



*Because it makes that little difference*

## **PROPOSAL TO SUPPORT PROJECT WHY's COMPUTER TRAINING Program**

### **About Project WHY**

Project WHY is a registered not for profit organisation with a mission to *Creating Spaces To Dream, Learn And Transform Lives*

Project WHY's **vision of a desirable world** is where all children have quality education and are able to complete their schooling years; where all the children have the support to build their skills and have a voice.

### ***Project WHY's 23 years journey***

It started its operations in the year 2000 from one centre in Girinagar from a mud hut with 20 children towards bringing **quality education support and life-skills enhancement to underprivileged children and their families in South Delhi free of cost.** With the crystal clear vision and focus of the founder, painstaking effort of the diligent and committed team and with continued support of large hearted funders, Project WHY has grown remarkably in **23 years** and has **impacted thousands** of lives. Presently, it embraces 1200 students across five different community based centres.

### **After school education**

An organisation which started with offering just remedial academic education to not so fortunate school going children, transitioned to holistic education. Activities to build confidence, instil global and cultural awareness, enhance communication and life skills, develop social emotional wellbeing, environmental and spiritual consciousness are embedded in the schedule of each centre. Many children could pursue their school education with continuous guidance and support of Project WHY educators which brought down

the drop out rate, something very prevalent amongst children in the communities struggling financially. New vistas opened up for children who completed their high school. The alumni of Project WHY, especially girls could pursue higher education, venture into diverse careers, and are truly empowered beings. **Impossible was made possible.**

Alongside mainstream education, Project WHY also initiated **early childhood care and education (ECCE) service** to support mothers to be gainfully employed. As we penetrated into the communities, the need to support differently abled children also emerged. Eventually, a **centre dedicated to children with special needs** was set up. Empowering women and youth through **skill development** is yet another initiative of Project WHY.

### **Free nutritious meal program**

One of the five centres of Project WHY which caters to the children from most economically weaker families where children were malnourished and undernourished, a free meal program was started.

### **Skill development**

To empower women and youth by building their skills to ensure gainful employment, Project WHY initiated skill development program in areas with great demand from the community. These include courses in tailoring, beauty culture and computers. Currently, there are two tailoring centres and two computer centres across three different communities. Two students of tailoring and computer courses have been engaged as trainers with Project WHY since over a decade. A very large number of women and youth are making a decent living.

## **Project WHY's Computer Training Program**

Project WHY had, since long, realised the importance of building capacity of children in operating computers in the 21st century. Computer skill is now a mandatory requirement in every sector, across level.

Therefore, along with supporting after school academics of children from underprivileged families, Project WHY has been offering computer program as part of skill development. All the children who are enrolled at Project WHY centres are part of mainstream schools run by the state government. There is no provision of computer program in the primary levels. Even though secondary level students are supposed to be taught computers but due to

large strength of students in schools and non availability of computers makes it difficult for students to develop computer skills.

Presently, computer classes are run by Project WHY in 2 communities namely, Madanpur khader and Okhla, where a room is allocated for the purpose. Learning computer skills is compulsory for all children attending Project WHY centres, from primary to secondary levels. While once a week class is held for primary level students, twice a week class is offered to secondary students.

Trained Computer teachers are hired for teaching computer skills. Age specific curriculum is designed ( as per attachment) and regular assessments are also carried out to know the performance of the students and the program.

*The computer program has shown remarkable results. While children's skill has been built, many have gone on to pursue their career in MIS, data management , teaching etc.*

***Over 5000 children have benefitted from the computer program.***

*One of the ex students ( who is physically challenged) is now a computer teacher with Project WHY since over a decade.*

*Almost all the youth could be gainfully employed.*

*One of the past students is currently earning Rs. 6 lacs per annum.*

## **The need for support**

Each computer centre is equipped with 7 desktops and 1-2 laptops. Project WHY currently needs support for Khader centre.

**The computer classes at khadar centre have come to a standstill as all the computers are very old and dysfunctional. The computers need replacement.**

## **The Proposal**

Project WHY needs support to replace the computers with the **objectives** to :-

- enhance the capacity of primary to secondary level students in computer skills and
- ensure the continuity of computer classes.

Project WHY **needs to strengthen its computer training** classes through the provision of -

**1. desktops**

**2. laptop**

## **Financial support needed by Project WHY**

**The total fund requirement for the above listed items is-**

Item	Quantity needed	Price (Rs)	Total ( Rs)
Desktop	2	35000	70,000
Laptop	1	70,000	70,000
TOTAL			1,40,000

**Total fund required - Rs. 1,40,000**

### **Impact -**

The support to buy **2 desktops will enable 317 students** ( primary to secondary level) of khadar to continue to learn and build basic computer skills.

The **laptop** will be used in Yamuna centre which is being run in a temporary structure and has no electricity provision. It will **benefit 80 students from the most unfortunate backgrounds** to learn the basics of computers free of cost. The students are from agricultural labour families with minimal access to quality education.

### **Project WHY's credentials**

**Project WHY** is the field based program of The Sri Ram Goburdhun Charitable Trust registered in India. We are registered under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860, **Reg. No. S-32978** since 1998 and have 80G certificate as well as FCRA no **231660437**