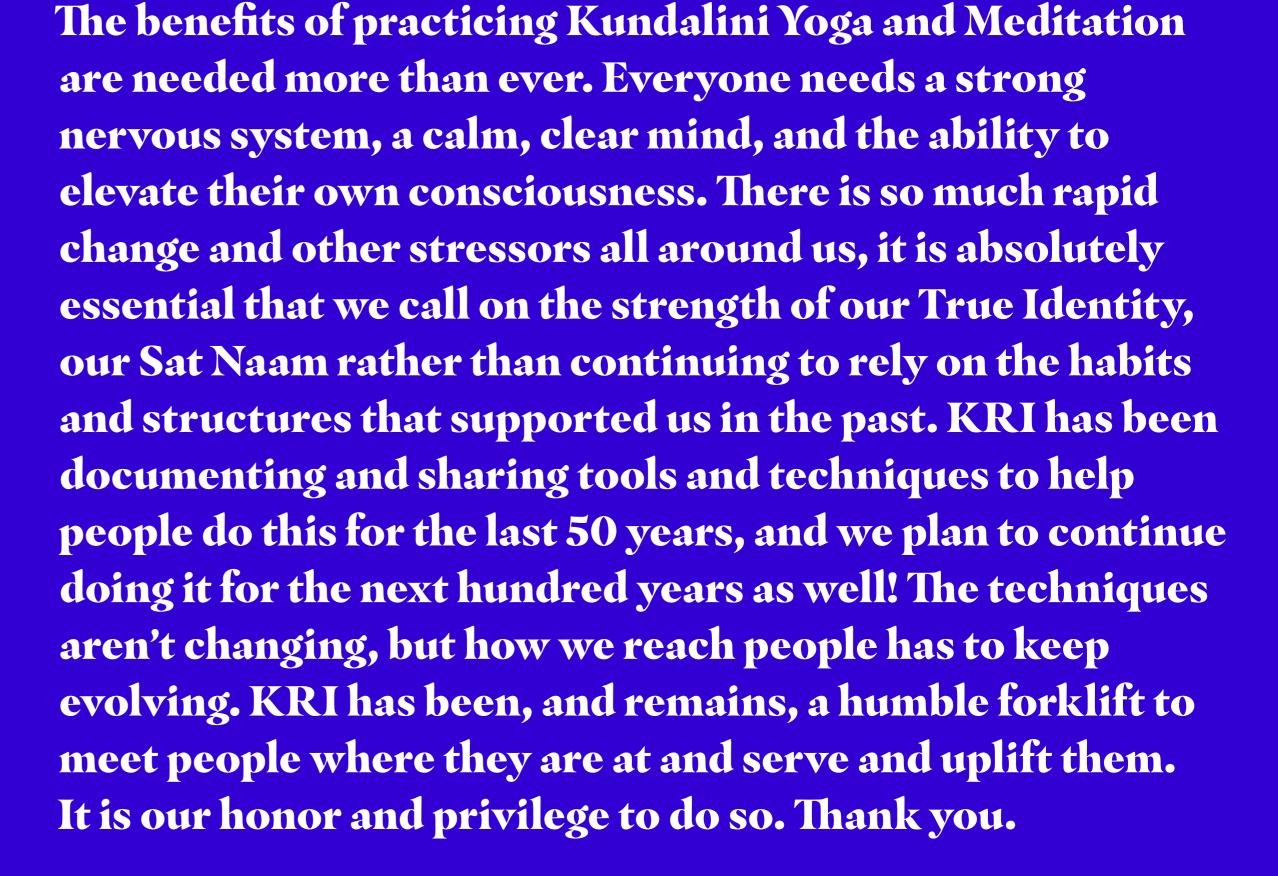


TOTAL EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 < \$1,58MM >



## THANK YOUFOR YOUR SUPPORT

IT IS OUR HONOR AND PRIVILEGE







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