

## Proposal from Deenabandhu Children's Home

### 2025-2026

Deenabandhu was founded in the year 1992 by Prof. G. S. Jayadev in Chamarajanagara with a first batch of 6 boys in a rented house. In the last couple of decades, it has grown in tune with the need of the community. The insights gained about child development was intended to be applied to a larger number of children and hence new programmes were initiated. The trust primarily runs these three projects:

- 1) Deenabandhu Children's Home for 80 children (separate home for boys and girls)
- 2) Deenabandhu Primary and High School (from Kindergarten to 10<sup>th</sup> standard)
- 3) Deenabandhu Teacher Resource Center (Outreach programme to support government schools)

**Deenabandhu Children's Home** can house 80 children. Deenabandhu provides a loving and caring atmosphere for all the children. Often the children come from very difficult circumstances, and most have no other family. There are various initiatives to help the children overcome past trauma, revolving around the central theme of providing a loving and caring and safe place for the children. Shyamala, a resident of the Boston area and a speech therapist has started volunteering there for several months in a year.

Deenabandhu children's home started with six boys in a rented house. It now provides a home for about 40 boys and 40 girls (currently has 35 boys and 40 girls). Typically the children who arrive at the Deenabandhu home are deprived of parental care or have faced very difficult situations at home. These children have suffered a terrible lack of love, acceptance and belongingness. Deenabandhu precisely addresses these problems. Love and acceptance have a wonderful healing effect and cures the indelible mental scars of the traumatic past. The whole gamut of inter personal interactions are tailored such that the child gets the constructive response from all the staff. Deenabandhu is an ever evolving experiment in child upbringing and better methods to 'help a child to reach the sky'.

Apart from the academic education, children also get trained activities like agriculture, dairy-farming, classical music, classical dance, theater activity, computer, film making, sculpturing and such. Every child, once accepted, is educated and nurtured until Class X after which the child can choose the course that appeals to him/her. Each child is educated in line with his/her latent potential. The support to the child is continued till he/she reaches economic self reliance.

Among our alumni are professional Actors, Dancers, Teachers, Journalists, Interior Designers, Fine-art artists, Musicians, Engineers, Plumbers, Drivers, Carpenters etc. Manoj is a prime example – he has set up an IT training company in Mysore that employees 20 people! He is a born entrepreneur. He is now trying to establish a center in Chamarajanagar that will provide employment for girls from the poor families in the area, the center will provide website and online marketing support for businesses.

Deenabandhu takes care of all the material needs of the children (school – they run their own school which also has students from surrounding villages, clothes, healthcare, books, etc.).

Donors are welcome to support the cost for a child.

Total number of children	Support requested per child per year
80	INR 36,000 per child per year (~\$500)
<b>Total cost for all children: INR 36,000 * 80</b>	<b>INR 2,880,000</b>

### Deenabandhu Primary and High School

Trust also runs a School (from Lower kinder Garden to 10 standard) for the children from economically and socially deprived background. Over 436 children from near-by villages attend the school. Through its Teachers' Resource Center trust is providing sustainable support for professional development of Government Primary School teachers in the district. Deenabandhu also provides Scholarship for rural meritorious students from poor background to help them continue their college education.

The school has 'teacher counsellors' to help the teachers with classroom planning, designing activities, etc. to help the teachers not fall back on "focusing on the syllabus." The teacher counsellors focus on two aspects. (1) Help teachers, particularly new recruits, understand the reasoning behind Deenabandhu's teaching methods. Jayadev sir and Prajna had been handling that role, but now with some leadership changes these positions were needed. Also, we feel they need subject-wise counsellors. (2) From time to time we find really good people at Deenabandhu who take ownership of their work. There is no career path for such teachers within Deenabandhu, no opportunity for advancement, and to help them bring their skills to their peer teachers. Without a career path (and the accompanying higher salaries) they tend to leave for jobs in Mysore and Bangalore. We want to give good teachers more responsibilities and make him/her a teacher counsellor/advisor.

### Proposal for teacher counsellor/advisors

The Academic Advisor/Teacher Counsellor roles provide academic guidance and support across all our projects. In the school setting, these advisors/counsellors support our teachers concerning subject knowledge, pedagogy, and teaching methodologies, thus fostering professional development. At the children's home, they contribute to develop effective mechanisms aimed at boosting the academic growth of the children. Within the TRC, they offer insights to shape content and structure workshops/training programs, ensuring their relevance and impact.

The table below outlines the number of academic advisor/teacher counsellor along with the yearly budget:

S. No	Subject	Budget/year (in INR)	Qty	Budget/year (in USD)
1	Montessori/Lower primary (@INR 25,000 per month)	3,00,000	1	<b>3600</b>
2	Language (English) (@INR 25,000 per month)	3,00,000	1	<b>3600</b>
3	Science	3,00,000	1	<b>3600</b>

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4	Mathematics (@INR 25,000 per month)	3,00,000	1	<b>3600</b>
5	Social Science (@INR 25,000 per month)	3,00,000	1	<b>3600</b>
	<b>Total Budget (for 5 positions)</b>	<b>15,00,000</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18,000</b>