

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 submit my project proposal for April 2017 meeting. 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.

Same as previous year , we are expecting new kids from tribal areas again this year. Of the 40 new admissions in 2016, 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 educational 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 teaching costs.

In addition to providing food and shelter to the underprivileged students, we strive to provide quality and meaningful education to each and every student. To fulfil this mission , we currently have a total of 30 teachers. The current school strength is 270 kids. This is a student teacher ratio of less than 10 students per teacher, which is much higher than private schools and even American standards. This standard has evolved in our school in order to meet the individual educational needs of each and every single child almost on personalized level due to their lack of sound educational foundation, kids entering at different ages with varied backgrounds and varied family settings. This is a very huge expense for us and any help towards this expense will be a tremendous help.

Thirdly, Since our establishment in 2009, we have expanded our school to include 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 two additional years is critical to help them establish a sound career path. For the first time this year, we have our first 12<sup>th</sup> grade class with a strength of 18 students. These students will be graduating from our school and entering college next year. These students are in the process of taking professional entrance exams including NEET, EAMCET, IIT, BITS , AFMC, 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 goal:**

**Projected Cost of Above Propositions:**

- 1. Salary of two English teachers for special needs children –Rs 2x 90,000=Rs180,000.**
- 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 one social and telugu teacher for special needs children- Rs 85,000**
- 5. Salary of Visiting teachers and professors for 12<sup>th</sup> grade**
  - a. Biology Rs180,000**
  - b. Math Rs 80,000**
  - c. Physics Rs 80,000**
  - d. Chemistry, head of department covers with regular salary Rs 180,000**
- 6. Study materials for students- Workbooks, stationery, textbooks, test booklets Rs60,000**

**Estimated total costs-Rs 10,15,000= \$15,790.00**

**This is a glimpse of what our costs are to help these students for the 2 particular goals. This explains how much we are going out of way to shape their education and future. We are grateful for the funds that you gave us last year to help us reach our goals. We are definitely in need for more funds, as our costs are more than last year. We will appreciate if you can help us with the same or more funding than before.**

Please feel free to contact me anytime at 314-780-9943 or email at [subbaraopolineni@gmail.com](mailto:subbaraopolineni@gmail.com) if you have any questions regarding our proposal. Thank you for your consideration and support of our endeavor.

Sincerely,

Subbarao Polineni



