

Project Description

NGO: Friends of Children Trust

Project: TEACH (To Educate A Child)

Location: Slums around Chamrajpet, Bangalore.

Area close to the market.

Established: June 2001. Initially worked with CRY.

Registered: 2003 as a trust, Yet to obtain an FCRA acct.

(more info: <http://www.friendsofchildrentrust.org>)

People: A group of professionals working in Bangalore.
Most of them in the IT industry.

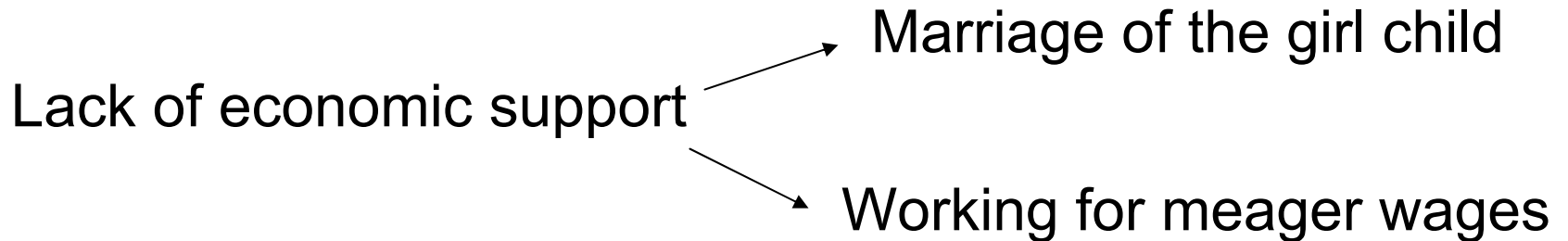
Motivation

Moving beyond basic education

“ We feel that, providing educational support to economically backward bright students who are committed to give back to the society is possibly one of the best ways to build “role models” in their specific local communities.”

Two main concerns:

Lack of awareness



Goals

**To help deserving children with financial constraints
to continue their studies**

Target age group: 14 yrs and above

- Mentoring over weekends.
- Sponsoring fees, books, bus passes, uniforms.
- Sending them for coaching classes if need be.
- Summer training for job oriented courses
- Other activities like yoga etc.
- Taking care of medical expenses.
- Admitting them to hostels if need be.

Some Specifics

Initial enrollment : 38 students

Current enrollment: 91 students

Female : 83 Male: 8

School level: 20 students

Jr. College: 34 students, Degree college: 20 students

Professional courses: 17 students (spread across 3 yrs)

Location of classes:

A room in St. Theresa's school, Chamrajpet

An apartment (on rent): Has computers for training students.

Teachers:

Volunteers working without salaries.

Most of them employed in IT companies in Bangalore.

More Specifics.

Achievements:

Children from two families of the slums employed.
The families have moved out of the slums to better homes.

Funding sources.

Have not been formally funded by an organization
before.

Funds mainly from:

The volunteers.

Local donors.

Local companies.

Site Visit

Location of the center: Close to the city.

People:

The volunteers were very motivated.

Met some students : Well-disciplined.

Rooms:

The rental flat was nicely maintained.

The school rooms were also nice.

Other observations:

A little weak on the administrative front.

Requested Funds

Tuition fees for Xth Std. students at St. Theresa school (Kannada Medium)	Rs. 25,000
Resource center/library room rent near Market Slum	Rs. 45,000
Fees and books for 30 XIth Std. students	Rs. 1,50,000
Science workshops for selected poor students from various government schools and their teachers	Rs. 30,000
Request from ASHA	2,50,000

Summary

- Targeting children from class X and above.
- Also providing vocational training to the children.
- Need funds for fees, books, a library and a science workshop.
- Yet to acquire an FCRA account.