Respected Sirs/Madams & Dear Friends,

INTRODUCTION:

Jeevan Gnanodaya has come into being and has been in existence for the last 25 years, to make possible a better future for poor, rural children with hearing impairment. And, Jeevan Gnanodaya remains a Residential school to them, giving them food, cloth and shelter, and also making quality education accessible to them. Further, we take extra-care in the overall development of these children by instilling in them self-confidence, self-esteem and a sense of belonging.

VISION AND MISSION:

- “We hear with our eyes; We speak with our hearts”. This is how Jeevan Gnanodaya children make contact with the society outside and this is how they interact with their friends, families and well-wishers.

- Jeevan Gnanodaya aims to create a congenial social climate for poor rural children with Hearing Impairment to have access to quality education and also vocational training and so get into the mainstream of life as contributing citizens of our society and nation.

- Jeevan Gnanodaya has been striving hard to create awareness among the general public about the plights and potentials of the Hearing Impaired.
• Jeevan Gnanodaya aims to help the poor rural children with hearing impairment to get education and provide them employment opportunities, thereby enabling them to stand on their own legs.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES:

• Jeevan Gnanodaya aims to instill hope and confidence in the minds of children with hearing impairment and also their parents that with the help of proper educational tools they can also[or, their children with hearing impairment] acquire knowledge and lead a life of dignity in this world.

• To drive home this much-needed awareness Jeevan Gnanodaya resolves to stay focused in making all the necessary educational tools accessible to these poor, rural children with hearing impairment.

• Jeevan Gnanodaya’s activities are decided and designed in such a way that the above-mentioned objectives are realized to the maximum extent possible.

THE IMPORTANCE OF HEARING-AIDS IN REALIZING OUR OBJECTIVES:

As we all know, hearing-aids play an integral part in the skill-development of children with hearing impairment – both academically and socially. To make speech therapy effective and fruitful to them, hearing-aids are of utmost importance.

According to their level of hearing and also their age, children with hearing impairment need different types of hearing-aids.

TYPES OF HEARING-AIDS:

There are primarily two types of hearing-aids: 1] Pocket Hearing-Aids 2] Behind the Ear Hearing-Aids
Children of adolescent age and also adults generally prefer and are comfortable with, ‘behind the ear’ hearing-aids as its visibility is minimal.

**USAGE OF HEARING-AIDS:**

- In our School, after assessing the level of hearing impairment of each and every student, as soon as they are enrolled as students of *Jeevan Gnanodaya*, we give them appropriate hearing-aids to help them in their studies and also in undergoing ‘speech therapy’.

- The ideal situation would be to give each student a hearing-aid. But, due to financial constraints there has always been a shortage of hearing-aids as a result of which we circulate those hearing-aids that we have in our possession among our students.

- With the help of hearing-aids students with hearing impairment will be able to listen more keenly to the lessons taught in classes and they can learn more effectively. Using hearing-aids would boost their moral and self-confidence.

- The teachers would be able to teach the lessons and speech therapy to the students more efficiently. They need not raise their voice very high in order to make the students with hearing impairment hear and listen and make them speak.

- Using hearing-aids helps children with hearing impairment to communicate and interact more effectively. While traveling, the hearing-aids helps them a lot.

- Hearing-Aids also helps in identifying this section of differently-abled persons.

**BUYING HEARING-AIDS – A RECURRING EXPENSE:**

Buying Hearing- Aids falls under the category of ‘recurring expense’, due to constant use by a sizeable number of students on a daily basis.
Time and again we have to repair the hearing-aids that we have and also to buy new ones to fulfill the educational needs of our children.

COST OF HEARING-AIDS:

Indian-made hearing-aids are of course available from Rs.2000 onwards, and there are also foreign-made hearing-aids in the market. But, in the case of foreign-made hearing-aids repairing becomes impossible as their parts are not available in Indian market. Hence, we prefer to buy Indian-made hearing-aids.

A good-quality Indian-made hearing-aid costs at least Rs.5000. If we go for cheaper ones, there is every possibility of the hearing-aids turning faulty very soon and also their effectiveness might fall short of the expected standard which would hamper the educational progress of these children.

Hence, we submit the details of the expenses involved in buying a minimum of 30 hearing-aids to help our school children and we hope that you would come to our aid with your timely-help of a donation of atleast 30 hearing-aids, at the cost of Rs.5000 each.

DETAILS OF HEARING-AIDS REQUIRED:

1] Total number of hearing-aids required [minimum] = 30
2] Cost of each hearing-aid Rs.5000

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Total [In words: One Lakh, fifty thousand only]