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Organization
Divya Jyothi Charitable Trust

Project  Providing Computer Training For visually impaired students

Mission
Mission Statement: Blindness mustn't be seen as a sign of weakness rather it is a latent form of strength and energy that can be awakened. Through its service, the trust will give wings to the dreams of every blind person

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Project Demographics
The trust has been running computer classes for the visually impaired, particularly for ADULTS BOYS AND girls, for the last three years and so far has trained many blind people in computer skills. Visually impaired students are trained to use common computer-processing applications like Word Processor, Spreadsheets, PowerPoint and also the Internet. Appropriate syllabus has been prepared by us. The students are trained to operate the system using a KEYBOARD with the help of special software like JAWS (Job Access with Speech - to read electronic texts on screen), KURZWEIL (for reading printed text), MAGIC (to magnify the text to help a person who is partially blind to read). They will also be able to download information from the Internet for reading, browse the newspapers, do online research and continuously upgrade their skills.

- Computer Training help the visually challenged students to pursue and improve their level of education and enhance their employment opportunities,
• Training provides in-home vision rehabilitation training for blind people of all ages including training in independent daily living skills, mobility and mainstreaming into local senior centers. • Also the training includes career awareness, pre-vocational and job placement assist with finding jobs for blind unemployed people especially for women
• Vocational training for Women to help them pursue a career as a call center operator, reception, I&R specialist. The beneficiaries are local blinds (70% of them are female students) in and around the vicinity of Mysore who are aspiring to continue their education and training. This will help enable them to get employed in the future. Moreover, this will also help them access the internet for enhancing their knowledge and also for entertainment. In the near future, we are planning to increase the number of computers to ramp up our organization as the total number of students has increased

Problem Blind students coming to Mysore city from different villages and towns find it difficult to travel daily for attending their colleges and also the courses offered by the Trust. There are not enough hostel facilities for such students in Mysore city. This acts as a deterrent to deserving students to continue their education and fully avail the facilities available at the Trust.

Solution Approach/Activities
• Assisting the needy disabled students to pursue education to the maximum extent possible by providing them with all facilities like Braille books, e-text,
• Providing the disabled with computer training and assisting them in getting certification from a recognized institution.
• Providing training and development to students with disabilities and enable them to choose their career path after they complete Senior Secondary Certificate (Class 10th). For this purpose, identifying a minimum of 10 students and providing in-house career guidance, personality development, counseling, motivation training and preparing them for further courses and placing them suitably.
• Providing voluntary services like reading and teaching to students and coaching them on special subjects like communication courses, enabling them better exposure to the outside world.
• Providing placement to the trained candidates in call centers and other corporate companies.

Alternative Solutions Computer Training helps the visually challenged students to pursue and improve their level of education and enhance their employment opportunities. And also career awareness, pre-vocational and job placement assist with finding jobs for blind unemployed, adults and seniors. Vocational training for call center operator, reception, I&R specialist.

Outcomes
• 120 visually impaired persons will be benefited by the IT Skill development training.
• They will be able to get jobs and become economically independent.
• Become more confident and contribute to growth of the society & nation.
• Personally they will be able to get more skills through web once they get IT skill development. As each and everything is available on the web to enhance one’s career.
• They would be able to search jobs for themselves using web service.

Metrics/Measuring Success
Results of the project will be measured every year by maintaining proper audit reports and performance of each students and conducting exam once a year. Our course is recognized by National institute of electronics and information technology and they are the one who conducts exam every year for our students.

Long Term Impact
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Highlights
To provide FREE computer education, training center school and hostel facilities which include providing of daily foods, water services, education and pick and drop facility for Blind and physically challenged students of the country, who are getting free training of computer course (IT Skill Development) and also for the students who are not trained by our organization

Proposal and Budget Document

Total funding required (INR)  528000
Requested funding from AfE (INR)  400000
Other funding sources  public fund raising

Tags  Vocational Training, Residential School, Focus on physically differently-abled children, Adult Education program, Focussed primarily on Rural areas

Other projects of the Org
The organization main goal is to expand the organization and help more than 100,000 visually impaired students by 2020 and help them to see the light of tomorrow and help them to have better life. In order to do this we need funding and volunteer service from the society. We strive to success and we hope that one day we will have our own building which will be having Auditorium which can accommodate 250-300 students and 15 class rooms with advanced technology equipment’s to make the learning of visually impaired simpler and 2 Dormitory hall which will accommodate more than 100 students in one hall for sleeping and waste management recycling storage room since we care about our environment and surrounding we recycle the waste and use it for other purposes, residential school for visually impaired, computer lab, dining hall, braille library, gym, yoga classes, training center and the whole building will be provided with Centralised air conditioner.

Affiliation with AfE  No
Has FCRA?  Yes, Full-time (permanent) FCRA
Religious or political affiliation?  No
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Questions and follow up:

1. What is the background of the students getting trained in your institution? Could you please elaborate on where are they coming from, what is their basic level of education? Are they also enrolled in other schools/colleges?
   We have to provide the computer education for those who are socially, economically under privileged students and physically disabled especially for those who are visually challenged students who are coming from all over Karnataka. The students after completing their 10th standard are eligible to avail this computer training. We are also admit the students to the colleges with the free of cost who are getting the training from us.

2. You mentioned 20 students being trained currently. So are these classes run in batches and every batch supports 20 students?
   Currently we are providing computer training to 20 students as batches, 10 students for each batch, Morning 10:00 to afternoon 1:00 as one batch, and another one is 2:00 am to 5:00 am as batch two.

3. Where have the previous students who underwent the training been placed? Are they currently working somewhere? If yes, could you include a list of employees who've hired them? We want to get an idea about what kind of jobs they get after the training. If you have a list of past students, and their current employment status (like where they're working, since when, what is their role at their place of employment, etc.), that would be great! The list is not mandatory, but if you do have it, we'd appreciate it if you could share it with us.
   And also I would like to tell the some of the students who are getting training from our institution were get the job on various fields as both government sector and private sectors. Government sectors as PDO’s, SDA, FDA. And Private Sector as receptionist and in call centres.