**Summary of Little Stars School’s 2020 Budget Proposal to Asha for Education, Princeton Chapter**

April 15, 2020

I. Introduction

 We at Little Stars School would like to express how grateful we are for Asha Princeton’s support over the years. As a school that educates 900 children from disadvantaged families for little to no fee, we rely heavily on the generosity of donors like you in the pursuit of our mission. Thank you for all the work you do supporting the education of underprivileged children at Little Stars and across India, and thank you for considering this budget proposal for 2020.

II. Review of the past year

 In the past year, Little Stars School has advanced its mission of providing quality education to economically disadvantaged children. Our teaching methods and curriculum have continued to engage students, and our enrollment has remained at 900, which we consider the school’s capacity. We now have 187 students in our pre-primary classes, which include Pre-Nursery, Nursery, Lower Kindergarten (LKG), and Upper Kindergarten (UKG).

 Through Asha Princeton’s most recent funding (Rs. 4,20,000 in November 2019), Little Stars was able to pay the salaries of its nine pre-primary teachers as well as its head teacher in that division. In addition, Little Stars was able to offer teacher training because of this funding. Given that the pre-primary classes are where students develop a foundation for the rest of their schooling at Little Stars and beyond, the importance and impact of Asha Princeton’s support of those classes cannot be overstated.

III. Looking ahead to the coming year

1. As in the past, Little Stars would benefit enormously from the support of Asha Princeton to pay pre-primary teacher salaries and the costs of teacher training.
2. In addition, this year Little Stars has diversified its curriculum in the pre-primary grades by adding a drawing class. The new teacher is able to teach Pre-Nursery through Class 5th, spending a period of the day in each class. The drawing supplies we purchased include a year’s supply of brushes, colors, chart paper, and pencils that would be used by students in Pre-Nursery through Class 5th. Given that this drawing program will help to holistically develop our pre-primary students, we seek the support of Asha Princeton to continue to fund the salary of the new drawing teacher and the cost of drawing supplies for the coming year. Please see the attached file with some pictures of the activities in the drawing class.

IV. Spreadsheet breakdown of requested funding

 Little Stars humbly requests funds from Asha Princeton to pay the following teachers’ salaries, continue our teacher training program, and institute a new drawing component in Pre-Nursery through Class 5.

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| **Returning Pre-Primary Teachers** | **Annual Salary (INR)** | **Salary Over 2 Years (INR)** |
| Pre-Nursery Teacher | 49,500 | 99,000 |
| Pre-Nursery Teacher | 49,500 | 99,000 |
| Pre-Nursery Teacher | 49,500 | 99,000 |
| Nursery Teacher | 49,500 | 99,000 |
| Nursery Teacher | 49,500 | 99,000 |
| LKG Teacher | 49,500 | 99,000 |
| LKG Teacher | 49,500 | 99,000 |
| UKG Teacher | 49,500 | 99,000 |
| UKG Teacher | 49,500 | 99,000 |
| Pre-Primary Head Teacher | 93,500 | 1,87,000 |
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| **Components of Teacher Training** | **Annual Cost (INR)** | **Cost Over 2 Years (INR)** |
| Teacher Trainer/Coach (Salary) | 60,500 | 1,21,000 |
| Teacher Training Expenses | 33,000 | 66,000 |
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| **Components of New Drawing Program** | **Annual Cost (INR)** | **Cost Over 2 Years** |
| Drawing Teacher (Pre-Nursery through Class 5) (Salary) | 88,000 | 1,76,000 |
| Materials for Drawing Class (Brushes, Colors, Chart Paper, Pencil) | 37,500 | 75,000 |
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|  | **Annual Cost** | **Two Year Cost** |
| **Total Expense** | **7,58,000 rupees** | **15,16,000 rupees** |

**In agreement with Asha for Education Princeton Chapter, Little Star requests Rs. 500,000 (5 lakh rupees) from April 1st 2020 to March 31st 2021.**

V. Conclusion

 We wish to emphasize once again how grateful Little Stars is for the support of Asha Princeton over the years. Simply put, your organization’s contributions make our work possible. Thank you for considering this application for funding in 2020, and thank you for the trust and confidence you have shown in Little Stars and its mission. If you have any questions or would like any additional information, please don’t hesitate to reach out.

We were happy to receive Amrish Garg in September, 2019 along with his friend Samir Biswas