To: St. Louis ASHA Chapter

From: Subbarao Polineni, Founder of the Bright Life Foundation

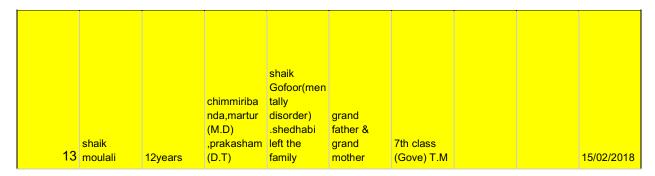
Dear member of the St. Louis, Asha Chapter:

I am writing to you to submit my project proposal for the 2018 calendar year. Bright Life Foundation is grateful for your continued support and will continue to make use of your donation to further improve the lives of impoverished children at our school in Martur, India.

Earlier this academic year in the summer of 2017, we had 40 new admissions, of which 11 came from tribal areas with loss of one or both parents and from overcrowded families. Seven out of these 11 kids are older than 10 years in age and have no prior education. All these kids have never been exposed to a book, leave alone the alphabets. We place these children with special needs in a separate class , where dedicated teaching faculty are employed to teach these kids in small groups of 4-5 students in an accelerated and intense curriculum to help them catch up and eventually integrate with their age appropriate peers . Programs such as these involve a significant increase in teaching costs.

Just in the month of February, we had about 8 new admissions. four of them are orphans and 4 semi orphans (single parent). Some of these kids had some scattered and inconsistent schooling at local government schools due to family circumstances. For example, there are kids that are 14 years and in 5th grade. Our procedure is to first assess these kids and based on their evaluation, they can be put in their appropriate class. But most of the times there are many gaps in their education which will be difficult to catch up. We also see significant lag in English in many of these students. So these kids are assigned into the Special needs classes with their dedicated teachers with close to one on one attention and an accelerated curriculum until they can be merged into their age appropriate peer class. .So we are needing to use more teachers for special needs classes to accommodate the educational needs of our recent admissions.

Here is a snapshot of our new admissions in the month of February



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Additionally, Since our establishment in 2009, we have expanded our school to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade to support the education of our children beyond 10<sup>th</sup> grade. We believe supporting their education for these 2 additional critical years is essential to help them establish a career path. For the first time this year ,we have our first 12<sup>th</sup> grade class with a strength of 37 students. These students will be graduating from our school and entering college next year. These students will be taking professional entrance exams including NEAT, EAMCET, IIT, BITS, AIIMS etc. We are striving hard to help these students achieve admission in Engineering, medical, research and other professional colleges. We are hiring special visiting teachers, professors, and coaches on hourly and contract basis to provide the kids with extra skills to face professional entrance exams and better prepare for college education.

## Request for funding to support the above goals:

## **Projected Cost of Above Propositions:**

- 1. Salary of two English teachers for special needs children –Rs 2x 90,000=Rs 180,000.
- 2. Salary of one math teacher for special needs children –Rs 85,000
- 3. Salary of one science teacher for special needs children –Rs 85,000
- **4.** Salary of Visiting teachers and professors for 12<sup>th</sup> grade- Biology 50,000 Math 50,000,
- **5.** Study materials for students- Workbooks, stationary,textbooks, test booklets Rs 50,000

Estimated Total: Rs. 5,00,000

Please feel free to contact me anytime at 314-780-9943 or email at <a href="mailto:subbaraopolineni@gmail.com">subbaraopolineni@gmail.com</a> if you have any questions regarding our proposal. Thank you for your consideration and support of our endeavor.

Sincerely,

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